

# **Pulpit Announcements for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 23, 2023**

**Welcome to all who are here today on this  
16th Sunday of Ordinary Time.**

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

- **Our weekly Adoration continues to draw good crowds. Thank you to so many who come regularly. Everyone is invited to come and spend some quiet time in prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. You can drop in any time between 6 - 8 pm on Monday evenings.**
- **A reminder to parents to register your children for K-8 Religious formation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation preparation. Please check the bulletin.**
- **Our RCIA team will be glad if you let them know of any adult who needs to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Communion. Please see the bulletin for more details.**
- **The new bathroom construction is nearing completion and should be ready for use in another week. Till then, kindly continue to use the school bathrooms, across the breezeway.**
- **The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is today. We salute all our seniors for their life of faith and for their effort to pass on faith and values to the next generation.**

**Do you like weeding your garden? If you don't, you will be happy to hear Jesus say "do not weed! Let them grow together till the harvest!" But then he was speaking about the punishment the human weeds will be getting at judgment. We come to church to be productive plants bringing joy and fruit for us and for others, and thereby pleasing God. That is the grace we can ask God today at this Mass.**

**Music for Our Assembly**  
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*See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good... Psalm 54*

**Entrance Hymn – Gather the People - Dan Schutte**

**Gather the people! Enter the feast!  
All are invited, the greatest and least.  
The banquet is ready, now to be shared.  
Join in the heavenly feast that God has prepared.**

1. Around this table we dine as kin,  
beloved fam'ly of God.  
We share the Body of Christ, the Lord.  
Here we become what we eat.

2. Around this table we tell great tales,  
the wondrous stories of grace.  
We hold the mem'ry of Christ, the Lord.  
So we become what we eat.

3. Around this table God's bounty falls  
on all who hunger and thirst.  
We drink the fullness of Christ, the Lord.  
So we become what we eat.

**Prayer of the Faithful**  
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**Our response is: "In Your name, O God, we pray."**

1. For Pope Francis and all church leaders... to lead and guide their flock to know the living God; For world, national, and local leaders...to listen and respond to the cry of the poor, we pray...
2. For this faith community of St. Matthias, especially our youth participating in Service projects ... to receive Your Word with open ears and loving hearts so that it bears fruit in our lives, we pray...
3. For all Grandparents and the elderly ... to have a sense of fulfillment as they see the fruits of their labor in the lives of their children and grandchildren, we pray...
4. For the sick and brokenhearted, especially those who have suffered under the brutal weather these past weeks... to receive grace and strength to endure their struggles, 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 – Shelter Me O God

**Shelter me, O God;  
hide me in the shadow of your wings.  
You alone are my hope.**

1. When my foes surround me,  
set me high above their reach.  
Hear when I call your name.

2. As a mother gathers her  
young beneath her care,  
gather me into your arms.

3. Though I walk in darkness,  
through the needle's eye of death,  
you will never leave my side.

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## **Communion Hymn – Miracle of Grace**

1. Miracle of grace, mystery of faith,  
calling us to venture to the deep.  
Though our senses fail, your graces still prevail,  
and we become the love that we receive.

**Bread of life, bread of life.**

**Those who eat this bread shall live and never die.**

**Bread of life, bread of life.**

**Your true presence in this holy sacrifice.**

**Bread of life.**

2. Unworthy though we are, you feed the hungry heart  
with bread come down from heaven above.  
And like a grain of wheat, we fall down at your feet,  
dying here with you. Oh, let us rise!
3. Your faithfulness revealed in this covenant you've sealed  
with your very body and your blood.  
Come, claim your bride again with love that cannot end,  
for what God joins no one can divide.

## Closing Hymn – There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in his justice  
Which is more than liberty.  
There is plentiful redemption  
In the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members  
In the sorrows of the Head.

2. For the love of God is broader  
Than the measures of our mind,  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more simple  
We should take him at his word,  
And our lives would be thanksgiving  
For the goodness of our Lord.

3. Troubled souls, why will you scatter  
Like a crowd of frightened sheep?  
Foolish hearts, why will you wander  
From a love so true and deep?  
There is welcome for the sinner  
And more graces for the good;  
There is mercy with the Savior,  
There is healing in his blood.

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## **Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16**

**Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.  
Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my pleading.

All the nations you have made shall come  
and worship you, O LORD,  
and glorify your name.  
For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds;  
you alone are God.

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity.  
Turn toward me, and have pity on me;  
give your strength to your servant.

**Lord, you are good and forgiving.**