

Pulpit Announcements

The Nativity of the Lord

 **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Welcome all who are here this Christmas Eve/Day to worship with us in person and in your homes. Whoever you are, or wherever you find yourself on the journey, know that here at St. Matthias, All Are Welcome.

- For guests or parishioners newly returning to Mass for the first time, note that all music and prayers are projected on the screen here at church and are on handouts if you are participating from the cafeteria or the John XXIII Room. Online Mass resources can be found on the St. Matthias website under the “Mass” tab. Communion will follow the Final Blessing and is also available outside the front entrance after the Mass. Following Communion, everyone is asked to exit the side doors here in the front by the altar. We encourage you to receive Communion by hand but if you are receiving by mouth or if you wish to receive a gluten-free host, please wait until everyone else has finished receiving and then come to the priest’s communion line.
- For the collection, please use the Collection Baskets in the center aisles of the church, and in the cafeteria and John XXIII Room. Extra envelopes are available by the offertory baskets. Extra bathrooms are open in the school hallway through the breezeway doors and at the back of the cafeteria. Sanitizing supplies are available to self-clean handles and seats. Masks are required to stay on at all times except when you are receiving Holy Communion.
- You won’t want to miss two new St. Matthias Christmas videos – the 2020 nativity narrated by children from our parish, and the Christmas Music Ministry Video. Both can be found on our parish YouTube channel.
- Finally, the Solemnity of Mary will be celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 31 at the 5:00PM Mass, and on Friday, Jan 1, at the 10:00AM Mass.

In the Joy of Christ’s birth, we ask you to turn to your neighbor on the right, the one on your left and the one behind you and wave a Merry Christmas hello.

Music for Our Assembly- Christmas 2020

*Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Savior has been born in the world.
Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.*

Gathering Hymn- O Come All Ye Faithful

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

Adéste fidéles, laeti triumphántes, Veníte, veníte in Béthlehem.
Natum vidéte Regem angelórum. Venite adoremus, venite adoremus,
venite adoremus Dominum

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation. Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come let us adore him

Text: Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, ca. 1711-1786; English tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880,

Psalm Response- Today, today a savior is born, Christ the Lord.....Psalm 96

Preparation Hymn - Silent Night

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.

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!

Text: Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht; Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885

Communion/Closing - Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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."

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!
Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King".

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 us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark the herald angels sing. "Glory to the newborn King."

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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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13.

R. (Lk 2:11) Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands.

Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

Announce his salvation, day after day.

Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;

let the sea and what fills it resound;

let the plains be joyful and all that is in them!

Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.

They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes;

for he comes to rule the earth.

He shall rule the world with justice

and the peoples with his constancy.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

**Prayer of the Faithful
Christmas – December 25, 2020**

Our response is: Lord of Light, hear our prayer...

1) For Pope Francis and all Church leaders...Teach them to guide your people to a rebirth of faith, hope and love, we pray...

Lord of Light, hear our prayer...

2) For global, national and civic leaders...Lead them to Your example to shelter and protect the poor, the refugee and the vulnerable among us, we pray

Lord of Light, hear our prayer...

3) For this faith community of St. Matthias...Inspire us to spread the Good News of great joy that has been given to us through the birth of our Savior, we pray...

Lord of Light, hear our prayer...

4) For everyone who is ill in mind body or spirit, especially those on our parish and school family sick lists...Bring them to the comfort and strength found in the Bethlehem stable, we pray...

Lord of Light, hear our prayer...

5) For those who have died...May they rejoice with the angels in heaven, singing praise and glory to God on high, we pray...

Lord of Light, hear our prayer...

6) For the intentions of all of us assembled here this day...You, who in Your great love took on our humanity, accept our petitions and bring us to lasting peace, we pray...

Lord of Light, hear our prayer...

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You, and I believe your words: *“Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.”* Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen