

# Pulpit Announcements – October 30, 2022

## 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Welcome to all who are here today on this  
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

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

- **Altar Servers Retreat!** Yes, the diocese is organizing a mini-retreat for Altar Servers on Saturday afternoon, November 19, at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi Metuchen. Dear Parents, please register your Altar serving children. More info is on the Parish website.
- **First Friday Devotion.** Have you attended a Holy Hour with Benediction? Come and join the 8 am Mass and the devotional hour this coming Friday.
- **Some more Good news about the Christmas Trees:** we have 249 Christmas Trees sponsored. A big thank you to all those making this a success. We will be asking you for volunteers to set up the trees on the 19th & 26th of November. Be on the lookout for more details.
- **The response for the Baby Bottle Boomerang has been excellent.** Thank you. The last day to return the Baby Bottles is this weekend. Please place them in the baskets at the church entrances.
- **Our Umoja Imani (OO-MO-JA EE-MAH-NI) Gospel Choir** will sing at the 5:00 Mass on Saturday, November 5 as we celebrate the Feast of St. Martin de Porres.
- **On Friday, November 18, at 7 pm, our St. Matthias Music Ministry, with all of our choirs, will present a 60th Anniversary Concert- "With Grateful Hearts."** A reception will follow. **SAVE THE DATE!**
- **(only for the 10 am Mass)** Memorial Planner Counselor from the Diocesan Cemetery Office will be available after this Mass, for anyone interested in memorial planning.

**Do you invite yourself to someone's house for dinner? That's what Jesus did to Zacchaeus who was on a tree to see Jesus. Having Jesus home for dinner, transformed Zacchaeus. What will you reply if Jesus were to tell you, "I'm coming to your house this evening"? Yes, or maybe later...?**

**Music for Our Assembly**  
**October 30, 2022**  
**31st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C**

*Forsake me not, O Lord, my God, be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong Salvation! ..... Psalm 38*

**Gathering Song – All Are Welcome**

**All are welcome in this place.  
Behold Love's amazing grace.  
All are welcome!  
All are welcome!  
Bring your hopes, bring your dreams.  
Mercy flows and Love redeems!  
All are welcome!  
All belong!**

1. Welcome, all the broken-hearted,  
all who sorrow and despair.  
You are not alone, for you are God's own!  
Together, we sing and we proclaim!

4. Welcome, all who work for justice,  
bringing hope, charity and peace!  
You are not alone, for you are God's own!  
Together, we sing and we proclaim!

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# Prayer of the Faithful

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

1. For Pope Francis, the church, and all its leaders and members . . . Strengthen us your disciples as we proclaim the Gospel by our lives, we pray . . .
2. For global, national, and local leaders. . . Give them the strength to pursue a more just society, we pray . . .
3. For this intentional faith community of Saint Matthias as we celebrate our 60th anniversary . . . Help us to be faithful disciples, we pray . . .
4. For those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit . . . Heal and console them with Your mercy and love, we pray . . .
5. For those who have died, especially **Sr. Amata Shina**,  
...Welcome them to Your heavenly 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 – O Beauty Ever Ancient

1. Oh, late have I loved you,  
oh, late have I turned;  
turned from seeking you in creatures,  
fleeing grief and pain within.

**O Beauty, ever ancient,  
O Beauty, ever new:  
you, the mirror of my life renewed,  
let me find my life in you!**

2. My unloveliness I ran from,  
turned to seek you in all things,  
things you fashioned as a pathway;  
yet I lost myself in them.

3. This created world is glorious,  
yet I could not see within,  
see your loveliness behind all,  
find the Giver in the gift.

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## Communion Hymn – Many and Great

1. Many and great are bearers of the Word:  
the Christ speaks; the heart seeks.  
Gathered as one, we listen to the Word  
and share the meal of new birth.

**The wheat grows from springtime to fall;  
the wine flows; in Christ we recall  
the sharing of our lives  
with one and all.**

2. Many and great are the seeds upon the field:  
the hand sows; the seeds grow.  
Take now and eat the covenant fulfilled  
the bread of promise and life.

3. Many and great are voices of despair:  
the rain falls; the voice calls.  
Take now and drink the wine of hope and care;  
our cup of blessings we share.

4. Many and great are pebbles in the sand:  
the sun glows; the wind blows.  
Take now and spread the Word to ev'ry land,  
the Word of goodness and hope.

## Closing Hymn – Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace!  
How sweet the sound  
That saved \*a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

3. The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

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## **Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 34**

**I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

I will extol you, O my God and King,  
and I will bless your name forever and ever.  
Every day will I bless you,  
and I will praise your name forever and ever.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
The LORD is good to all  
and compassionate toward all his works.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,  
and let your faithful ones bless you.  
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your might.

The LORD is faithful in all his words  
and holy in all his works.  
The LORD lifts up all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

**I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**