

Pulpit Announcements – February 19, 2023 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

- Our parish celebration of Black History Month will be at the **5 pm Mass** on **Saturday, February 25th**. Mass will be followed by a showing of a video narration of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King 'Letter from A Birmingham Jail', a reflection, and dinner. All are welcome.
- Three more days until Ash Wednesday. The ashes can be received during Masses at 8 am and 12:10 noon, and the Liturgy of the Word at 7:30 pm. There will also be a drive-thru ash ministry from 4:00- 5:30 pm. Volunteers are needed for welcoming and directing traffic for our Drive-thru ministry.
- Have you signed up for the "Live Lent" small faith-sharing groups? There are only six sessions. The groups begin this week. You are not late.
- Every Friday of Lent, we will have the Stations of the Cross at 7 pm. The Pastoral Council will be leading it on this Friday, February 24. Please come and see for yourself how enriching this half hour is with very practical reflections.
- Today's second collection is for the victims of the devastating earthquake in Syria and Turkey.

Before starting fasting and abstaining during Lent, there is the tradition to feast the day before. Thus we speak of Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras. Some Call it Pancake Tuesday. But what really matters is what we decide to do for Lent to clean our souls and come closer to God. Think of our Lenten plan for a moment as we enter into our celebration today...

Music for Our Assembly

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O Lord, I trust in your merciful love, My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me... Psalm 13

Gathering Song – Love Divine All Loves Excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us your humble dwelling;
All your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, source of all compassion,
Love unbounded, love all pure;
Visit us with your salvation,
Let your love in us endure.
2. Come, almighty to deliver;
Let us all your life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Nevermore your temples leave.
Lord, we would be always blessing,
Serve you as your hosts above,
Pray, and praise you without ceasing,
Glory in your precious love.
3. Finish then your new creation,
Pure and spotless, gracious Lord;
Let us see your great salvation
Perfectly in you restored.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we sing before the almighty,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise

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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 Church leaders...Help them to model their living as God's people, manifesting God's love and compassion to all who enter our lives, we pray...
2. For public leaders throughout the world...That they might have the grace of reconciliation to turn to God to heal wounds and mend relationships between nations, parties, and factions, and work together to advance the greater good, we pray ...
3. For all gathered in assembly today for worship and praise, especially those of us at St. Matthias...That we might have greater awareness to recognize our dignity as a Temple of God in whom the Holy Spirit dwells, and strive to bring the love and mercy of God into our relationships and communities, we pray to the Lord...
4. For all who are recovering from the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, and from other disasters throughout the world...Relieve the pain and suffering of all, provide warm weather, and speed the needed assistance, we pray...
5. For all who are sick in mind, body, and spirit...Help them to surrender their illness and brokenness to God so God can lead them to healing and wholeness, we pray to the Lord...
6. For all who have died, especially **James Gagliastro, Maria Hanech**, and the young victims of the Michigan State University shooting... Enter them to Your heavenly kingdom and bring peace of heart and understanding to those left behind, we pray ...
7. For the silent intentions in our hearts..., we pray ...

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

Preparation Hymn - Hold On To Love

1. There is a place for the sadness. Hold on to Love.
There is a season of gladness. Hold on to Love.
When pain and confusion seem endless, hold on to Love.
We cultivate healing through kindness. Hold on to Love.

Hold on to Love, where hope is found.
Hold on to Love, where joy abounds.
Hold on to Love, where grace and mercy's overflowing.
Hold on to Love.

2. When terror and fear overwhelm us, hold on to Love.
Courage and faith will sustain us. Hold on to Love.
When violence seeks to destroy us, hold on to Love.
Acts of compassion restore us. Hold on to Love.

3. When hatred is used to divide us, hold on to Love.
Wisdom and truth reunite us. Hold on to Love.
When prejudice poses as freedom, hold on to Love.
Dignity means "all are welcome!" Hold on to Love.

Communion Hymn – Loving and Forgiving

Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord;
slow to anger, rich in kindness,
loving and forgiving are you.

1. All my being, bless the Lord,
bless the holy name of God.
All my being, bless the Lord,
rememb'ring the goodness of God.

2. God forgives us all our sins,
healing those who live in pain,
saving us from final death,
God fills us with goodness and love.

3. Good and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger, rich in love.
God remembers not our sins;
forgiving and loving is God.

4. As heaven soars above the earth,
so great the love of God for us.
As far as east is from the west,
the Lord takes our sins from us.

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Closing Hymn - Alleluia Raise the Gospel

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Raise the Gospel over the earth!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Peace and justice bringing to birth!

1. Blessed those whose hearts are gentle.
Blessed those whose spirits are strong.
Blessed those who choose to bring forth
right where there is wrong.

2. Blessed those who work for justice.
Blessed those who answer the call.
Blessed those who dare to dream of
lasting peace for all.

6. Glory to the Word of Justice.
Glory to the Spirit of Peace.
Glory to the God of Love whose
blessings never cease.

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Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear
him.

The Lord is kind and merciful.