

Pulpit Announcements for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time September 15, 2024

**Welcome to all who are here today on this
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

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

- Thank you to those who have already sponsored a Christmas Tree to honor your loved ones, family occasions, or business. We encourage others to do the same. Forms are available in the back of the church or you can pay through Parish Giving via our website.
- Today is Catechetical Sunday. Please read the column that Debbie Schurko, our Director of Religious Education, has written in today's bulletin.
- The Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Mass will be celebrated at our church during the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, September 21. Parishioners and friends celebrating Hispanic Heritage are invited to come dressed in their ethnic outfits. All are welcome.
- The St. Matthias Filipino community will be hosting one of the Diocesan wide Masses for the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz here in our church on Friday 27th September at 7 pm. All are welcome.
- Please join the St. Matthias Racial Justice Initiative for the start of a 4-part Election Series this coming Thursday, September 19 from 7 to 8:30 pm in the St. John XXIII Room. This is a safe, non-partisan event to link our Catholic Social Teaching with several racial justice topics. This upcoming session will focus on Voting Rights and Criminal Justice Reform. For more information, see page 7 of the bulletin.

Who is Jesus? Different people consider Jesus differently. But in today's gospel, we see Peter making a profession of faith in the true identity of Jesus as the Son of the Living God. How blessed we are to believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Let us welcome Him at the altar and into our hearts today...

Music for Our Assembly
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*You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love...Psalm 119*

Gathering Hymn – These Alone Are Enough

1. Take my heart, O Lord, take my hopes and dreams.
Take my mind with all its plans and schemes.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

2. Take my thoughts, O Lord, and my memory.
Take my tears, my joys, my liberty.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

3. I surrender, Lord, all I have and hold.
I return to you your gifts untold.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

4. When the darkness falls on my final days,
take the very breath that sang your praise.
Give me nothing more than your love and grace.
These alone, O God, are enough for me.

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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... Give them wisdom in addressing the wounds in the Church and guide them in renewing and restoring the community of faith, we pray...
2. For government leaders everywhere... Strengthen them to confront evil, show compassion for the wounded, work for peace and justice, and manifest Your reign amongst us, we pray ...
3. For the community of St. Matthias... Bless us with freedom of spirit. Free us from the narrow vision of who we want Jesus to be. Open us to all that Jesus is and all that Jesus desires to do for us, especially when we lay down our lives for others, we pray. . .
4. For all our Catechists on this Catechetical Sunday as we recognize and celebrate the gifts they bring to our parish community: may they continue to witness to the Faith in word and deed, we pray. . .
5. For those who are ill in mind, body, or spirit... Help them to trust in You, and show them the way to healing and wholeness... For all who have died, especially **Rodrique Jean-Louis**... Extend Your loving arms to bring them into everlasting life, we pray. . .
6. For the prayers that are silent in our hearts, we pray...

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes the Intercessions:

5 PM: Birthday Blessings for Regina Mallare, by Sister

8 AM: Intention of Parishioners / Rosario Ontong, by The Family

10 AM: Ann & Michael Koruda, by The Aiello Family

12 PM: Edgardo Mallare, by Sister

Preparation of the Gifts - Give Us Your Peace

Give us your peace, O God;
give us your peace, your peace.
Give us your peace, O God;
give us your peace, your peace.

1. When we're afraid, running from truth,
gather us back to you.
Take every fear and fill our hearts.
Give us your peace, O God.

2. When we are tired, weary, and worn,
take us into your arms,
where there is no need, there is no want.
Give us your peace, O God.

3. Lord, we belong to you alone;
show us the way back home
into your light, into your love.
Give us your peace, O God

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Communion 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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Closing Hymn - Lift High the Cross

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

1. Come, Christians, follow where the Master trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.
5. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the LORD because he has heard
my voice in supplication,
because he has inclined his ear to me
the day I called.

The cords of death encompassed me;
the snares of the netherworld seized upon me;
I fell into distress and sorrow,
and I called upon the name of the LORD,
"O LORD, save my life!"

Gracious is the LORD and just;
yes, our God is merciful.
The LORD keeps the little ones;
I was brought low, and he saved me.

For he has freed my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
I shall walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.

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