

# **Pulpit Announcements – February 5, 2023**

## **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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

- **St. Matthias School Night of Winners and the 50/50 Raffle are fun times for all. The theme is Tropical Treasures. Do not miss this fun night on February 11, which is coming Saturday. For more information, visit the school website.**
- **Why not have an excellent homemade breakfast? The Annual Pancake Breakfast prepared by our Knights of Columbus has been very popular. Come to the school cafeteria next Sunday, February 12th soon after the morning Masses.**
- **There are many noteworthy events planned for the Black History Month here at St. Matthias. Please read those on page 7 of the bulletin.**
- **Can you believe that Lent will be upon us soon? That means it is time to plan. If you can volunteer your time on Ash Wednesday afternoon for our Drive-thru ministry, it will be appreciated.**
- **Remember Live Lent small faith-sharing groups? Please consider joining one of the groups. You will hear more about it next Sunday.**
- **Today's second collection is for our parish Building Repair & Replacement Fund.**

**It seems the groundhog saw his shadow. So, will we have a late spring? Wait and see. But we are glad that your shadow fell on the church so that we know you are here. May the light of Christ fall on you so that you become the light of the world as Jesus reminds us today in the gospel...**

**Music for Our Assembly**  
**February 5, 2023**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle A**

*O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God ...Psalm 95*

**Gathering Song – Christ Be our Light**

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.**  
**Shine through the darkness.**  
**Christ, be our light!**  
**Shine in your church gathered today.**

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

# Prayer of the Faithful

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle A

### February 5, 2023

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

1. That there may be more love on earth, Lord, we ask you to help us all to be more understanding and friendlier; that all who strive to be salt of the earth for the human family may heighten our awareness to act on the needs and sufferings that exist, we pray to the Lord...
2. That all who serve in dangerous places, diplomats, aid workers, journalists and members of the military may be protected and return home safely; that there may be an end to violence in all nations and openness to dialogue and peaceful resolution, we pray to the Lord...
3. That there may be more faith on earth, help all your sons and daughters to live as children of light before you and the sight of people. That the trip of Pope Francis to the Congo and South Sudan may bring about healing and transformation of hearts, we pray to the Lord...
4. That the sick, the poor and all who are afflicted by want and persecution may find healing and direction; that those who have died may find rest in the Lord's embrace, we pray to the Lord...
5. That those consecrated to God in religious, especially Sr. Marie Therese and Sr. Maria of our parish, may continue to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits, we pray to the Lord...
6. For the intentions that we hold in the silence of our hearts ..... we pray to the Lord...

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

## Preparation 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.
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.

*Text: Ephesians 5:8-10, Revelation 21:23, John 12:46, 1 John 1:5, Hebrews 12:1;  
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## 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. As we proclaim your death, as we recall your life,  
we remember your promise, to return again.

2. The bread we break and share was scattered once  
as grain:  
just as now it is gathered, make your people one.

3. We eat this living bread, we drink this saving cup:  
sign of hope in our broken world, source of lasting  
love.

4. Hold us in unity, in love for all to see;  
that the world may believe in you, God of all who live.

5. You are the bread of peace, you are the wine of  
joy,  
broken now for your people, poured in endless love.

## Closing Hymn - God Has Chosen Me

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord,  
for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,  
and the meek shall come to rule the world.

**Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth  
to seek and to find the narrow way. Be my way; be my truth;  
be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, today.**

2. Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs,  
and the pure in heart shall see their God.  
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill,  
for I say they shall be satisfied.
3. Blest are they who through their lifetimes  
sow the seeds of peace;  
all will call them children of the Lord.  
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life,  
for in heaven, great is your reward.

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## **Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

**The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.**

Light shines through the darkness for the upright;  
he is gracious and merciful and just.  
Well for the man who is gracious and lends,  
who conducts his affairs with justice.

He shall never be moved;  
the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance.  
An evil report he shall not fear;  
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear.  
Lavishly he gives to the poor;  
His justice shall endure forever;  
his horn shall be exalted in glory.

**The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.**