

Pulpit Announcements – January 22, 2023

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

- This Monday, January 23rd, is the National Day of Prayer for legal protection for the unborn. There will be a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Life soon after our 8 am Mass. All are welcome.
- National Catholic Schools Week begins next Sunday. Our St. Matthias School will celebrate it at the 10 am Mass. There will be an open house soon after the Mass till 1 pm. All are invited to come and see the students' work and school. Please spread the word.
- Today's second collection, FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION. It will benefit financial aid to students in our diocesan & parish catholic schools.

Today is designated as “Sunday of the Word of God” to remind us of the need to read, pray, meditate, and study the Bible. We have heard the words of St. Jerome: “Ignorance of Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.” Are we satisfied with our familiarity with the Scriptures? If not, what action plans should we take? We can ask Jesus who Matthew presents in today’s gospel as the Messiah who brings us healing.

Music for Our Assembly

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O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in his holy place.

Gathering Song – Bless the Lord O My Soul

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His Holy Name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your Holy Name.

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes.
2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger, Your Name is great and Your heart is kind; For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
3. And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near and my time has come; Still my soul sings Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

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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 and all Christian leaders...Empower them by Your grace to lead and impart the teachings of Christ through not only their words but also their actions...in other words, to ‘Walk the Talk’, we pray ...
2. For public leaders and officials throughout the world...Guide them to lead to honesty and transparency, and with the goal of justice for all within our societies, we pray . . .
3. For all gathered in assembly today for worship and praise, especially those of us in this Catholic Community of St. Matthias...Inspire us to remember when we leave this place that as we gather here as one around Your table, we are one outside of these walls too, we pray . . .
4. For all who are sick in mind, body, and spirit...Heal them with Your restful peace, we pray . . .
5. For all who have died...Grant unto them Your eternal light and bring comfort of heart to their families and friends, we pray . . .
6. For the silent intentions of our hearts today, we pray . . .

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

Preparation Hymn - You Walk Along Our Shoreline

1. You walk along our shoreline
Where land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power,
'Now come and follow me.
And if you still will follow
Through storm and wave and shoal,
Then I will make you fishers
But of the human soul.'
2. You call us, Christ, to gather
The people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only
Those lives we think have worth.
We spread your net of gospel
Across the water's face,
Our boat a common shelter
For all found by your grace.
3. We cast our net, O Jesus;
We cry the kingdom's name;
We work for love and justice;
We learn to hope through pain.
You call us, Lord, to gather
God's daughters and God's sons,
To let your judgment, heal us
So that all may be one.

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Communion Hymn – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

2. I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father.
In him there is...
3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus.
In him there is...

*Text: Ephesians 5:8-10, Revelation 21:23, John 12:46, 1 John 1:5, Hebrews 12:1; Kathleen Thomerson,
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Closing Hymn - Lead Me Guide 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.

2. Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee.
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 27:1, 4, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the LORD;
this I seek:

To dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,

That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD
and contemplate his temple.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.