

# **Pulpit Announcements – February 12, 2023**

## **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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

- **Welcome to enjoy the annual Pancake Breakfast tomorrow/this morning. Our Knights of Columbus will be happy to see you in the school cafeteria after the 8 am and 10 am Masses.**
- **This is the National Marriage Week. There are many opportunities to strengthen your marriage, attending a virtual retreat, Marriage Encounter weekend, etc. Please see page 8 for details.**
- **Our parish celebration of the Black History Month will be at the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, February 25th.**
- **Our Drive-Thru ministry on Ash Wednesday afternoon needs volunteers. The Sign up Genius on our website is very convenient. Choose any one hour to help from the two shifts.**
- **Ready for the Lenten Journey? Many of our parishioners have made the Lenten journey with one of our many Bible sharing groups and enjoyed it very much. Some of them will share with us their experience today after Holy Communion. Do consider giving a try this Lent.**

**Love is in the air: today is World Marriage Day, and this  
Tuesday is Valentine's Day. Love without forgiveness and  
reconciliation will not last. That's why Jesus insists that we  
need to reconcile first, before bringing the offering to the  
altar! How willing are we to practice such love? Reflect for a  
moment as we get ready to celebrate  
the Love feast of Jesus .....**

# Music for Our Assembly

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

*Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide Me, for the sake of your name... Psalm 31*

#### **Gathering Song – As We Gather At Your Table**

1. As we gather at your table,  
As we listen to your word,  
Help us know, O God, your presence;  
Let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story  
Till we claim it as our own;  
Teach us through this holy banquet  
How to make Love's vict'ry known.
2. Turn our worship into witness  
In the sacrament of life;  
Send us forth to love and serve you,  
Bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
To forgive as you forgave;  
May we still behold your image  
In the world you died to save.
3. Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
Other guests to share that feast  
Where triumphant Love will welcome  
Those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us,  
Nor will pride our peace destroy,  
As we join with saints and angels  
To repeat the sounding joy.

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# Prayer of the Faithful

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

1. For the universal church, her leaders, and members . . . teach us to find in Your commands the source of all life and goodness, we pray...
2. For global, national, and civic leaders, especially those of our own country . . . encourage them to speak Your wisdom and truth to a world in need of reconciliation, we pray ...
3. For this intentional faith community of Saint Matthias . . . give us the gift of discernment, so that we may know and follow You, in humility and obedience, we pray to the Lord...
4. For those who suffer illness of body, mind, or spirit and for all those affected by natural disasters like the people of Turkey and Syria . . . be their source of comfort and support in the midst of their struggles, we pray...
5. For those who have died, especially *James Vance, Rose T. Lee, Louise Orlowski*, and the *recent earthquake victims* . . . lead them into the joys of eternal life and give peace to those who grieve them, we pray to the Lord...
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 - Holy Wisdom Lamp of Learning

1. Holy Wisdom, lamp of learning, bless the light that reason lends.

Teach us judgment as we kindle sparks of thought your spirit sends.

Sanctify our search for knowledge and the truth that sets us free.

Come, illumine mind and spirit joined in deepest unity.

2. Vine of truth, in you we flourish; by your grace we learn and grow.

May the word of Christ among us shape our life, our search to know.

Joined in Christ in living dying, may we help the church convey

Witness to the saving gospel, bearing fruit of faith today.

3. Holy God, the hope of nations, tune us toward your righteous will

As the symphony of ages claims our best, our finest skill.

Shape our search for peace and justice through prophetic deed & word

Christ, conduct us, set our rhythm, that God's praise be ever heard.

*Text Ruth C. Duck; from Circles of Care@1996, The Pilgrim Press; Music- Beach Spring*

## **Communion Hymn – Miracle of Grace**

1. Miracle of grace, mystery of faith,  
calling us to venture to the deep.  
Though our senses fail, your graces still prevail,  
and we become the love that we receive

**Bread of life, bread of life.**

**Those who eat this bread shall live and never die.**

**Bread of life, bread of life.**

**Your true presence in this holy sacrifice.**

**Bread of life.**

2. Unworthy though we are, you feed the hungry heart  
with bread come down from heaven above.

And like a grain of wheat, we fall down at your feet,  
dying here with you. Oh, let us rise!

3. Your faithfulness revealed in this covenant you've sealed  
with your very body and your blood.

Come, claim your bride again with love that cannot end,  
for what God joins no one can divide.

## Closing Hymn - Lord you Give the Great Commission

1. Lord, you give the great commission:  
'Heal the sick and preach the word.'  
Lest the Church neglect its mission,  
And the Gospel go unheard,  
Help us witness to your purpose  
With renewed integrity;  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.
2. Lord, you call us to your service:  
'In my name baptize and teach.'  
That the world may trust your promise,  
Life abundant meant for each,  
Give us all new fervor, draw us  
Closer in community;  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.
5. Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
'I am with you to the end.'  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
May we serve as you intend,  
And, amid the cares that claim us,  
Hold in mind eternity;  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.

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## **Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34**

### **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

Blessed are they whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they who observe his decrees,  
who seek him with all their heart.

You have commanded that your precepts  
be diligently kept.

Oh, that I might be firm in the ways  
of keeping your statutes!

Be good to your servant, that I may live  
and keep your words.

Open my eyes, that I may consider  
the wonders of your law.

Instruct me, O LORD, in the way of your statutes,  
that I may exactly observe them.

Give me discernment, that I may observe your law  
and keep it with all my heart.

### **Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!**