

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS
21st Sunday in ordinary Time
August 22, 2021

Welcome to all who are here to worship with us.

Today is the 21st 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.*

- Have you ever wondered how music for the Mass is chosen? As our Director of Music, Joan Seamon, says on page 8 of the bulletin, it's not just throwing darts mindlessly every week. Joan follows an intensive preparation process and **ONLY THEN** she throws darts.☺ Just kidding!!! In all seriousness, read her story. And then let it influence how we prepare to receive the Word each Sunday
- As we know, the recent earthquake in Haiti resulted in the deaths of over 2000 people, leaving thousands of others without food, shelter, and access to medical care. Next weekend, our parish, along with other parishes in the diocese, will take up a special voluntary second collection to provide humanitarian assistance to the suffering people of Haiti. Thank you for your generosity to this collection.
- Calling all our youth: Join us for our SMYLE Kickoff event on Sunday evening August 29th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm behind St. Matthias School. It will be a time for us to gather outside as we prepare for our new year. There will be ***ICE*CREAM*** - ***FUN*** - ***GAMES*** - ***REFLECTION*!** Bring a beach chair or a blanket to sit on outside and a mask in case we have to go inside.
- If you are interested in becoming Catholic or completing your initiation sacraments as a teen or adult, you'll want to join the RCIA program. Come to our last Inquiry Session next Sunday in the cafeteria from 11 am until Noon. OR...if you can't make it, contact Phyllis Stone in the Parish Office.

When we are not in communion with our sisters and brothers, we FAIL to be in communion with the Body of Christ.

In today's gospel, which concludes the discourse on the bread of life, we learn that in many ways we are like the people listening to Jesus' story.

Where there is conflict of interest, WE want to arrange the world to suit US rather than ordering OURSELVES to suit GOD.

But there is no happy medium with Jesus...we either ACCEPT Jesus and find LIFE...OR we REJECT him.

A life of discipleship is not easy...but we DO have a choice.

Music for Our Assembly
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Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long (Psalm 86)

Entrance Hymn - Gather the People

Refrain

**Gather the people! Enter the feast! All are invited, the greatest and least.
The banquet is ready, now to be shared. Join in the heavenly feast that God has prepared.**

Around this table God's mercy flows to hearts imprisoned by shame.
We know compassion in Christ, the Lord. Let us become what we eat. **Refrain**

Around this table new hope is born, the flame of faith in our hearts.
We find our courage in Christ, the Lord, till we become what we eat. **Refrain**
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Responsorial Psalm 34

Taste and see the Goodness of the Lord

Communion Hymn - One Bread

Refrain

**One Body One bread, one body one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. **Refrain**

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. **Refrain**

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. **Refrain**

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Closing Hymn - Lead Me Lord

Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord, for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.

Refrain

**Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, today.**

Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God.
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill, for I say they shall be satisfied. **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 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19,
20-21

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.**

**The LORD has eyes for the just,
and ears for their cry.**

**The LORD confronts the evildoers,
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.**

**When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,
and from all their distress he rescues them.
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.**

**Many are the troubles of the just one,
but out of them all the LORD delivers him;
he watches over all his bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**

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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 God's holy church, her leaders and members, especially those of us worshipping today here at St. Matthias...That we might find nourishment and sustenance in Christ, the Bread of Life, for our daily journey and the fulfillment of all hungers and yearnings, we pray...**
- 2. For the leaders of all nations...That they will be determined to work for life, morality, justice, and peace...and especially for the people in Afghanistan and all people in the world suffering from war...for the people in Haiti, hurting from the ruinous earthquake... Provide them with quick relief and the aid of workers for those most in need, we pray...**
- 3. For those who are brokenhearted, crushed in spirit, imprisoned, and ill in body, or mind...Rescue them from their distress and deliver them from all fear, we pray...**
- 4. For our faithfully departed, especially Dolores Pleconis...Welcome them into Your kingdom of light and peace, we pray...**
- 5. For the intentions in the hearts of all those in this assembly, (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.