

Pulpit Announcements – January 15, 2023 **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Welcome to all who are here on this
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

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

- Thank you to the many volunteers last Saturday who helped with the Christmas tree removal and storing the wires etc. The leadership team who worked hard in this project deserves our gratitude as we are thankful to all who sponsored these trees and brought the Christmas spirit to our neighborhood.
- Our Youth Group SMYLE would like to thank all of our kind and generous parishioners who donated food for the Franklin Township Food Bank and items for the Blessing Bags for Unity Square in New Brunswick last month.
- The parish and school will be closed on Monday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr Day. But we will have the 8 am Mass for racial justice and harmony. All are welcome.
- Next Sunday we have a second collection, FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION. It will benefit financial aid to students in our diocesan & parish catholic schools.

**In today's Gospel we see John the Baptist saying that he has
seen and gave witness to Jesus. We too are called to do
witnessing to Jesus, but first we have to see him. Let us take
a moment of silence and be ready to see him and welcome
him as we have gathered around His altar+.**

Music for Our Assembly
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*All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name,
O Most High!*

Gathering Song – Praise to the Lord
LOBE DEN HERREN

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the king of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear: Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning.
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all you have needed has been
Met by his gracious ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work and defend
you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
Who with his love will befriend you.

3. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the "Amen" sound from his people again,
Gladly with praise we adore him!

*Text: 14 14 47 8; Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
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Prayer of the Faithful

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Our response is: “In Your name, O God, we pray...”

1. For the universal church, her leaders, and members . . . make us a light to the nations so that all may embrace the Gospel message of salvation, we pray ...
2. For global, national, and civic leaders, especially those of our own country . . . instill in them a spirit of humility as they serve Your people, regardless of status or wealth, we pray . . .
3. For this intentional faith community of Saint Matthias . . . renew in us the grace of our own Baptisms, so that we may live as children of God, in true holiness and obedience, we pray . . .
4. For those who suffer illness of body, mind, or spirit . . . be their strength and bless them with courage and hope on their journey to recovery, we pray. . .
5. For those who have died, especially **Priscilla Yates** and **Mabel Arinzeh** . . . welcome them with a place at the banquet of the Lamb who redeemed them at a great price, we pray . . .
6. For the silent intentions we hold deep in our hearts today, we pray . . .

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

Preparation Hymn - Precious Lord

1. Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on let me stand,
I am tired I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
2. When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
3. When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993, © 1938 (renewed), Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp.

Communion Hymn – Here at This Table

**Come and be filled here at this table.
Food for all who hunger
and drink for all who thirst.
Drink of his love, wine of salvation.
You shall live forever in Jesus Christ the Lord.**

1. You who labor for justice,
you who labor for peace,
you who steady the plow
in the field of the Lord,

2. You with lives full of pain,
you who sorrow and weep,
you, beloved of Christ,
come to him, come to him!

3. Children of ev'ry color
in ev'ry land,
you are his own,
he gathers you gently.
Don't you grow weary,
for when you run,
you run with the Lord!

4. You, the aged among us,
holy, faithful, and wise,
may the wisdom you share
form our lives and our world!

5. Let each woman and man
learn from the stranger;
we're not so different
and so much unites us.
For we are one,
blest with the Spirit
and the power of love! And Spirit blest for evermore.

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Closing Hymn – In Christ There Is No East or West

McKEE

1. In Christ there is no east or west,
In him no south or north;
But one great fam'ly bound by love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

2. In him shall true hearts ev'rywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close-binding humankind.

3. Join hands, disciples in the faith,
Whate'er your race may be!
Who serve each other in Christ's love
Are surely kin to me.

4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
In him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in him,
Throughout the whole wide earth.

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Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the LORD,
and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
And he put a new song into my mouth,
a hymn to our God.

Sacrifice or offering you wished not,
but ears open to obedience you gave me.
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;
then said I, "Behold I come."

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me,
to do your will, O my God, is my delight,
and your law is within my heart!"

I announced your justice in the vast assembly;
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.