

## Pulpit Announcement for Dec 31, 2020 – Jan 1, 2021 (Solemnity of Mary)

We welcome all of you who have come here to worship with us.  
Today we celebrate the Feast of the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
Whoever you may be, or wherever you find yourself on the journey, please  
know that here at St. Matthias, All Are Welcome.



- This coming weekend is the celebration of the Feast of the Three Kings, Epiphany Sunday. We invite everyone to worship with us at our usual Mass times – 5:00 pm Saturday, and 10:0 am and Noon Sunday.
- In the joy of this Christmas season, turn to your loved one at home or whisper a New Year prayer to a loved one afar for a Happy New Year and a blessed 2021!

Mary shows us a way of living deeper each day into the mystery of incarnation.

As we gather to celebrate her solemnity as she sought to understand the divine conception, human birth and what lied ahead of her as the first and most faithful disciple of Jesus...

...let us today look to her as a model for our listening to and reading of the Word of God and its meaning in our own lives.

## Music for Our Assembly

### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - January 1, 2021

*Hail Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth forever.*

#### Gathering Hymn-Sing of Mary

Sing of Mary meek and lowly, Virgin mother pure and mild,  
Sing of God's own Son most holy, who became her little child.  
Fairest child of fairest mother, God the Lord who came to earth,  
Word made flesh, our very brother, Takes our nature by his birth.

Glory be to God the Father; Glory be to God the Son;  
Glory be to God the Spirit; Glory to the Three in One.  
From the heart of blessed Mary. From all saints the song ascends,  
And the church the strain reechoes unto earth's remotest ends.

*Text: Roland F. Palmer, 1891-1985*

#### Psalm Response - May God bless us in his mercy...Psalm 67

#### Communion Hymn -Let There be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our Creator, we are family.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;  
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

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## Prayers for the Mass

### **GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest and on earth 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. 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. 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.

### **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 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8**

R/ (2a) **May God bless us in his mercy.**

May God have pity on us and bless us;  
may he let his face shine upon us.

So may your way be known upon earth;  
among all nations, your salvation.

May the nations be glad and exult  
because you rule the peoples in equity;  
the nations on the earth you guide.

May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you!

May God bless us,  
and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

R/ **May God bless us in his mercy.**

**Prayers of the Faithful**  
**Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**  
**Our Response is: *Lord of Love, hear our prayer.***

1. For Pope Francis and all church leaders. . .Inspire them to be beacons of faith in a troubled world, we pray. . .  
***Lord of Love, hear our prayer.***
2. For global, national, and civic leaders. . .Help them to govern wisely so that all people will enjoy the peace and justice You offer, we pray. . .  
***Lord of Love, hear our prayer.***
3. For this faith community of Saint Matthias. . .With Mary as our patron and model of discipleship, renew in us our commitment to stewardship and service, we pray. . .  
***Lord of Love, hear our prayer.***
4. For those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our parish and school sick lists. . .Give them the support and care they need to heal and recover, we pray. . .  
***Lord of Love, hear our prayer.***
5. For all those who have died, especially Emma Gilroy...Welcome them as Your rightful heirs into the heavenly kingdom, we pray. . .  
***Lord of Love, hear our prayer.***
6. For the intentions of all of us assembled for worship. . . As we prepare to start a new year, answer the needs held deep in our hearts, we pray. . .  
***Lord of Love, 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.