

## **Pulpit Announcements**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – 12/20/2020**

**Welcome to St. Matthias, Today is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent. We invite everyone into this sacred celebration, whomever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey. Know that here at St. Matthias ALL ARE WELCOME.**

- Christmas Eve is this Thursday and Christmas is on Friday. This week is the last opportunity to sign up for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Mass. **ON-LINE SIGN-UPS ARE MANDATORY**. Sign up by going to the Home Page of the parish website or call the Parish Office if you don't have access to email. And don't forget that there are slight changes to the Christmas schedule pamphlet here in the church so please check the website for a listing of all Christmas events.
- The Parish Reconciliation Service is **tomorrow/this** evening at 6:30 PM here in the church. Immediately afterwards, Frs. Abraham and Joe will be available to hear confessions; however, there still remains a. The service will be livestreamed.

**Mary was the first person to HEAR OF and DRAW NEAR TO the Kingdom of God.**

**Fr. Richard Rohr this Advent says that we can learn much from Mary.**

**She teaches us about the “gradual emptying of our attachment to our small “separate” self so that there is room for new conception and new birth.**

**If we listen closely, we learn from today's Gospel that Mary is the archetype of such displacement and surrender.**

## Music for Our Assembly- Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020

*Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior. ...Isaiah 45:8*

### Gathering Hymn- O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

**Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel. Shall come to you, O Israel!**

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,, from every foe deliver them  
That trust your mighty power to save and give them victory o'er the grave. **Refrain.**

O come, O Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

Text: LM with refrain; 'O' Antiphons, Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3-6 para. in Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. The Hymnal 1940, alt. Music: Chant, Mode I; Processionale, French, 15th cent.; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890.

### Psalm Response

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord...Psalm 89

### Communion Hymn - Christ Circle Round Us

Come, O Radiant Dawn, splendor of the morning light.  
Come, Sun of Justice, turn away the pow'r of night.

**Refrain: Christ, circle round us. Christ, may your light surround us. Shine in our living. Fill our hearts with great thanksgiving.**

Come, O Flow'r of Love, holy branch of Jesse's tree.  
Come, Bough of Blessing, bloom for all the world to see. **Refrain.**

Come, O Word of Truth, font of knowledge from on high.  
Come, Holy Wisdom, be our faithful friend and guide. **Refrain.**

Come, O Gate of Hope, holy door of heaven's throne.  
Come, Key of David, open wide the pathway home. **Refrain.**

Come, O Mighty Lord, master of the stars of night.  
Come, Strength of Pilgrims, keep us in your loving sight. **Refrain.**

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# **CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

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**Responsorial Psalm  
PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29**

**R. (2a) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever;  
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.  
For you have said, “My kindness is established forever”;  
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
Forever will I confirm your posterity  
and establish your throne for all generations.”

“He shall say of me, ‘You are my father,  
my God, the Rock, my savior.’  
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,  
and my covenant with him stands firm.”

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

December 20, 2020

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**Our response will be: *“Lord Emmanuel, hear our prayer.”***

1. For Pope Francis and all church leaders...Help them to inspire Your people in building The Kingdom of peace and justice, we pray...

***“Lord Emmanuel, hear our prayer.”***

2. For world, national, and local leaders...Inspire them to lead in faithfulness and kindness, toward the truth that all life is sacred, we pray...

***“Lord Emmanuel, hear our prayer.”***

3. For our faith community here at St. Matthias...Help us to embrace the mission in our baptismal call to be disciples of Mary's beloved son Jesus, we pray...

***“Lord Emmanuel, hear our prayer.”***

4. For those on the front lines battling the Covid-19 pandemic...Strengthen them to carry on despite their weariness, we pray...

***“Lord Emmanuel, hear our prayer.”***

5. For all who are ill in mind, body, or spirit, especially those on our church and school prayer lists...Bring them comfort and strength, we pray...

***“Lord Emmanuel, hear our prayer.”***

6. For those who have died especially Earl Jackson...May they join with Mary and all the saints at your heavenly table, we pray...

***“Lord Emmanuel, hear our prayer.”***

7. For those intentions we hold in the quiet of our hearts...Hear us Lord, we pray...

***“Lord Emmanuel, hear our prayer.”***

# Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You, and I believe your words: *“Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.”* Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.