

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021

Welcome to all who are here to worship with us.
Today is the 24th 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.

- Paper bulletins are unfortunately not available this weekend due to flooding at the printer which caused all print projects to be cancelled. The bulletin, however, can be accessed on the St. Matthias website.
- It is again time to "Spread the Light". St. Matthias is now accepting orders to sponsor a Christmas tree. The deadline for ordering a tree is October 14th. The trees will be light on Saturday, December 4th after 5:00 pm mass. Please pick up a flyer at the entrance to the church for more information or see the cover of the bulletin online.
- A diocesan "Emergency Disaster Fund" has been created to support the efforts of Catholic agencies as they work to aid emergency relief efforts locally and nationally. Any goodwill donation will be appreciated. You can donate by going to the website for the diocese, www.diometuchen.org.
- The 2nd collection this weekend is for the annual Peter's Pence fund towards charitable contributions of Pope Francis to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and other needs. Electron donations can also be made directly on the Vatican's "Peter's Pence" website. A link is on the front cover of the bulletin.
- Next weekend a 2nd collection will be held for the Annual Mission Appeal. The beneficiary of this year's appeal at St. Matthias is the Diocese of Kohima located in northeastern India. A description of the diocese and its bishop is featured on page 8 of the bulletin.
- Mark your calendars for the next outdoor Mass, Saturday, September 18th at 5:00 pm when we will celebrate the start of Hispanic and Latinex Heritage Month and bring your lawn chairs. Fr. Ron Machado will be our main celebrant and we are working on getting a Mariachi band to play before, during and after the Mass. See page 7 of the bulletin.
- The first rehearsal of the St. Matthias Children's Choir is this Thursday, September 16th church in the afternoon. All parish children grades 3 to grade 8 are welcome to join our choir, no matter the school. Choir is a fun way to learn more about music and more about our faith. Don't miss out on this awesome and fun way for your children to learn more about our music and our faith. See page 8 of the bulletin for more information or contact Mrs. Joan Seamon.
- Finally, calling all Ministry Leaders. Don't forget about the first quarterly Zoom Parish Pastoral Council ministry sharing evening on Tuesday, September 14th at 7pm. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

If we look for Jesus without the Cross, we will find the Cross without Jesus.
Following Jesus demands that we carry our Cross as we walk in his steps.

Music for Our Assembly

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Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel. (Sirach 36:18)

Entrance Hymn - Glory in the Cross

Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ, our salvation and our hope.
Let us bow in homage to the Lord of Life, who was broken to make us whole.
There is no greater love, as blessed as this: to lay down one's life for a friend.
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ and the triumph of God's great love.

Let us make our journey to the cross of Christ, who surrendered glory and grace to become a servant of the great and small, that all people may know God's face.
Though his birth was divine, he knelt as a slave, to wash common dust from our feet.
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ and the triumph of God's great love.

Let us tell the story of the cross of Christ as we share this heavenly feast.
We become one body in the blood of Christ, from the great to the very least.
When we eat of this bread, and drink of this cup, we honor the death of the Lord.
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Responsorial Psalm 116

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living

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 Hymn - Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where the Master trod, our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**
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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 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

**I love the LORD because he has heard
my voice in supplication,
Because he has inclined his ear to me
the day I called.**

**The cords of death encompassed me;
the snares of the netherworld seized upon me;
I fell into distress and sorrow,
And I called upon the name of the LORD,
“O LORD, save my life!”**

**Gracious is the LORD and just;
yes, our God is merciful.
The LORD keeps the little ones;
I was brought low, and he saved me.**

**For he has freed my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
I shall walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.**

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PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

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

- 1. For Church leaders and members, especially this faith community of Saint Matthias...Help us to be doers of Your word rather than dreamers of our own agendas, we pray...**
- 2. For global, national, and civic leaders...Give them the grace to deny themselves in favor of Your ambitions, and the wisdom to build a just society rooted in love, we pray...**
- 3. For the poor, the hungry, the marginalized and all who are suffering, especially those on our parish and school sick lists, those affected by the wildfires in California, Tropical Storm Ida, and the families of those who died on 9/11...Restore them to fullness of life, we pray...**
- 4. For all who have died, especially Agnes Olsson, Charles Connelly, and Maurice Regan...welcome them into Your divine presence, we pray...**
- 5. For the intentions of all of us assembled in worship...Look lovingly on our petitions, we pray...**

PRIEST: THIS MASS IS BEING SAID FOR _____

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.