

Pulpit Announcements – March 5, 2023

2nd Sunday of Lent

**Welcome to all who are here on this
Second Sunday of Lent.**

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

- **A reminder to our youth and parents of youth: the registration deadline for the Diocesan Youth Day 2023 is March 6. Please contact Sue Lencewski or Deacon John for this wonderful experience for our teens. The cost will be paid by the parish.**
- **We are aware of the impact of the Supreme Court decision on Roe v Wade. On Saturday, March 25th, the Diocese of Metuchen is holding the Annual Critical Life Issues conference with the theme: "Building a Culture of Life Post Roe." If any of you like to attend, please call the parish office and give your name. The parish will bear the cost.**
- **Mass of the Anointing of the Sick will be on Saturday, March 18, at 11 am.**
- **Have you attended any of the Stations of the Cross held here every Friday in Lent at 7 pm? Try once and be enriched by this ancient devotion.**

**Today's gospel invites us to reflect on the
transfiguration of Jesus. The three disciples were in
for a real surprise, in fact, they were shocked, to see
the glorified Jesus. We too can expect a surprise from
Jesus when we complete our Lenten journey - if only
we have a consistent Lenten plan.**

What is our plan ...?

Music for Our Assembly

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*Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face,
O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me... Psalm 27*

Gathering Song – Transfiguration

1. Jesus, on the mountain peak, stands alone in glory blazing.
Let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising.
Praise and glory, praise and glory, praise and glory to our Lord!
Let us if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising.

2. Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law shout through them their joyful greeting:
Praise and glory, praise and glory, praise and glory to our Lord!
All the prophets and the law shout through them their joyful greeting.

3. Swift the cloud of glory came, God, proclaiming in its thunder,
Jesus as the Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder:
Praise and glory, praise and glory, praise and glory to our Lord!
Jesus as the Son by name: nations, cry aloud in wonder.

4. Jesus is the chosen one, living hope of ev'ry nation,
hear and heed him, ev'ryone; sing, with earth and all creation:
Praise and glory, praise and glory, praise and glory to our Lord!
Hear and heed him, ev'ryone; sing with earth and all creation.

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Prayer of the Faithful

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Our response is: “Lord, in Your compassion, hear our prayer”

1. For the universal church, her leaders, and members . . . open our ears to hear Your words and to follow them in true discipleship, we pray . . .
2. For global, national, and civic leaders, especially those of our own country . . . teach them to place their trust in Your divine wisdom as they fulfill their calling to serve others, we pray . . .
3. For this intentional faith community of Saint Matthias and for those preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation at Easter . . . may this Lenten season of prayer and reflection lead us to the transforming light of Your love, we pray . . .
4. For those who suffer illness of body, mind, or spirit . . . reassure them with Your steadfast care and support and direct them on the path to well-being, we pray . . .
5. For those who have died, especially, **Mary C. Gidaro, Brigid Brennan**. . . welcome them into the kingdom of heaven so that they may share in Your radiant glory, we pray . . .
6. For the silent intentions we hold deep in our hearts today . . . we pray...

Presider announces the Mass intention and concludes with the 60th Anniversary Prayer.

Preparation Hymn - Christ in Me Arise

Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness.

Christ in me arise with your power and your strength.

Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing.

Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.

1. Be now my vision; open these eyes,
showing me all that I must see.

Onward to the kingdom, you are the way.

Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

2. Be now my footsteps, leading the way,
taking me where I must go.

Onward to the kingdom, you are the way.

Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

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Communion Hymn – The Lord Is My Light

1. The Lord is my light, my help, my salvation.
Why should I fear?
With God I fear no one.
God protects me all my life.
With the Lord what should I dread

**The Lord is my light,
the Lord is my help,
the Lord is my salvation.**

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord that I long for:
all of my days with God to be dwelling,
gazing with awe at the beauty of God,
and in wonder look on God's house.
3. I know I will live to see the Lord's goodness,
now, in this life I'm sure I will see it.
Trust in the Lord, be strong and be brave;
wait in hope for God, our salvation.

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Closing Hymn - Lead Me Guide Me

Lead, me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

3. I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without thy Light to see.
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
who have put our hope in you.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.