

# Pulpit Announcements for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 16, 2023

Welcome to all who are here today on this  
15th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Whoever you are, or wherever you find yourself on the  
journey. Know that here at St. Matthias, ALL ARE WELCOME!

- Registrations for 2023-2024 GIFT for K-8 Religious formation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation preparation, are now open. More info is on page 8 in today's bulletin.
- Do you know any adults (among your family or friends) who needs to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Communion? Please visit page 8 for more information on our program and whom to contact.
- Please consider attending our weekly Adoration this Monday evening, from 6 - 8 pm. Come any time and spend some time with Jesus, and you will feel enriched.
- A new bathroom construction is going on. Kindly use the school bathrooms, across the breezeway.
- **(for 5 pm, 8 & 10 am Masses):** Tomorrow/Today is the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. After the 10 am Mass, please join us to pray the Rosary in front of the statue of Mary outside the church door.  
**(only for the 10 am Mass):** The presider at this Mass is Fr. Jose Lim who is the newest priest of our diocese. He was ordained just three weeks ago by Bishop Checchio. We welcome him as today's celebrant.

Do you have a summer garden? What do you cultivate?  
Jesus uses the imagery of farm life to teach us great  
lessons about the divine life in us. Let us allow the seed  
of God's Word to sprout and grow in us with the help of  
Jesus who comes to us in this Mass.

**Music for Our Assembly**  
July 16, 2023  
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*As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory... Psalm 17*

**Entrance Hymn – Christ Be our Light**

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.**  
**Shine through the darkness.**  
**Christ, be our light!**  
**Shine in your church gathered today.**

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

# Prayer of the Faithful

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Our response is: "In Your name, O God, we pray."**

1. For Pope Francis and the whole church called to preach and spread the Word... Help them to announce Your loving compassion faithfully and convincingly so that others may come to know the living God, we pray...
2. For our political leaders throughout the world and especially rich nations...Give them the courage to listen and respond to the cry of the poorest countries. Lead them in working for peace and reconciliation, and give them the insight to promote dialogue and understanding so that a new springtime of peace may blossom, we pray...
3. For conversion of hearts...As Jesus, Your son, instructed us, Help us to welcome immigrants and those different from us as brothers and sisters and free us from prejudices, and unfair judgments so that we treat one another with dignity and respect, we pray...
4. For the sick and brokenhearted, especially those who have suffered under the brutal weather these past weeks...Through Your compassion and love, give them the strength to endure their struggles and alleviate their pain, we pray...
5. For all who have died...Welcome them into the eternal joy and peace of Your presence, we pray...
6. For the silent prayers within our hearts, we pray...

**Presider announces the Mass intention and concludes.**

## **Preparation Hymn – Many and Great**

1. Many and great are bearers of the Word:  
the Christ speaks; the heart seeks.  
Gathered as one, we listen to the Word  
and share the meal of new birth.

**The wheat grows from springtime to fall;  
the wine flows; in Christ we recall  
the sharing of our lives  
with one and all.**

2. Many and great are the seeds upon the field:  
the hand sows; the seeds grow.  
Take now and eat the covenant fulfilled  
the bread of promise and life.

3. Many and great are voices of despair:  
the rain falls; the voice calls.  
Take now and drink the wine of hope and care;  
our cup of blessings we share.

## Communion Hymn – Gift of Finest Wheat

**You satisfy the hungry heart  
With gift of finest wheat;  
Come give to us, O saving Lord,  
The bread of life to eat.**

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep,  
They know and heed his voice;  
So when you call your fam'ly, Lord,  
We follow and rejoice.
2. With joyful lips we sing to you  
Our praise and gratitude,  
That you should count us worthy, Lord,  
To share this heav'nly food.
3. Is not the cup we bless and share  
The blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare  
Our oneness in the Lord?
4. The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,  
No mortal tongue can tell:  
Whom all the world cannot contain  
Comes in our hearts to dwell.
5. You give yourself to us, O Lord;  
Then selfless let us be,  
To serve each other in your name  
In truth and charity.

## **Closing Hymn – 10,000 Reasons- Bless the Lord O My Soul**

**Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name.**

**Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.**

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day drawing, it's time to sing your song again. Whatever may pass or whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.
2. You're rich in love and you're slow to anger, your name is great and your heart is kind. For all your goodness I will keep on singing, 10,000 reasons for my heart to find.
3. And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come; still my soul will sing your praise unending: the thousand years, and then forever more.

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## **Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14**

**The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

You have visited the land and watered it;  
greatly have you enriched it.  
God's watercourses are filled;  
you have prepared the grain.

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows,  
breaking up its clods,  
Softening it with showers,  
blessing its yield.

You have crowned the year with your bounty,  
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest;  
The untilled meadows overflow with it,  
and rejoicing clothes the hills.

The fields are garmented with flocks  
and the valleys blanketed with grain.  
They shout and sing for joy.

**The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**