

Pulpit Announcements for the Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 19, 2023

**Welcome to all who are here today on this
33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time.**

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

- **Thank you for the encouraging response to our Christmas Tree campaign. Here's the last call for the handful of trees left for sponsorship. Any last-minute takers? Most welcome.**
- **Have you begun Thanksgiving Day with Mass? If not, most welcome to join the special Thanksgiving-Day-Mass at 8 am this Thursday.**
- **Today's 2nd collection is for the annual Works of Mercy Campaign. The proceeds benefit the local needs of those within our diocese by addressing the social issues of poverty and hunger. Today is the World Day of the Poor, this collection is very timely.**
- **Welcome to join our weekly Monday evening Adoration - any time between 6-8 pm.**

Those who use their gifts and talents in the service of one another, especially the poor and the needy, are blessed indeed. Such help or service need not be huge or beyond our means but can be in very small ways. Yes, we can be faithful in small matters because that is what counts for God, as we hear from Jesus in today's Gospel...Let us follow His Word...

Music for Our Assembly

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The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place... Jeremiah 29

Gathering Hymn – You Are Near

**O Lord, I know you are near,
standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe,
and you lead me in ways everlasting.**

1. Lord, you have searched my heart,
and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me, protecting me from death,
keeping me from harm.

2. Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there;
if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
still I'd find you there.

3. You know my heart and its ways,
you who formed me before I was born,
in the secret of darkness before I saw the sun,
in my mother's womb.

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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 church leaders, especially the bishops of the United States, ...Give them wisdom and insight as they address the challenges facing the Church today, we pray . . .
2. For all those in civic leadership...Let your Holy Spirit lead them in the growth of peace and awaken all warring parties to the value of human life and the long-term impact of violence, we pray.
3. For the Church...That we may be aware of the gifts of faith, time and opportunity that you have entrusted to us, be good stewards of these gifts, and diligently utilize them in the service of God and our neighbor, we pray . . .
4. For today's World Day of the Poor to remind us to appreciate and support all who are working to reduce global poverty, especially *Sr. Mary Vertucci* of our parish and her ministry in the Emusoi Center in Tanzania, we pray . . .
5. For the healing of all who are sick, especially those listed in our church bulletin...to experience light and strength; and for all who have died, especially ... to experience eternal rest in your presence..., we pray . . .
6. For those prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, (LONG PAUSE) . . .
..... we pray . . .

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes.

Preparation Hymn – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

**In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

2. I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father.
3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus.

*Text: Ephesians 5:8-10, Revelation 21:23, John 12:46, 1 John 1:5, Hebrews 12:1;
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Communion Hymn – In Every Age

1. Long before the mountains came to be
and the land and sea and stars of the night,
through the endless seasons of all time,
you have always been,
you will always be.

**In ev'ry age, O God,
you have been our refuge.
In ev'ry age, O God,
you have been our hope.**

2. Destiny is cast, and at your silent word
we return to dust and scatter to the wind.
A thousand years are like a single moment gone,
as the light that fades
at the end of day.

3. Teach us to make use of the time we have.
Teach us to be patient even as we wait.
Teach us to embrace our ev'ry joy and pain.
To sleep peacefully,
and to rise up strong.

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Closing Hymn – O God Beyond All Praising

1. O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end.
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word;
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

3. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still,
To marvel at your beauty and glory in you ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

**Blest are those who love you, happy those who follow you,
blest are those who seek you O God.**

Blessed are you who fear the LORD,
who walk in his ways!

For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
blessed shall you be, and favored.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the recesses of your home;
Your children like olive plants
around your table.

Behold, thus is the man blessed
who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion:
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

**Blest are those who love you, happy those who follow you,
blest are those who seek you O God.**