

Pulpit Announcements
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 27, 2020

Welcome to St. Matthias, Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. 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.

- Please join us this week for the celebration of the Solemnity of Mary. Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 31st at 5:00 pm, and on Friday, Jan 1st at 10:00 am. Reservations ARE NOT needed.
- We couldn't have done Christmas in this pandemic year without the many Christmas angels who volunteered in every way. "Spread the Light Part 1" was a tremendous success. But we're not done yet...on Saturday, January 9th from 10-3, volunteers are needed for "Spread the Light Part 2" to remove and put away the strings of lights and electrical cords, and take down trees and poles. See page 9 of the bulletin for more information. And if you don't like outdoor work, there is indoor work this Thursday helping Maintenance put tables back up in the cafeteria for school children. Contact the parish office if you can help. Many hands make light work.

In the reality of the Holy Family, we see the miraculous nature of every child and family reflected.

Every family, whether gifted with many children or none, has a role to play in God's dramatic story of salvation.

Each of us has been willed by God to serve a unique purpose. But it is through the birth of one child, Jesus Christ, that all of us share in the hope of the world for all the ages.

Music for Our Assembly
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph-
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*The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in
a manger...Luke 2:16*

Gathering Hymn-Joy to the World - ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n
and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding
joy.

*Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98:4-9; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: T. Hawkes' Collection of Tunes, 1833; George Frideric
Handel, 1685-1759; adapt. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt.*

**Psalm Response- The Lord remembers his covenant forever...Psalm
105**

Communion Hymn - Angels We Have Heard on High - GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply Echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song. **Refrain.**

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. **Refrain.**

See him in a manger laid Whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love. **Refrain.**

*Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. from Crown of Jesus Music, II, London, 1862; tr. by James Chadwick, 1813-1882,
and others, alt. Music: Trad. French carol.*

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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 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. (7a , 8a) The Lord remembers his covenant forever.

**Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name;
make known among the nations his deeds.
Sing to him, sing his praise,
proclaim all his wondrous deeds.**

**Glory in his holy name;
rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!
Look to the LORD in his strength;
constantly seek his face.**

**You descendants of Abraham, his servants,
sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!
He, the LORD, is our God;
throughout the earth his judgments prevail.**

**He remembers forever his covenant
which he made binding for a thousand generations
which he entered into with Abraham
and by his oath to Isaac.**

R. The Lord remembers his covenant forever.

Prayers of the Faithful

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Our Response is: *Lord of the Ages, hear our prayer.*

1. For Pope Francis and all Church leaders...Inspire them to lead God's faithful to greater faith and humility, we pray...

Lord of the Ages, hear our prayer...

2. For all governmental leaders especially those of our country... Give them the wisdom and clarity in making decisions and implementing policies to support the most vulnerable, we pray...

Lord of the Ages, hear our prayer...

3. For this faith community of St Matthias...That by putting on the compassion, kindness and humility of Christ we may be united in all that we do, we pray...

Lord of the Ages, hear our prayer...

4. For those who are ill, especially those on our Parish and School family sick list, and those effected by Covid-19...Fill them with the love and grace of the Christ child during this holy time...
...we pray in a special way for Joan Seamon's recovery from her illness and in thanksgiving for the gift she is to our parish, we pray...

Lord of the Ages, hear our prayer...

5. For all who have died, especially John Drabik...That they see the face of God and that their loves ones are comforted by the love of Christ, we pray...

Lord of the Ages, hear our prayer...

6. For the intentions in the hearts of all those in this assembly (LONG PAUSE)...we pray..

Lord of the Ages, 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.