

Pulpit Announcements
The Nativity of the Lord
☺ MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**Merry Christmas and welcome all who are here this
Christmas Eve/Day to worship with us
in person and at home.**

**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, 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. Online Mass resources can be found on the St. Matthias website under the “Mass” tab. For communion we ask everyone to process up the center aisle here in the church, following the instructions from the ushers. We ask that you to receive Holy Communion by hand but if you must receive by mouth, please wait until everyone else has finished receiving and then come to the priest’s communion line.
- The Feast of the Holy Family will be celebrated this coming Sunday at the 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 Masses. For the rest of the Christmas Season schedule, please look online or take one of the green Christmas folders at the back of the church.
- **(2:00 PM MASS ONLY).** And now, we ask that you turn your attention to the screens up front to watch the virtual Nativity story as told by some of our parish children, as recorded by their parents, and a produced by Ms. Kelly Dillon.

**And now, 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 - December 25, 2021

Gathering Hymn - O Come All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

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!

Adéste fidéles, laeti triumphántes,
Veníte, veníte in Béthlehem.
Natum vidéte Regem angelórum.
Veníte, adorémus, veníte, adorémus, veníte, adorémus Dóminum.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest. **Refrain**

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; **Refrain**

Text: Irregular with refrain; John F. Wade, ca. 1711-1786; English tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt; 1837-1916, alt. Music: John F. Wade.

Responsorial Psalm –

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God

OR

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord

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!

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

Communion Hymn - Wood of the Cradle

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?

Refrain

**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.**

Shepherds lie sleeping, deep in their dreams; angels awaken them.
“What could this mean?

Whom do you herald? Whom must we find? A child in the manger?
Our God born in time?” **Refrain**

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? **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

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

Closing Hymn - Hark the Herald Angels Sing **MENDELSSOHN**

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.*

PRAYERS FOR THE MASS

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.

Responsorial Psalm (2:00, 4:00, 6:30, 10:00 and 12:00 Masses)

Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
his right hand has won victory for him,
his holy arm.

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

The LORD has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel.

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
break into song; sing praise.

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sing joyfully before the King, the LORD.

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Responsorial Psalm (Midnight Mass)

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

R. 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.

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

**Announce his salvation, day after day.
Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his
wondrous deeds.**

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

**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.**

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

**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.

Prayers of the Faithful
Prayer of the Faithful
Christmas – December 24 and 25, 2021

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

- 1. For the Church, her leaders and members, especially this intentional faith community of Saint Matthias...Make us bearers of Your light to all the world so that people everywhere may rejoice in Your promised salvation, we pray...**
- 2. For global, national, and civic leaders...As we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, inspire our leaders to recommit themselves to the joy-filled message of peace on earth, we pray...**
- 3. For the poor and the marginalized...Help us to recognize that Jesus chose to be born into poverty in order to affirm the dignity and worth of all humankind, we pray...**
- 4. For those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit and those who suffer the effects of natural disasters...Be their comfort, their protection, and their hope as they work to make their lives whole again, we pray...**
- 5. For those who have died, especially Marie DeFeo...As heirs of eternal life, may they join the heavenly choir of angels in singing Your praises forever, we pray...**
- 6. For the silent intentions we hold in our hearts on this blessed feast of Christmas...,we pray...**

PRIEST _____ (MASS INTENTION)

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