

# Pulpit Announcements – December 11, 2022

## 3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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

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

- All the Christmas Trees are lit now, though some rows were out on rainy days! We apologize if some were disappointed. Thank you for bearing with us. Preventive measures are taken.
- The second collection after Communion today is for retired religious sisters, brothers, and priests.
- This weekend is the **last weekend** to drop off Giving Tree presents. If there are any volunteers who have an hour to spare Monday morning to assist with the delivery of gifts, please visit our website to find out how to contact Joanne Diana. Thank you for the generous donations.
- Our Advent Penance Service will be next Sunday, at 6:30 pm. Extra priests will be available.
- The 60th Anniversary Committee is selling cookbooks and anniversary ornaments after all Masses this weekend. Cookbooks are \$20 and ornaments are \$10. Please visit our website or check the bulletin for more information.
- Oplatek wafers are now available in the Parish Office during regular hours for parishioners to pick up if they would like to celebrate this tradition.
- Traditionally our Christmas decorations are done by so many of you, our parishioners. This year the decoration day is on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> in the morning from 10 AM onwards. We do hope that you can come for a couple of hours, most welcome.

**Today is named “Gaudete Sunday” or “Rejoice Sunday.”  
This is to remind us that the coming of the Messiah is near  
and so we all can rejoice in anticipation of that good news. At  
the same time, it invites us to ask ourselves: Is my heart  
ready to welcome the Savior? What else do I need to do to  
prepare my soul?...**

# Music for Our Assembly

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### 3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT - Cycle A

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice, indeed, the lord is near....Phil.4:4-5*

#### **Gathering Song – O Come O Come Emmanuel**

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

2. O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
Who orders all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.

3. O come, O come, O Lord of might,  
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times Once gave the law,  
In cloud and majesty and awe.

4. O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,  
From ev'ry foe deliver them  
That trust your mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave

*Text: LM with refrain; 'O' Antiphons, Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3–6 para. in Psalterium  
Cantionum Catholicarum, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866; verses 2, 7 tr.  
fr. The Hymnal 1940, alt.*

*Music: Chant, Mode I; Processionale, French, 15th cent.; adapt. by Thomas Helmore,  
1811–1890.*

# Prayer of the Faithful

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

1. For Pope Francis and all Church leaders ... That the holy shepherds in the church prolong in our midst the role of John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord in our hearts...we pray . . .
2. For all governmental leaders especially those of our country, ... that the Prince of Peace, who came to bring glad tidings to the poor, may instruct the hearts of the world leaders in His ways, we pray . . .
3. For this faith community of St Matthias...For the grace of patience in our relations with ourselves, with one another, and with our God; for the gift of graceful waiting during the slow process of growth and progress, we pray . . .
4. For those who are ill in body, mind or spirit, especially those on our Parish and School family sick list, that Jesus who gave sight to the blind and cured lepers and made the deaf hear, may also hear us when we intercede for those who are most in need of healing and mercy, we pray.
5. For all who have died, especially That they may be among God’s ransomed ones who enter Zion singing and crowned with everlasting joy... we pray . . .
6. For the intentions in the hearts of all those in this assembly, (LONG PAUSE) ... we pray . . .

**PRIEST \_\_\_\_\_ (MASS INTENTION)**

*(conclude with our 60th Anniversary Prayer)*

## Preparation Hymn- My Soul in Stillness Waits

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits, truly my hope is in you.

1. O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,  
your radiance shines in all who look to you,  
come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits,  
our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word,  
come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.
3. O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,  
and in your advent, draw us all to you,  
our hope reborn in dying and in rising.
4. O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage,  
we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain,  
open to us the pathway of your peace.
5. Come, let us bow before the God who made us,  
let ev'ry heart be opened to the Lord,  
for we are all the people of his hand.
6. Here we shall meet the Maker of the heavens,  
Creator of the mountains and the seas,  
Lord of the stars, and present to us now.

*Text: Psalm 95 and 'O' Antiphons; Marty Haugen, b.1950, © 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.*

## Communion Hymn – Bread of Life

**Bread of life, hope of the world,  
Jesus Christ, our brother:  
feed us now, give us life,  
lead us to one another.**

1. Be with your people, Lord,  
send us your saving Word:  
Jesus Christ, light of gladness,  
come among us now.

2. Bring to our world of fear  
the truth we long to hear:  
Jesus Christ, hope of ages,  
come to save us now.

## Closing Hymn – Awake Awake and Greet the New Morn

1. Awake! awake, and greet the new morn,  
For angels herald its dawning,  
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,  
Behold! the Child of our longing.  
Come as a baby weak and poor,  
To bring all hearts together,  
He opens wide the heav'nly door  
And lives now inside us for ever.
2. To us, to all in sorrow and fear,  
Emmanuel comes a-singing,  
His humble song is quiet and near,  
Yet fills the earth with its ringing;  
Music to heal the broken soul  
And hymns of loving kindness,  
The thunder of his anthems roll  
To shatter all hatred and blindness.
3. In darkest night his coming shall be,  
When all the world is despairing,  
As morning light so quiet and free,  
So warm and gentle and caring.  
Then shall the mute break forth in song,  
The lame shall leap in wonder,  
The weak be raised above the strong,  
And weapons be broken asunder.
4. Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,  
Though dark the winter and cheerless,  
The rising sun shall crown you with light,  
Be strong and loving and fearless;  
Love be our song and love our prayer,  
And love, our endless story,  
May God fill ev'ry day we share,  
And bring us at last into glory.

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## **Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10.**

**Lord, come and save us.**

The LORD God keeps faith forever,  
secures justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD sets captives free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind;  
the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.  
The LORD loves the just;  
the LORD protects strangers.

The fatherless and the widow he sustains,  
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.  
The LORD shall reign forever;  
your God, O Zion, through all generations.

**Lord, come and save us.**