

# **Pulpit Announcements – November 27, 2022**

## **1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**Welcome to all who are here today  
on this First Sunday in Advent.**

**Whoever you are, or wherever you find yourself on the  
journey, know that here at St. Matthias, All Are Welcome.**

- There will be a special free screening of the award-winning film “Mother Teresa-No Greater Love” produced by the Knights of Columbus, on Friday, December 9, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the Immaculata High School Auditorium in Somerville. Good for the family. Advance booking is needed.
- Thanks to the many who came (today/yesterday), to work on the second phase of setting up our Spread the Light Christmas Tree project. We look forward to its completion and the lighting of the trees next Saturday after the 5 pm Mass.
- St. Matthias Giving Tree you see here, and the Giving Tuesday reminders are opportunities for us all to consider sharing our blessings with people in need and causes that are worthy.
- Lighting the candles on this Advent Wreath at every weekend Mass is the privilege of our families. Those of you who wish to do it, kindly contact Fr. Abraham at [abraham@stmatthias.net](mailto:abraham@stmatthias.net) or call the Parish Office. Once confirmed please come 10 minutes before the Mass and contact the Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality.
- Have you attended a Holy Hour or the First Friday devotion? Next Friday is our monthly opportunity to spend an hour in prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Most welcome to experience this on December 2nd, the First Friday, following the 8 am Mass.

**Advent puts us already in the spirit of Christmas. But wait a  
minute: Advent is a waiting period to prepare for Christmas!  
How willing are we to wait? And what is our plan in this  
waiting period so that we can celebrate  
a truly meaningful Christmas?.**

**Music for Our Assembly**  
**November 27, 2022**  
**1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT - Cycle A**

*To you I lift up my soul, O my God, In you I have trusted;  
Let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me.  
And let none who hope in you be put to shame.... Psalm 25*

**Gathering Song – Come to Us O Emmanuel**

**Come to us O Emmanuel, Come to us O Emmanuel**

1. Bring us to God's holy mountain...  
To the God of Jacob's dwelling  
Let all peoples learn your way....
2. Turn our weapons into plowshare...  
Turn our hearts from War and violence...  
Let us walk in God's own light....

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# Prayer of the Faithful

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**Our response is: “Lord of Hope, hear our prayer ...”**

1. For the universal church, her leaders, and members . . . open our ears to Your teaching and be our guide on the path to salvation, we pray ...
2. For global, national, and civic leaders, especially those of our own country . . . inspire them to work for peaceful solutions that bring an end to wars among nations, we pray...
3. For this intentional faith community of Saint Matthias . . . as we begin this Advent journey, keep us awake and attentive to the divine presence in our daily lives, we pray ...
4. For those who endure illness of body, mind, or spirit . . . may they be comforted by loving families, friends, and caregivers who reflect the face of Jesus, we pray ...
5. For those who have died, especially Marie Speak. . . give them the crown of everlasting glory that is promised to all Your faithful followers, we pray ...
6. For the intentions in the hearts of all those in this assembly, ...we pray

**PRIEST \_\_\_\_\_ (MASS INTENTION)**  
*(conclude with our 60th Anniversary Prayer)*

## Preparation Hymn- Creator of the stars of light

1. Creator of the stars of night,  
Your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,  
We pray you hear us when we call.

2. In sorrow that the ancient curse  
Should doom to death a universe,  
You came, O Savior to set free  
Your own in Glorious liberty.

3. When this old world drew on toward night,  
You came; but not in splendor bright,  
Not as a monarch, but the child  
Of Mary, blameless mother mild. (to Verse 4)

4. At your great Name, O Jesus, now  
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
All things on earth with one accord,  
Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.

5. Come in your holy might, we pray,  
Redeem us for eternal day;  
Defend us while we dwell below  
From all assaults of our dread foe. (to Verse 6)

6. To God Creator, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three-in-One,  
Praise, honor, might, and glory be  
From age to age eternally.

## Communion Hymn – Bread of Life

**Bread of life, hope of the world,  
Jesus Christ, our brother:  
feed us now, give us life,  
lead us to one another.**

1. Be with your people, Lord,  
send us your saving Word:  
Jesus Christ, light of gladness,  
come among us now.

2. Bring to our world of fear  
the truth we long to hear:  
Jesus Christ, hope of ages,  
come to save us now.

*\*Verses 1–2, Advent; verses 3–5, Christmas. © 1982, 1987, Bernadette Farrell. Published by OCP. All rights reserved.*

## Closing Hymn – Sing Out Earth and Skies

1. Cantor: Come, O God of all the earth:  
All: Come to us, O Righteous One;  
Cantor: Come, and bring our love to birth:  
All: In the glory of your Son.

**Sing out, earth and skies!**

**Sing of the God who loves you!**

**Raise your joyful cries!**

**Dance to the life around you!**

2. Cantor: Come, O God of wind and flame:  
All: Fill the earth with righteousness;  
Cantor: Teach us all to sing your name:  
All: May our lives your love confess.
3. Cantor: Come, O God of flashing light:  
All: Twinkling star and burning sun;  
Cantor: God of day and God of night:  
All: In your light we all are one.
4. Cantor: Come, O God of snow and rain:  
All: Shower down upon the earth;  
Cantor: Come, O God of joy and pain:  
All: God of sorrow, God of mirth.
5. Cantor: Come, O Justice, Come, O Peace:  
All: Come and shape our hearts anew;  
Cantor: Come and make oppression cease:  
All: Bring us all to life in you.

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## **Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

I rejoiced because they said to me,  
"We will go up to the house of the LORD."  
And now we have set foot  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, built as a city  
with compact unity.  
To it the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD.

According to the decree for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.  
In it are set up judgment seats,  
seats for the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!  
May those who love you prosper!  
May peace be within your walls,  
prosperity in your buildings.

Because of my brothers and friends  
I will say, "Peace be within you!"  
Because of the house of the LORD, our God,  
I will pray for your good.

**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**