

**PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**JULY 4, 2021**

**Welcome to all who are here to worship with us.**  
**Today is Independence Day in the United States and the 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

**Whoever you may be, or wherever you find yourself on the**  
**journey, please know that here at St. Matthias,**  
***All Are Welcome.***

- As a reminder, St. Matthias continues to celebrate the year of St. Joseph through intercessory prayer every 1<sup>st</sup> wednesday after the 8:00 Mass. The next intercessory prayer is this coming Wednesday, July 7th.
- Save the date now for the parish wide celebration thanking Fr. Joe for all he has done for St. Matthias. We will celebrate On Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00 pm Mass. The Mass will be outdoors (weather permitting) and as always it will be B-Y-O-L-C (Bring-Your-Own-Lawn-Chair). More information on the celebration is forthcoming.
- Registration is now open for G.I.F.T., St. Matthias' family faith formation and religious education program. Registration is also now available for children's sacramental preparation – communion and confirmation. Parents can register their children on the St. Matthias website. The RCIA Team has also scheduled an inquiry session for Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am for adults interested in becoming Catholic or in completing their initiation sacraments (communion and confirmation).
- Finally, this is Msgr. Seamus Brennan's first weekend with us. Let's all give him a HUGE welcome applause to show our gratitude for his arrival. [APPLAUSE].  
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**All of us know of prophets.**  
**Jesus is probably the most widely known.**

**Prophets often times spell "trouble" for others because they often**  
**come to speak the truth that we do not want to hear.**

**But we are all called to be a prophetic race; to bring Good News**  
**to the poor; to set captives free; to speak God's word in such a**  
**way that "*they shall know that a prophet has been among them.*"**

**This is inevitably difficult but when done so is also the victory of**  
**God whose "right hand is filled with justice."**

## Music for Our Assembly

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*Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice. Psalm 48*

### Entrance Hymn -God Has Chosen Me

God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring good news to the poor.

God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring new sight to those searching for light:

God has chosen me, chosen me:

#### Refrain

**And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near, to remove oppression and breakdown fear,  
Yes, God's time is near, God's time is near, God's time is near, God's time is near.**

God has chosen me, God has chosen me to set alight a new fire.

God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring to birth a new kingdom on earth:

God has chosen me, chosen me: **Refrain**

God is calling me, God is calling me in all whose cry is unheard.

God is calling me, God is calling me to raise up the voice with no power or choice:

God is calling me, calling me: **Refrain**

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### Responsorial Psalm 123

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy

### Communion Hymn - In Every Age

Long before the mountains came to be and the land and sea and stars of the night,  
through the endless seasons of all time, you have always been, you will always be.

#### Refrain

**In ev'ry age, O God, you have been our refuge.**

**In ev'ry age, O God, you have been our hope.**

Destiny is cast, and at your silent word we return to dust and scatter to the wind.

A thousand years are like a single moment gone, as the light that fades at the end of day. **Refrain**

Teach us to make use of the time we have. Teach us to be patient even as we wait.

Teach us to embrace our ev'ry joy and pain. To sleep peacefully, and to rise up strong. **Refrain**

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### Closing Song - America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain.

For purple mountain majesties, above the fruited plain.

America, America, God shed his grace on thee.

And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet whose stern impassioned stress

A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness.

America America God mend thine every flaw.

Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law.

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## PRAYERS FOR THE MASS

### GLORIA

***Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.***

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.**

***Glory to God...***

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

***Glory to God...***

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

***Glory to God...***

### 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.**

# **Responsorial Psalm**

## **Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4**

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

**To you I lift up my eyes  
who are enthroned in heaven —  
As the eyes of servants  
are on the hands of their masters.**

**As the eyes of a maid  
are on the hands of her mistress,  
So are our eyes on the LORD, our God,  
till he have pity on us.**

**Have pity on us, O LORD, have pity on us,  
for we are more than sated with contempt;  
our souls are more than sated  
with the mockery of the arrogant,  
with the contempt of the proud.**

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

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***Our response: "In Your name, O God, we pray."***

1. For Pope Francis, bishops, and all who minister in Your Church...Give them courage and strength to proclaim Your gospel to the world, we pray...
2. For global, national, and civic leaders...Renew in them a call to service that will benefit all people, we pray...
3. For our country, as we celebrate Independence Day...Help us to remain faithful to the principles on which this nation was founded so that all may enjoy liberty, equality and justice, we pray...
4. For this intentional faith community of Saint Matthias...Open our hearts and minds to the prophets You lovingly send to instruct us, we pray...
5. For those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our parish and school sick lists...Grant them the support they need and the healing they desire, we pray...
6. For those who have died, especially John Lewandowski and Gerard Connelly...Bestow on them the eternal gladness of Your heavenly kingdom, we pray...
7. For the intentions of all of us assembled today in worship...Graciously listen to our petitions and answer our needs, we pray...

## **Spiritual Communion Prayer**

**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 at this moment 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.**

## Prayer for Independence Day

God, source of all freedom,

This day is bright with the memory  
of those who declared that life and liberty  
are your gift to every human being.

Help us to continue a good work began long ago.

Make our vision clear and our will strong:

that only in human solidarity

will be find liberty, and justice

only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth.

Turn our hearts towards the family of nations:

to understand the ways of others,

to offer friendship,

and to find safety only in the common good of all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen