

Pulpit Announcements for the Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2023

Welcome to all who are here today on this
31st Sunday of Ordinary Time.

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

- **(Only at the 5 p.m. Mass):** You're invited to a Movie Night this evening at 6 p.m., just after the 5 p.m. Mass. The movie is "Just Mercy." A light dinner will be served just before the movie, and a brief reflection and discussion period will occur afterward. All are welcome.
- Join the St. Martin De Porres Society for our special liturgy to celebrate National Black Catholic History Month and the Feast of St. Martin De Porres. This festive Mass will be next Sunday at 12 noon.
- The pro-life committee is selling raffle tickets this weekend after all Masses. The drawing will be held on November 17th. Proceeds to benefit NJ's right to life.
- Do you know any adult who needs the Sacrament of Confirmation? Please refer them to the Parish Office so they can join the RCIA that we have just begun.
- You are welcome to join our weekly Monday evening Adoration - any time between 6-8 pm.

In today's Gospel, Jesus condemns the religious leaders who did not practice what they asked others to do. We appreciate leaders who exercise authority through humble service and who practice what they preach. Jesus who comes at the altar, will help us to be true to our word..... Let us humbly allow him to do that in our lives...

Music for Our Assembly

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*Forsake me not, O Lord, my God: be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation...Psalm 37*

Entrance Hymn – Come Christians Join to Sing

1. Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,
Before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice:
Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high;
Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend;
Our cry he will attend;
His love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet the Lord again;
Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore:
Alleluia! Amen!

Text: 66 66 D; Christian H. Bateman, 1813–1889, alt. Music: anon. melody, Philadelphia, 1826.

Prayer of the Faithful
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Our response is: "In Your name, O God, we pray."

1. For Pope Francis, Bishops, priests, and all Church leaders ...
That they will practice what they preach and lead us through
humble service, we pray . . .

2. For all governmental leaders especially those of our country, ...
that they will be guided by virtuous principles and what is truly
good for the people they govern, we pray . . .

3. That our faith community of St. Matthias will grow in holiness,
especially through greater outreach to the poor and needy; and
that our love for the Eucharist will give us strength, we pray . . .

4. That this National Vocation Awareness Week will help us all to
respond to the vocation to be holy, and that more young people
will be open to the priesthood and consecrated life, we pray . . .

5. For comfort and peace to those who are ill in body, mind or
spirit, and those living with war and death and devastation;
(PAUSE) And for eternal rest in the Lord for all the departed
souls, we pray . . .

6. For the intentions in the hearts of all those in this assembly,
(LONG PAUSE) we pray . . .

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes.

Preparation Hymn – O Beauty Ever Ancient

1. Oh, late have I loved you,
oh, late have I turned;
turned from seeking you in creatures,
fleeing grief and pain within.

**O Beauty, ever ancient,
O Beauty, ever new:
you, the mirror of my life renewed,
let me find my life in you!**

2. My unloveliness I ran from,
turned to seek you in all things,
things you fashioned as a pathway;
yet I lost myself in them.
3. This created world is glorious,
yet I could not see within,
see your loveliness behind all,
find the Giver in the gift.
4. I had wandered far, perceiving
that I walked my road alone.
Yet you called, you shone, you summoned,
and you drew my spirit home.
5. In your loveliness you made me,
in your godly image true;
by your grace you have renewed me;
let me live my life in you!

Communion Hymn – Center of My Life

O Lord, you are the center of my life:

**I will always praise you, I will always serve you,
I will always keep you in my sight.**

1. Keep me safe, o God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord, "You are my God.
My happiness lies in you alone;
my happiness lies in you alone."
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight;
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even in safety shall my body rest.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, at your right hand
happiness forever.

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Closing Hymn – Alleluia Raise the Gospel

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Raise the Gospel over the earth!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Peace and justice bringing to birth!

1. Blessed those whose hearts are gentle.
Blessed those whose spirits are strong.
Blessed those who choose to bring forth
right where there is wrong.
2. Blessed those who work for justice.
Blessed those who answer the call.
Blessed those who dare to dream of
lasting peace for all.
6. Glory to the Word of Justice.
Glory to the Spirit of Peace.
Glory to the God of Love whose
blessings never cease.

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 131:1, 2, 3

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O LORD, my heart is not proud,
nor are my eyes haughty;
I busy not myself with great things,
nor with things too sublime for me.

Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted
my soul like a weaned child.
Like a weaned child on its mother's lap,
so is my soul within me.

O Israel, hope in the LORD,
both now and forever.

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.