

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 3, 2021

Welcome to all who are here to worship with us.
Today is the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the start of Respect Life Month. Whoever you may be, or wherever you find yourself on the journey, please know that here at St. Matthias, All Are Welcome.

- **October is Pro-life Month. For today, Resect Life Sunday, Pro-Life team members will speak briefly at all Masses and hand out “Baby-Feet” magnets at church doors. There’s no charge for magnets but donations are welcome. See the bulletin for a magnet by mail.**
- **The Blessing of Animals is today at 1pm in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Bring your creatures out after the Noon mass to extend God’s favor and protection upon them.**
- **Next Sunday, St. Matthias will welcome Sr. Mary Vertucci from the Emusoi Center in Tanzania. Sr. Mary will give us a brief update on the center. Light refreshments will be provided and donations are welcomed. See the bulletin cover for more information.**
- **Don’t miss bulletin messages from Fr. Abraham and Principal Mary Lynch, and other school information on page 8, including the HSA invitation to all parish adults to participate in the SMS Cornhole Tournament next Saturday, October 9th from 2-4pm. THIS weekend we kickoff the School Annual Fund and on Friday, October 15th, all parishioners are welcome at the St. Matthias School Open House from 9-Noon for campus tours, classroom observation and more. To learn more and to sign up, go to www.stmatthias.info , see page 8 of the bulletin, or call the school.**

Finally, today’s important reflection is from the school:

God is truly good. We’ve been blessed with the successful start of a new school year, with happy children returning to school to learn, and be with friends once again. The school community is grateful for these blessings and for you, our parish family, who not only built this sacred space but helps to sustain a faith-based school of academic excellence. Today, SMS launches its 2021-2022 Annual Fund. As we begin this campaign, we hope you will please help us continue the legacy of educating young disciples and citizens. We can’t do this alone. With your support, partnership, and generosity, we will be better positioned to continue to offer an exemplary education along with the tools and resources that help our students flourish. Giving is a gift that gives back, for a generous heart appreciates what has been bestowed by God. Envelopes for giving can be found in the pews and vestibule. The SMS staff, faculty and students are grateful for your generosity and in the words of Helen Keller, “Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.”

Music for Our Assembly

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Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all (Esther 4:17)

Entrance Hymn - God Is Love

God is Love, let heav'n adore him; God is Love, let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation, God who spreads the heav'ns above,
God who breathes through all creation: God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love; and love enfolds us. All the world in one embrace.
With unfailing grasp God holds us, every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod,
Then we find that self-same aching deep within the heart of God.

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Responsorial Psalm 128

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives

Communion Hymn - Prayer of St. Francis

Make me a channel of your peace; where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace; where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light, and where there's sadness ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled, as to console,
To be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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Closing Hymn - Lord of All Hopefulness SLANE

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever childlike, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

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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 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

**Blessed are you who fear the LORD,
who walk in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
blessed shall you be, and favored.**

**Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the recesses of your home;
your children like olive plants
around your table.**

**Behold, thus is the man blessed
who fears the LORD.
The LORD bless you from Zion:
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.**

**May you see your children's children.
Peace be upon Israel!**

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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 the Church, her leaders and members, especially the faith community of Saint Matthias...Make us signs of communion between God and humanity, and promoters of life for all people, we pray...**
- 2. For global, national, and civic leaders...Keep them faithful to promises and commitments that enact legislation which demonstrate fidelity to all, so that everyone's dignity is respected as holy and honored, we pray...**
- 3. For all who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our parish and school sick lists...Heal them and make the whole...and for those who benefit from our parish commitment to St. Vincent de Paul, whose feast day was last Monday...Bless our SVDP Society members in their work of helping those struggling and entrapped by poverty, we pray...**
- 4. For all who have died, especially Anne Welby and Agnes Di loia...Welcome them into Your heavenly kingdom, we pray...**
- 5. For the personal intentions of all of us assembled today in worship [LONG PAUSE]...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.