

Pulpit Announcements for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 2023

**Welcome to all who are here today on this
25th Sunday of Ordinary Time.**

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

- **Did you reserve the Christmas Trees for the “Our Spread the Light tree campaign”? Many have already done so. If you have not signed up yet, please consider sponsoring a tree soon. The forms are in the back of the church, and on the website. Do not miss this chance.**
- **Next Sunday’s noon Mass will be a “Teaching Mass” explaining to us the meaning of each of the rituals, symbols and prayers of the Mass, so we can better understand what we celebrate. All are welcome.**
- **Today’s 2nd collection is for supporting our St. Matthias School.**
- **The 5 pm Mass on Saturday October 7 is designated as the Hispanic Heritage Month Mass.**
- **A reminder that our weekly adoration will be this Monday. Most welcome to join any time between 6 - 8 pm.**
- **And do not forget to bring your pets for a blessing next Sunday at 1 pm, soon after the 12 noon Mass.**
- **The St. Matthias School HSA is having 2 events; the Fall Mum sale is currently going on and will end this Friday, September 29th. In addition, Oktoberfest is next Saturday, September 30th at 6pm. For more details see page 8 of the bulletin.**

**We raise our voices against anything that we perceive as unfair.
Today’s gospel is about an unfairness that Jesus himself
apparently supports! But wait, we are judging it as unfair based
on worldly standards! What is God’s standard? Let us listen to
Jesus and allow him to teach us His ways as He comes to us in
this Eucharistic Celebration ...**

Music for Our Assembly

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*I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their God... Psalm 78*

Entrance Hymn – Gather Us In

1. Here in this place new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in' the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in' the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young' our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old' who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in' the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in' the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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Prayer of the Faithful

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

1. For Pope Francis and all shepherds of the church, ... that for them Christ may be magnified in all things as they give Him their fruitful labor for the benefit of the faithful, we pray...
2. That God whose thoughts are far above our thoughts, may direct the minds of the world leaders to decisions for life, justice, morality, and as a result, peace, we pray...
3. That we may not begrudge God His generous mercy with the latecomers to His vineyard, but rejoice together with them that we have found such a good Master, we pray...
4. For all who need our prayers in a time of sickness, poverty, bereavement, hardship, and natural disasters, that our gracious and merciful Lord may show them His compassion in healing and strength, we pray...
5. For all who have died, especially ***Paul Saint-Aime***. That they may be with Christ in the kingdom of love and joy that is Heaven, we pray...
6. For the intentions in the hearts of all those in this assembly, (LONG PAUSE), we pray...

Presider announces the Mass intention and concludes.

Preparation Hymn – Lord of All Hopefulness

1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child like, no cares can destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.

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Communion Hymn – Shepherd Me O God

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.
3. Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.
5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

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Closing Hymn – Go Make a Difference

Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

1. We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God in you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

2. We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

3. So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.

The LORD is just in all his ways
and holy in all his works.

The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.

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