

DON MATTEO 12

MINI SYNOPSES

EPISODE 1

As Anna and Marco get caught up in planning their wedding, Andrea, the infant son of a renowned heart surgeon from Spoleto, is kidnapped. Anna, in addition to tracking down the baby's whereabouts, will have to resolve a professional issue that's been bothering her for months and might prove an obstacle to her marriage. Meanwhile, a bizarre treasure hunt throws Spoleto into chaos: Everyone is madly looking for the money left by a mysterious benefactor, thousands of euros in boxes accompanied by origami. Is it only a game? What if someone were to take advantage of the confusion to harm Don Matteo?

EPISODE 2

Don Matteo welcomes little Ines to the rectory. She's a six-year-old who lives in Spoleto with her grandmother, but the woman is no longer able to take care of her. Sofia, meanwhile, will have to deal with an event that's out of her depth and that will indissolubly bind her to Jordi, a classmate whom everyone ostracizes and who seems to find himself only through dance. In the meantime, after serving six years in prison, Sergio La Cava, a fascinating and mysterious thirty-year-old with a dark past, returns to Spoleto with a very specific purpose in mind...

EPISODE 3

At Eastertime, Captain Tommasi returns to Spoleto, along with Lia and little Nino. However, following a violent blow to the head, Giulio believes he's still the Captain of Spoleto and that he's engaged to PM Bianca Venezia! So as not to make things even worse, Nino is obliged to indulge him ... But what if the marriage of our former captain really were at a tipping point?

EPISODE 4

A mysterious man shows up at the rectory: Manlio, the father Natalina never knew. After their initial guardedness, the two begin to bond more and more, even though Don Matteo senses the man is hiding something ... In the meantime, Ines becomes increasingly fond of the PM, who is now her legal guardian, while Anna, who struggles to find stability with Marco, offers Sergio a second chance: The job of repairing her beloved VW Bug.

EPISODE 5

Nada, a Ukrainian girl, is rushed to hospital. In the middle of the night, she was hit by a van – and seemingly it was ... Don Matteo at the wheel! While Anna comes to grips with the case, she also has to deal with her cousin's wedding, which she decides to attend with Sergio ... In the meantime, the whole of Spoleto is preparing for the event of the year: The Pope is coming! Everyone is in the throes of preparations, including Cecchini, who plans to prepare an Argentine *asado* for the occasion. To make sure it will be perfect, he has opted to personally raise a pig, which he promenades on a leash through the lanes of Spoleto. But then, what will our marshal do when the pig mysteriously disappears?

EPISODE 6

The moment has come for Ines to meet her father. And after a few unsuccessful attempts, it seems that Ines and Sergio can really form a family – thanks, above all, to Anna's help, as she's increasingly in tune with Sergio ... In the barracks, our protagonists have to solve a case involving the new head attorney Sara Santonastasi and a man from her past – whereas Nino, disappointed at not being promoted and offended by his colleagues' behavior, is considering resigning to start a new career as an influencer on the Internet... With outstanding advisors: The Jackals!

EPISODE 7

Don Matteo discovers the body of a woman: The woman's sixteen-year-old daughter, Alice, arrives in Spoleto for the funeral. She says her mother had come there to look for Alice's twin sister, who, she says, had been abducted sixteen years earlier ... As Anna tries to clarify her feelings for Sergio, Nino and Elisa quarrel because of the arrival of Eugenio Nardi, Marco's father, a cultured and charming man who's interested in Anna's mother. In response, Nino, in an attempt to make Elisa jealous, gives her to believe he has a special friendship with a beautiful actress, Elena Sofia Ricci, who's passing through Spoleto.

EPISODE 8

A woman is found close to death. Her daughter, Chiara, says she knows who is responsible: Don Matteo... her father! The double accusation is beyond shocking. A case opens involving the priest, who refuses to defend himself, remaining closed in obstinate silence, while Anna and the marshal struggle to prove his innocence. In the meantime, Nino has to ward off Sister Luciana, a missionary aunt who hasn't seen her nephew for years and who, because of a "little white lie", believes that Nino is a priest. In order not to disappoint her, Cecchini goes along with it and plays the part of "don Nino"... Meanwhile, Anna finds herself at a crossroads in her love life: What will our captain decide to do?

EPISODE 9

Don Matteo rescues from a fire a young victim of attempted femicide. Meanwhile, Nino is struck by a rare and curious disorder: He no longer hears male voices, only female ones! And this triggers a series of misunderstandings that will involve Anna, the PM and... Patatino. Meanwhile, Jordi has an audition at a prestigious dance school in Rome, but it seems all over between him and Sofia, since the girl's secret, now out in the open, could separate them forever...

EPISODE 10

A woman's body is found in his house and the one to discover it is... Sergio. Anna is sure of Sergio's innocence, but PM Nardi is not, suspecting that Sergio has not been entirely honest with Anna and that he's hiding something ... In the meantime, the rectory is in turmoil: The Pope has proposed to Don Matteo that he become a Cardinal and leave Spoleto and all his friends forever ... For Natalina, Pippo and Nino, it's a serious blow: The only way to keep him from leaving for Rome is to "boycott" Don Matteo and cast him in a bad light in the eyes the Apostolic Nuncio, currently in Spoleto to evaluate his candidacy... But what if that's not enough? Will our protagonists find a way to intervene with the Pope himself?