

Pulpit Announcements for the Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time June 23, 2024

**Welcome to all who are here today on this
12th 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 RCIA Team is preparing for the next batch. Do you know any adult (among your family or friends) who needs to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Communion? Please let us know.**
- **Remember Fr. Henry Hemmerling who used to help us on the weekends for some years? He's in poor health, but would love a visit from St. Matthias parishioners. He is staying in the 'Parker at Somerset,' and the address is 15 Dellwood Lane, Somerset.**
- **The 12 noon Mass next Sunday will be the farewell Mass for Sr. Marie Therese on her retirement. Following the Mass, we will have the opportunity to meet her personally and wish her well in the cafeteria over some refreshments.**
- **Our weekly adoration is a happy experience for more and more of our parishioners. Join us this Monday evening, anytime between 6 - 8 pm, to be with the Eucharistic Lord.**

Today's gospel is a clear reminder to us that our center in the whirlpool of life is JESUS. Whatever may be our trials and troubles, our tsunamis and storms, we have in Jesus a faithful friend. But sometimes we forget that. We can turn to Him in good times and in bad times. Let us welcome him with joy as He comes to us in this Eucharist today...

Music for Our Assembly
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O Lord hear my voice; for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my savior!

Gathering Hymn – In Every Age

1. Long before the mountains came to be
and the land and sea and stars of the night,
through the endless seasons of all time,
you have always been,
you will always be.

**In ev'ry age, O God,
you have been our refuge.
In ev'ry age, O God,
you have been our hope.**

2. Destiny is cast, and at your silent word
we return to dust and scatter to the wind.
A thousand years are like a single moment gone,
as the light that fades
at the end of day.

3. Teach us to make use of the time we have.
Teach us to be patient even as we wait.
Teach us to embrace our ev'ry joy and pain.
To sleep peacefully,
and to rise up strong.

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Prayer of the Faithful

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Our response is: "In Your Name, Oh God, We Pray."

1. For the Church and her leaders, especially Pope Francis...Guide them in leading us from fear and worry to the trust of discipleship through the words of scripture, we pray.
2. For world leaders...In the name of peace, inspire them to open communication between people and nations so that new avenues may be found to build trust and promote justice for all, we pray ...
3. For the calming of storms in our lives...Sustain us through the challenges of each day, give us courage to make decisions, and enduring hope when we cannot foresee tomorrow, we pray. . .
4. For our youth participating in the "Service WorX" this week, that they will be guided by their mentors and organizers to experience serving others as part of the mission of Jesus Christ, we pray . .
5. For those who are held captive by illness of any kind...Restore them to health and strengthen their caregivers... And for all who have died, especially **Jack Shafranski, Shirley Perry**...Welcome them into the eternal love of Your presence, we pray. . .
6. For the prayers that are silent in our hearts, we pray...

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes the Intercessions.

Preparation of the Gifts - You Are Near

**O Lord, I know you are near,
standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe,
and you lead me in ways everlasting.**

1. Lord, you have searched my heart,
and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me, protecting me from death,
keeping me from harm.

2. Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there;
if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
still I'd find you there.

3. You know my heart and its ways,
you who formed me before I was born,
in the secret of darkness before I saw the sun,
in my mother's womb.

4. Marvelous to me are your works;
how profound are your thoughts, my Lord.
Even if I could count them, they number as the stars,
you would still be there.

Communion Hymn – Be Not Afraid

1. You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid.

I go before you always.

Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

3. Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you!

Text: Based on Isaiah 43:2-3; Luke 6:20ff.

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Closing Hymn - Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace!

How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,

Was blind but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed!

3. The Lord has promised good to me,

His word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures.

*Text: CM; verses 1–4, John Newton, 1725–1807; verse 5, anon., fr. A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790.
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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks to the Lord, His love is everlasting

They who sailed the sea in ships,
trading on the deep waters,

These saw the works of the LORD
and his wonders in the abyss.

His command raised up a storm wind
which tossed its waves on high.

They mounted up to heaven; they sank to the depths;
their hearts melted away in their plight.

They rejoiced that they were calmed,
and he brought them to their desired haven.

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his kindness
and his wondrous deeds to the children of men.

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks to the Lord, His love is everlasting