Pulpit Announcements for the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2023

Welcome to all who are here today on this 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time.
Whoever you are, or wherever you find yourself on the journey. Know that here at St. Matthias, ALL ARE WELCOME!

- After the 12 noon Mass today/tomorrow, our SMYLE Youth gathering will take place in the cafeteria. We request the parents to send your children ages 6th grade through high school to the noon Mass and the gathering - good fun and food await them!
- Thanks to the many who already reserved the Christmas
 Trees for the "Our spread the light tree campaign." If
 you have not signed up yet, please consider sponsoring
 a tree latest by mid-October. The forms are in the back
 of the church, and on the website. Do not miss this
 chance to honor a loved one, or celebrate your family
 and/or business.
- Today's 2nd collection is for repairs and maintenance of our church and school facilities.
- Our weekly adoration will resume this Monday.
 Most welcome to join any time between 6 8 pm.

Isn't it normal to put a limit on the number of times we forgive someone? Without limits, others can take advantage of our goodwill and compassionate heart. But Jesus tells us to practice forgiveness without limit! How do we practice this without letting others abuse our goodness? We can learn that from Jesus who comes to us in this Eucharistic Celebration

Music for Our Assembly

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Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for you that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel... Sirach 36:18

Entrance Hymn - All Are Welcome in this Place

All are welcome in this place.
Behold Love's amazing grace.
All are welcome! All are welcome!
Bring your hopes, bring your dreams.
Mercy flows and Love redeems!
All are welcome! All belong!

- Welcome, all the brokenhearted, all who sorrow and despair.
 You are not alone, for you are God's own!
 Together, we sing and we proclaim!
- 4. Welcome, all who work for justice, bringing hope, charity, and peace! You are not alone, for you are God's own! Together, we sing and we proclaim!

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Prayer of the Faithful 24th Sunday of Ordinary

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

- 1. For Pope Francis and all church leaders...Fill them with your spirit of forgiveness and teach them that none of us lives for ourselves, we pray...
- 2. For all world, national, and local leaders...Guide them to recognize those living on the margins, the poor and the weak, who need our love and attention and support, we pray...
- 3. For the Church including this faith community of St. Matthias...May we continue to live out our call that 'ALL ARE WELCOME' here, we pray...
- 4. For all affected by terrorism, wars, hurricanes, floods and earthquakes, as well as all who are sick, especially those listed in our church bulletin...Bestow on them and their caregivers your healing presence, comfort, and love, we pray...
- 5. For the souls of all who have died, especially *MaryAnn Vetter and Louis Nepote*...May they enjoy eternal rest, we pray...
- 6. For those prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts ...PAUSE, we pray...

Presider announces the Mass intention and concludes.

Preparation Hymn – Loving and Forgiving

Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you.

- All my being, bless the Lord, bless the holy name of God.
 All my being, bless the Lord, rememb'ring the goodness of God.
- 2. God forgives us all our sins, healing those who live in pain, saving us from final death, God fills us with goodness and love.
- 3. Good and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger, rich in love.
 God remembers not our sins; forgiving and loving is God.
- 4. As heaven soars above the earth, so great the love of God for us. As far as east is from the west, the Lord takes our sins from us.

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Communion Hymn - Bread of Life

Bread of life, hope of the world, Jesus Christ, our brother: feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.

- 1. As we proclaim your death, as we recall your life, we remember your promise, to return again.
- 2. The bread we break and share was scattered once as grain: just as now it is gathered, make your people one.
- 3. We eat this living bread, we drink this saving cup: sign of hope in our broken world, source of lasting love.
- 4. Hold us in unity, in love for all to see; that the world may believe in you, God of all who live.
- 5. You are the bread of peace, you are the wine of joy, broken now for your people, poured in endless love.

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Closing Hymn - Hosea

1. Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart. Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall; so must we to others' call.

Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.

- The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak.
 Integrity and justice, With tenderness, you shall know.
- 3. You shall sleep secure with peace; faithfulness will be your joy.

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

The Lord is Kind and Merciful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

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