

Pulpit Announcements for the Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time August 18, 2024

**Welcome to all who are here today on this
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

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

- **“Christmas in July, Spread the Light campaign” is on. Consider securing a family tree to honor your loved ones, family occasions or business. Forms are available in the back of the church or you can pay through Parish Giving via our website. Do not miss out on this beautiful display that honors our loved ones and brings joy to our community.**
- **Today we welcome Fr. Pauly and Fr. Justin for the Mission Appeal, assigned to us from the Mission Office of our Diocese of Metuchen. Today’s second collection is for the ministry of the Carmelite missions about which they will speak to us.**
- **If you know any adult, in your family or among friends, who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please let us know by calling the parish office. Our RCIA Team is getting ready for the next Class of 2025.**
- **Have you tried our weekly adoration? It 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.**

Jesus continues with the Bread of Life Discourse in today’s gospel. Despite objections, He doubles down on His assertion that we need to eat His body and drink His blood for eternal salvation. This truth brings more objections from the crowd. But we are here because we believe His Word. Let us welcome Him as he comes to give us Himself as spiritual food for our souls...

Music for Our Assembly

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*urn your eye, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.....Psalm 84*

Gathering Hymn – In This Place

1. We are all hungry people,
we need shelter and strength.
We are one in our hurting,
we are one in our pain.
In our suffering and sadness,
we are saved by the grace
of the power and the Spirit
that is here in this place.

**We are gathered at table*
as one in the Lord.
We are gathered as people
who are living the Word.
Our hearts and our spirits
are nurtured by grace.
It is Jesus who fills us.
He is here in this place.**

2. All our lives are a Myst'ry;
we see not where they lead.
We are asked now to trust you
and we know we must believe.
As our feet become Christ's feet,
we go forth with the grace
of the power and the Spirit
that is here in this place.

3. Though the world may tell us
to look at ourselves,
we reach out to another
where suffering dwells.
As our hands become
Christ's hands,
we are healed by the grace
of the power and the Spirit
that is here in this place.

4. In the bread that is broken
is the Christ that restores.
As we take, now receive him,
we find love evermore.
As the bread becomes Body,
we are filled with the grace
of the power and the Spirit
that is here in this place

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...Help them to foster unity among Christians so that all who bear the name will work toward healing the wounds of the Body of Christ and sharing common worship, we pray...
2. For government and business leaders...Lead them by Your wisdom to choose good rather than evil, honesty rather than deceit, and service rather than greed, we pray ...
3. For the faith community of St. Matthias...Give us a deeper appreciation of the Eucharist, so that we may recognize ourselves as part of one body and continue the mission of Jesus to bring life to others, we pray
4. For Fr. Pauly and Fr. Justin and their Carmelites' missionary efforts in different parts of the world ... that their ministry to spread God's kingdom will bear rich fruits, we pray.
5. For strength for those who are ill in mind, body, or spirit...and for comfort to those who mourn the passing away of **Catherine Murphy**, and for all who have died, we pray. . .
6. For the prayers that are silent in our hearts, (LONG PAUSE), we pray...

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes the Intercessions:

5 PM: Lou Carcich

8 AM: Teofilo S. Bathan

10 AM: Intention of Parishioners

12 PM: Cristina Balingit

Preparation of the Gifts - Ang Katawan Ni Cristo

1. In the presence of our God,
as we gather here in Christ,
feel the Spirit breathe upon us,
the breath of life, graced and divine.
We have come to break the bread;
we have come to share our lives.
Let us bring these fruits to the table,
the love of God, yours and mine!

**Ang katawan ni Kristo,
ang katawan ni Kristo.
Behold, the Body of Christ!
Jesus, our Savior and Life!
Rejoice, O People of God!
We are the Body of Christ!**

2. When we gather in our homes,
through our prayers and our meals,
we are fed and nourished together,
our families, broken and blessed.
In the household of the Lord,
where we come to share the meal,
we are fed the words of our Savior,
one family, strengthened and healed.

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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 - To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King

1. To Jesus Christ, our sov'reign King,
Who is the world's salvation,
All praise and homage do we bring
And thanks and adoration.

Christ Jesus, Victor!

Christ Jesus, Ruler!

Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer!

2. Your reign extend, O King benign,
To ev'ry land and nation;
For in your Kingdom, Lord divine,
Alone we find salvation.
Christ Jesus...
3. To you, and to your church, great King,
We pledge our heart's oblation;
Until before your throne we sing
In endless jubilation.
Christ Jesus...

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

Glorify the LORD with me,
Let us together extol his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
And delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy.
And your faces may not blush with shame.
When the afflicted man called out, the LORD heard,
And from all his distress he saved him.

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