

Pulpit Announcements for the First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2024

**Welcome to all who are here today on this
1st Sunday of Advent.**

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

- **Our Youth group SMYLE continues to collect items for Unity Square 15 minutes before/after all Masses from now until December 15th. We greatly appreciate your generosity and support.**
- **Thank you to those who came to help with the setting up and decorating of the trees today/yesterday. We have accommodated last-minute sponsors. If you are a last-minute decider, please call the office or go to Parish Giving via our website.**
- **The Giving Tree is set up in our church. Thank you to those who have already taken a tag to donate gifts to help someone in need during the Christmas season. All gifts must be returned by December 15th.**
- **Next Sunday there will be a Second collection for the Retirement Fund to help the retired Religious Sisters**
- **You are welcome to join many of our parishioners at the Adoration on Monday evening - any time between 6-8 pm.**

Advent is a season to prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming. It is very easy to be distracted with the external preparations. What are we going to do for our internal preparation to welcome the Lord? Do we have a plan for our spiritual nourishment? May we allow Him to enter our hearts and bless us with a life of hope, joy, and peace. Let us earnestly welcome Him into our midst at his coming in this Eucharist....

Music for Our Assembly

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*To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame... Psalm 25*

Gathering Hymn – Come to Us O Emmanuel

Come to us, O Emmanuel

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1. As our faithful God has promised

Come to us...

Raising up a shoot of David

Come to us...

Bringing justice, bringing peace

Come to us, O Emmanuel

Come to us, O Emmanuel

Prayer of the Faithful

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Our response is: “*Lord of Hope, Hear Our Prayer.*”

1. For Pope Francis and all church leaders...May they seek the Holy Spirit in our new liturgical year, teaching and exhorting us and all the world to greater lives of faith, hope, and charity, Let us pray to the Lord...
2. For people in war-torn nations. May world leaders strive for peace upholding the dignity of all human life, Let us pray to the Lord...
3. For parents who work many hours in several jobs. May they find stability and comfort in the future. May Advent bring courage in their efforts to offer their children the basics of life, Let us pray to the Lord. . .
4. For people who go through darkness, anxiety, and anguish in this Advent season. May all who face despair and depression find the light of Christ. May they be blessed with good health of mind, body, and soul, Let us pray to the Lord. . .
5. For our sisters and brothers who have gone before us in faith, especially ***Helen Bell***, ... May the light of Christ shine boldly on our path to heaven, Let us pray to the Lord. . .
6. For those intentions and needs we have in the silence of our hearts, (LONG PAUSE), Let us pray to the Lord...

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes the Intercessions:

5 PM: Intention of Parishioners

8 AM: Thomas G. Riley

10 AM: Christine Retz

12 PM: In Loving Memory of Hector Concha Moreno

Preparation of the Gifts - Creator of the Stars of Night

1. Creator of the stars of night,
Your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
We pray you hear us when we call.

2. In sorrow that the ancient curse
Should doom to death a universe,
You came, O Savior to set free
Your own in glorious liberty.

3. When this old world drew on toward night,
You came; but not in splendor bright,
Not as a monarch, but the child
Of Mary, blameless mother mild.

4. At your great Name, O Jesus, now
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
All things on earth with one accord,
Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.

5. Come in your holy might, we pray,
Redeem us for eternal day;
Defend us while we dwell below
From all assaults of our dread foe.

6. To God Creator, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three-in-One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally.

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. Be with your people, Lord,
send us your saving Word:
Jesus Christ, light of gladness,
come among us now.

2. Bring to our world of fear
the truth we long to hear:
Jesus Christ, hope of ages,
come to save us now.

Closing Hymn - Sing Out Earth and Skies

1. Cantor: Come, O God of all the earth:
All: Come to us, O Righteous One;
Cantor: Come, and bring our love to birth:
All: In the glory of your Son.

Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries!
Dance to the life around you!

2. Cantor: Come, O God of wind and flame:
All: Fill the earth with righteousness;
Cantor: Teach us all to sing your name:
All: May our lives your love confess.
3. Cantor: Come, O God of flashing light:
All: Twinkling star and burning sun;
Cantor: God of day and God of night:
All: In your light we all are one.
4. Cantor: Come, O God of snow and rain:
All: Shower down upon the earth;
Cantor: Come, O God of joy and pain:
All: God of sorrow, God of mirth.
5. Cantor: Come, O Justice, Come, O Peace:
All: Come and shape our hearts anew;
Cantor: Come and make oppression cease:
All: Bring us all to life in you.

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

To you O Lord, I lift my soul, to you I lift my soul.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior,
and for you I wait all the day.

Good and upright is the LORD;
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,
and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy
toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees.
The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him,
and his covenant, for their instruction.

To you O Lord, I lift my soul, to you I lift my soul.