

Pulpit Announcements for the First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2023

**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!**

- The Knights of Columbus, along with the St. Matthias Home School Association, will hold a Blood drive on Saturday, December 9, from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Kindly participate in this noble mission.
- The Feast of Immaculate Conception is on Friday, December 8. Being a Holy Day of Obligation, there will be three opportunities for Mass: 8 am, 12:10 pm, and 7:30 pm.
- The third of our Eucharistic Presentation series will be this Wednesday, December 6, at 7 pm, in the John 23rd Conference Room. Our own Fr. Lancelot McGrath will be the presenter. Please come and be enriched.
- You're welcome to take a copy of "The Word Among Us" from the back of the church.
- Please join members of the St. Matthias Rosary Altar Society and fellow parishioners for a Rosary for families, **tomorrow / today** after the 10:00 AM Mass in the Pope St. John XXIII Room (PMR). Light refreshments will be served following the rosary.
- If you have not joined our weekly Monday evening Adoration, this is a reminder. Do drop in any time between 6-8 pm.

**Advent reminds us of Christmas. But unlike the glitter of the
commercials, Advent is a time of preparation for the Christ
Child's coming into our hearts through reflection on what the
Scriptures proclaim. Thus today, the focus in the gospel is on
the return of the Lord in glory while Isaiah invites
us to hope for healing from our sins.
Let us be ready to receive his blessings today...**

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. Shake the nations with your presence

Come to us...

Make the mountains quake and tremble

Come to us...

Rend the heavens and come down.

2. See us here, we are your people,

Come to us...

We the clay and you the potter

Come to us...

You have formed us, we are yours.

3. Bring glad tidings to the lowly,

Come to us...

Cry the song of sweet forgiveness

Come to us...

O Jerusalem take heart.

Prayer of the Faithful

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

1. For Pope Francis and all Church leaders ... That Christ may strengthen His Holy Church and that all preachers of the Word may announce the coming of the Prince of Peace to all nation, we ask . . .
2. For all governmental leaders around the world, ... For an end to all violent conflicts in the world and that government leaders work toward lasting peace and true justice, we ask.
3. For this faith community of St Matthias...that we may be watchful and alert, waiting for the Lord of the house to return, conducting ourselves as His good servants while we wait, we ask . . .
4. For those who are ill in body, mind or spirit, for the homeless and the hungry, that God hears all our prayers and that He gives them healing and grace, we ask . . .
5. For all who have died, _____ . That they are welcomed with open arms into the Kingdom of God and feel His never-ending peace..., we ask. . .
6. For the intentions in the hearts of all those in this assembly, (LONG PAUSE) we ask. . .

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes.

Preparation Hymn – My Soul in Stillness Waits

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits, truly my hope is in you.

1. O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,
your radiance shines in all who look to you,
come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits,
our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word,
come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.
3. O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,
and in your advent, draw us all to you,
our hope reborn in dying and in rising.
4. O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage,
we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain,
open to us the pathway of your peace.
5. Come, let us bow before the God who made us,
let ev'ry heart be opened to the Lord,
for we are all the people of his hand.
6. Here we shall meet the Maker of the heavens,
Creator of the mountains and the seas,
Lord of the stars, and present to us now.

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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. 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 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse your power,
and come to save us.

Once again, O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

May your help be with the man of your right hand,
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.