

Pulpit Announcements for the Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time September 1, 2024

**Welcome to all who are here today on this
22nd 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 Christmas Tree campaign is a reminder to have 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.**
- **When we contribute via check, Chase Bank insists that the checks must be made payable to the “Church of St. Matthias.” No other variation of this designation will be acceptable due to greater security controls.**
- **Anne Marie Francis and Mary-Frances Reavey our RCIA Coordinators and Team are getting ready for the next Class of 2025. They will appreciate it if you let them know of anyone, in your family or among friends, who has not received the Sacraments of Initiation, especially Confirmation.**
- **Are you a good singer or instrumentalist? Would you like to learn how to ring handbells? Our Music Ministry at St. Matthias is welcoming new members as we begin our fall season together. Our rehearsals resume the week of September 8. We have openings in our choirs for all voice parts, especially sopranos, whether you are an experienced singer or just starting out. If you have a passion for music, come to the Music Area after Mass today and get a copy of our Open House Rehearsal schedule.**
- **The Parish Office and Church will be closed on Monday for Labor Day. No Mass and No Adoration on Monday.**

The gospel today is about the need for our words to correspond to what is in the heart. External ritual without meaning it internally is unacceptable to God. Is our focus on external actions & rituals or on what they stand for? How attentive are we at the Mass? Let us welcome Jesus and experience a personal encounter with Him in and through this celebration and be enriched...

Music for Our Assembly
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*Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call on you.....Psalm 86*

Gathering Hymn – Alleluia Sing to Jesus

1. Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
His the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood.

3. Alleluia! Bread of Angels,
Here on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful
Flee to you from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia! King eternal,
You the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth your footstool, heav'n your throne:
You, within the veil, have entered,
Robed in flesh, our great high priest;
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.

Text: Revelation 5:9; William C. Dix, 1837-1898

Prayer of the Faithful

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

1. For Pope Francis and all Church leaders ... that their efforts in the demanding work of preaching may be united with those of Jesus, we pray...
2. For all governmental leaders especially those of our country,... that they will dedicate themselves to justice, peace, and authentic freedom, we pray ...
3. For this faith community of St. Matthias and for our Nation on this Labor Day Weekend...that, all may find work suitable to their human dignity, and that all human work may be directed to God's glory, we pray. . .
4. For those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, that their prayers will be heard by God and peace of mind granted them ... and for those who have died. Especially **Lillian Mary McKeown**, and **Gary Polansky**, that God may raise them up to the bliss of heavenly glory, we pray. . .
5. For blessings on all students, teachers, and administrators as they begin a new and successful school year, we pray. . .
6. For the intentions in the hearts of all those in this assembly, (LONG PAUSE) that our prayers will be heard by our loving God, we pray...

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes the Intercessions:

5 PM: Intention of Parishioners / Birthday Blessings for Austin J. Ramos

8 AM: Health & Blessings for Santina C. Spinella

10 AM: Miriam Weeks Delcina & Doris Yearwood

12 PM: Leonida Torres

Preparation of the Gifts - Only This I Want

**Only this I want:
but to know the Lord,
and to bear his cross,
so to wear the crown he wore**

1. All but this is loss,
worthless refuse to me,
for to gain the Lord
is to gain all I need.

2. I will run the race;
I will fight the good fight,
so to win the prize
of the kingdom of my Lord.

3. Let your heart be glad,
always glad in the Lord,
so to shine like stars
in the darkness of the night.

Communion Hymn – Ang Katawan Ni Kristo

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.

**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!**

Bridge

Is not the meal that we bless and
share
a communion in the life of Christ?
One bread, one blessing, one cup
make us one body in our Lord. (to
Verse 3)

3. In the presence of our God,
by the justice that is shown,
we will build a kingdom together;
the love of Christ given to all!

**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!**

Closing Hymn - Canticle of the Sun

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and all creation is shouting for joy.

Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field, and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

1. Praise for the sun, the bringer of day,
He carries the light of the Lord in his rays;
The moon and the stars who light up the way
Unto your throne.
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees,
The seas mighty storms, the gentlest breeze;
They blow where they will, they blow where they please
To please the Lord.
3. Praise for the rain that waters our fields,
And blesses our crops so all the earth yields;
From death unto life her myst'ry revealed
Springs forth in joy.

Text: 76 76 D; Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900, alt. Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876.

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice;
who thinks the truth in his heart
and slanders not with his tongue.

Who harms not his fellow man,
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;
by whom the reprobate is despised,
while he honors those who fear the LORD.

Who lends not his money at usury
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things
shall never be disturbed.

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.