

Pulpit Announcements – December 4, 2022

2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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

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

- The Baby Bottle Boomerang was a big success with \$6,636.59 being collected to support the various agencies. Thank you to all who contributed.
- The Rosary Altar Society meets after the 10 AM Mass. All are welcome.
- Don't forget to stop by the St. Matthias School Craft fair tomorrow/today from 9 am-2 pm. We have great vendors, a full kitchen, and a delicious variety of baked goods at our Bake Sale.
- The Christmas Tree directory is on the parish website under the latest news. There are a couple of hard copies as well as the QR code are posted inside the Church.
- Seeing so many Christmas Trees lit, do you feel sad that you could not sponsor a tree? There is good news: the Tree Farm gave us some extra trees; and so if anyone wants to sponsor a tree, please call the parish office.
- Next Sunday, there will be a second collection for retired religious men and women.
- The Feast of Immaculate Conception is this Thursday, December 8, 2022. The Masses on this Holy Day of Obligation will be at 8 am, 12:10 pm, and 7:30 pm.

We all long for justice and peace; we protest any injustice and demand that any unfairness to be corrected. Today's readings speak glowingly about a time of peace and justice, but they remind us that the primary requirement for justice is reforming ourselves first. Are we willing to do that?

Music for Our Assembly
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O people of Sion, behold the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart. Is.30:19,30

Gathering Song – Come to Us O Emmanuel

Come to us O Emmanuel, Come to us O Emmanuel

3.Come, O holy Shoot of Jesse
Come and grow within your people
Come, O Spirit of our God

4.You are wisdom, you are insight
You are knowledge, you are power,
You will lead our hearts to God.

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Prayer of the Faithful

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

1. For Pope Francis and all church leaders and members . . . Bestow your spirit of wisdom and understanding so that we may be shining examples of your way, we pray . . .
2. For global, national, and civic leaders, especially those of our own country . . . inspire them to bring an end to war and work for peace, we pray . . .
3. For this faith community of Saint Matthias . . . Keep us awake on this Advent journey, so we are attuned 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 **John Percoco**. . Welcome them to the everlasting banquet, 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- Christ Circle Round Us

1. Come, O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of the morning light.
Come, Sun of Justice,
turn away the pow'r of night.

Christ, circle round us.
Christ, may your light surround us.
Shine in our living.
Fill our hearts with great thanksgiving.

2. Come, O Flow'r of Love,
holy branch of Jesse's tree.
Come, Bough of Blessing,
bloom for all the world to see.

3. Come, O Word of Truth,
font of knowledge from on high.
Come, Holy Wisdom,
be our faithful friend and guide.

4. Come, O Gate of Hope,
holy door of heaven's throne.
Come, Key of David,
open wide the pathway home.

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Communion Hymn – Like a Shepherd

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock
and gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart,
leading them home.

1. Say to the cities of Judah:
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Go to the mountaintop, lift your voice:
Jerusalem, here is your God.

2. I myself will shepherd them,
for others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds
and pasture them, giving them rest.

3. Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,
and take my yoke upon your shoulders.
I will give you rest.

*Text: Based on Isaiah 40:9ff; Ezekiel 34:11ff; Matthew 11:28ff.
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Closing Hymn – **Soon and Very Soon** - Andrae Crouch

1. Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King 3x
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're going to see the King.

2. No More Crying there....

3. No more dying there

4. Soon and very soon.....

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

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
he shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save.

May his name be blessed forever;
as long as the sun his name shall remain.
In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed;
all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.