**Pulpit Announcements – December 25, 2022**

**The Nativity of the Lord/Christmas**

**Merry Christmas! Welcome to all who are here today**

**for this Christmas Mass Celebration.**

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

* **January 1 is the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. We will have three Masses:**
* **Saturday, December 31, 5 pm Mass, the year-end Mass to thank God for all the blessings of 2022.**
* **Sunday 10 am & 12 noon. Note there is no 8 am Mass. Welcome to join the Sunday Mass to ask for God’s blessings as we begin 2023.**
* **The school bathrooms are available for use. The doors are open. Our Ministers of Hospitality will be happy to show you where the doors are.**
* **The Church and Offices will be closed on Monday, the day after Christmas.**
* **Please note this week’s bulletin is a special Christmas Limited edition :) Please share it with a friend or neighbor. It is also available online on our parish website.**

**Christmas reminds us that Jesus, Emmanuel, is   
God-with-us. He is the reason for the season and the   
cause of our joy. In the Spirit of that joy, please   
turn to each other and greet, “Merry Christmas!”**

**Music for Our Assembly**

**December 25, 2022**

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

*A child is born for us, and a son is given to us: his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder and his name shall be called Messenger of great counsel.*

**Gathering Song – O Come All ye Faithful**

O Come, All Ye Faithful/Adeste Fideles

ADESTE FIDELES

ENGLISH

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

**Refrain**

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,**

**O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

1.. Adéste fidéles, laeti triumphántes,

Veníte, veníte in Béthlehem.

Natum vidéte Regem angelórum.

Refrain

Veníte, adorémus, veníte, adorémus,

veníte, adorémus Dóminum.

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

3. Yes, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,

Jesus, to thee be all glory giv’n;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

*Text: Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, ca. 1711–1786; tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, alt. Music: John F. Wade*

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) - December 25, 2022**

**Our response is: “Lord of Light, hear our prayer …”**

1. O, Wonderful Counsellor…speak of Your wisdom. Give guidance to the leaders of our Church…Pope Francis, all clergy, religious and lay leaders. May they echo the angel’s song proclaiming peace, justice and righteousness on earth through the birth of your son, Jesus the Christ, we pray…

2. O, Mighty God…speak of Your holiness to all throughout the world. May the message of world leaders help us to celebrate Jesus’ birth with a new commitment and joy, proclaiming Your glory, so that the whole earth is filled with the sound of praise and thanksgiving, we pray...

3. O, Everlasting Father…speak to Your children of Your love, especially those of us from the Catholic Community of St. Matthias gathered here in worship and praise. Let Christ’s birth be a rebirth in our hearts today, to be shared this Christmas with those around us. Help us to see You in others so that by loving and serving them we may also love and serve You, we pray...

4. O, Prince of Peace…speak words of comfort, love and compassion to those who are suffering loneliness or sickness of mind, heart, body and spirit. Through the heart of Jesus, speak and let them find peace and reassurance in knowing that in their darkness, the light of your presence is within them, we pray…

5. O, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, speak words of welcome to those entering Your heavenly kingdom, especially ***Michael Siliwono and Mabel Arinzeh…***Grant unto them your eternal light and bring comfort of heart to their families and friends, we pray…

6. O, Holy Lamb, speak to the silent intentions within our hearts, we pray…

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

*(conclude with our 60th Anniversary Prayer)*

**Preparation Hymn- Silent Night**

1. Silent night! Holy night!

All is calm, all is bright

Round yon Virgin Mother and child!

Holy infant so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace,

Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night! Holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight;

Glories stream from heaven afar;

Heav’nly hosts sing “Alleluia!

Christ the Savior is born,

Christ the Savior is born.”

3. Silent night! Holy night!

Son of God, love’s pure light

Radiant beams from thy holy face,

With the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

*Text: Irregular; Joseph Mohr, 1792–1848; tr. by John F. Young, 1820–1885.*

*Music: Franz X. Gruber, 1787–1863; arr. © 2013, Spirit & Song®, a division of OCP.*

**Communion Hymn – Wood of the Cradle**

1. Wood of the cradle, wood of the cross,

bearing a lifetime of joy and of loss,

who is your loved one? Who could he be,

born in a manger to die on a tree?

**This, this is Jesus the Lord,**

**here in the body and blood outpoured.**

**Come, come, walk in his ways.**

**Kneel at the manger and rise from the grave.**

2. Shepherds lie sleeping, deep in their dreams;

angels awaken them. “What could this mean?

Whom do you herald? Whom must we find?

child in the manger? Our God born in time?”

3. Star in the heavens bearing new light,

guiding the sages and ages this night:

Where will you lead us? Where can he be,

the child born of myst’ry who died on a tree?

4. Come, all who hunger, come, all who thirst;

come, all who seek him, God’s joy on the earth.

Find him a shelter, bright, safe, and warm;

see in all people his love being born.

*Text: Francis Patrick O’Brien, b. 1958, © 2002, GIA Publications, Inc.*

**Closing Hymn – Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

1. Hark! the herald angels sing:

“Glory to the newborn King;

Peace on earth, and mercy mild,

God and sinners reconciled!”

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,

Join the triumph of the skies;

With angelic hosts proclaim:

“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

**Hark! the herald angels sing,**

**“Glory to the newborn King.”**

2. Christ, by highest heav’n adored,

Christ, the everlasting Lord;

Late in time, behold him come,

Offspring of a virgin’s womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!

Hail th’incarnate Deity!

Pleased as man with us to dwell;

Jesus, our Emmanuel!

3. Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings,

Ris’n with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by,

Born that we no more may die,

Born to raise each child of earth,

Born to give us second birth.

Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; adapt. by William H. Cummings, 1831–1915.

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**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29.**

**For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

I have made a covenant with my chosen one,

I have sworn to David my servant:

Forever will I confirm your posterity

and establish your throne for all generations.

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;

in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.

At your name they rejoice all the day,

and through your justice they are exalted.

He shall say of me, “You are my father,

my God, the rock, my savior.”

Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,

and my covenant with him stands firm.

**For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**