

Pulpit Announcements for the First Sunday of Lent March 9, 2025

**Welcome to all who are here today to celebrate this
First Sunday of Lent with us.**

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

- Our Lenten small groups have begun to meet. It is not too late to join if you want to try it out.
- Our Annual Mass with Anointing and prayers for healing will be on Saturday, March 22nd, at 11 am. All those desiring healing of body, mind, or spirit are welcome. Please consider helping family, friends, or neighbors who may need assistance coming to church.
- The Knights of Columbus have rescheduled the Pancake breakfast to March 16. Plan to come for a delicious home-made breakfast next Sunday.
- Two top officials of our diocese, Rev. Msgr. John Fell (Vicar for Clergy) and Very Reverend Jonathan Toborowsky (Vicar General) will return for the second listening session scheduled for this Monday, March 10th, at 7 pm in the Church. This is the last chance for us to share with them our expectations and priorities for our parish from the new pastor in the wake of the transition from the leadership of Fr. Abraham.
- Our Parish Retreat will be on Saturday, March 15th, from 9 am to 12 noon. Everyone is invited to come and be spiritually renewed. No registration is required. Come early for some light breakfast.
- Please join the STATIONS OF THE CROSS this Friday at 7 PM. There will be no adoration this Monday evening.

“Lead us not into temptation” is a petition we pray so often in the Our Father, and yet we succumb to many temptations. But today we hear how Jesus himself was tempted, and He shows us that we can resist the Evil One with God’s Word. Jesus is God’s Word. Today, when He comes at the altar and into our hearts during this Eucharistic Celebration, let us ask for His help for his grace to overcome temptations and remain faithful to His Word...

Music for Our Assembly

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*When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days...Psalm 91*

Gathering Hymn – In These Days of Lenten Journey

**In these days of Lenten journey
we have seen and we have heard
the call to sow justice
in the lives of those we serve.**

1. We reach out to those who are homeless,
to those who live without warmth.

In the coolness of evening we'll shelter their
dreams;

we will clothe them in mercy and peace.

2. We open our eyes to the hungry,
and see the faces of Christ.

As we nourish all people who hunger for food,
may their faith in our God be renewed.

Prayer of the Faithful

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Our response is: “*Lord, in your compassion, we pray.*”

1. For all the Church, that we may journey through this Lenten season with faith in God, who provides us with so much more than bread alone; that this season may become a source of grace and new life for us and for our brothers and sisters preparing for the Easter Sacraments, we pray. . .
2. For all who are working for Peace, that God will guide their efforts and renew their spirits as they work to protect life in this difficult time, for all who are suffering the chaos of war, for all who serve in the military, for the end of wars and conflicts and the healing of nations, we pray. . .
3. For our catechumens and candidates as we celebrate the Rite of Sending...May their preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation bring them spiritual nourishment, and for all our efforts to overcome temptations will bring us victory over sin, we pray...
4. For Pope Francis, and for all who are sick, for those suffering to be comforted, the frightened to be encouraged, for those who have no one to pray for them and for the names and prayers in our list of the sick, we pray. . .
5. For those who have died, especially ***Maria R. LaRosa***, all who have died alone, and those who have died in accidents, we pray. . .
6. For the silent intentions we hold deep in our hearts this day, we pray. . .

The PRIEST now mentions the Mass intention and says the JUBILEE PRAYER as the concluding prayer:

5 PM: Joseph Moran
8 AM: Intention of Parishioners
10 AM: Thomas Lewinski
12 PM: Nancy Gonzalez

Preparation of the Gifts - Lord Who Throughout These 40 Days

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days,
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to overcome our sins,
And close by you to stay.

2. As you with Satan did contend,
And did the vict'ry win,
O give us strength in you to fight,
In you to conquer sin.

3. As you did hunger bear and did thirst,
So teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self, and only live
By your most holy word.

4. And through these days of penitence,
And through your Passiontide,
Forevermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.

5. Abide with us that when this life
Of suffering is past,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last!

Communion Hymn – On Eagles Wings

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: 'My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield

3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

4. For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Coda: And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Closing Hymn - Led By the Spirit

1. Led by the Spirit of our God, we go to fast and pray
With Christ into the wilderness; we join his paschal way.
“Rend not your garments, rend your hearts. Turn back your lives to me.”
Thus says our kind and gracious God, whose reign is liberty.
2. Led by the Spirit, we confront temptation face to face,
And know full well we must rely on God’s redeeming grace.
On bread alone we cannot live, but nourished by the Word
We seek the will of God to do: this is our drink and food.
3. Led by the Spirit, now draw near the waters of rebirth
With hearts that long to worship God in spirit and in truth.
“Whoever drinks the drink I give shall never thirst again.”
Thus says the Lord who died for us, our Savior, kin and friend.
4. Led by the Spirit, now sing praise to God the Trinity:
The Source of Life, the living Word made flesh to set us free,
The Spirit blowing where it will to make us friends of God:
This myst’ry far beyond our reach, yet near in healing love.

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble; be with me, Lord, I pray.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
say to the LORD, “My refuge and fortress,
my God in whom I trust.”

No evil shall befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your tent,
For to his angels he has given command about you,
that they guard you in all your ways.

Upon their hands they shall bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
You shall tread upon the asp and the viper;
you shall trample down the lion and the dragon.

Because he clings to me, I will deliver him;
I will set him on high because he acknowledges my name.
He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in distress;
I will deliver him and glorify him.

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble; be with me, Lord, I pray.