

## **Pulpit Announcements for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 14, 2024**

**Welcome to all who are here today on this  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

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

- **Join us for an evening of fun and chance at our annual Night of Winners on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Registration and basket raffle tickets for Night of Winners 2024 are on sale NOW! Donations are currently being accepted. All proceeds go to supporting St. Matthias School. For information, please see our bulletin or the St. Matthias School website.**
- **Come spend some time in prayer and reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays between 6 PM and 8 PM. Our next Eucharistic Adoration will be on **Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**.**
- **The parish office will be closed this Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

**In today's Gospel, we witness the initial followers who made the pivotal choice to follow Jesus. As human beings, we are often presented with the option to chart our own course in life, choosing to navigate it according to our personal preferences. For Christians, this journey poses a continuous challenge, akin to standing at a crossroads: will I wholeheartedly embrace the path of following Christ, or will I persist in shaping my life solely on my own terms?**

# Music for Our Assembly

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*All the earth shall bow down before you, O God and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to you name, O Most High!... Psalm 66*

#### Gathering Hymn – Here I Am Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the  
night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love  
alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

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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 our holy leaders and priests ... That they may be familiar with the ways of the Lord and able to teach the young how to listen for and respond to God’s call, as Eli did with Samuel, we pray.  
..
2. For all governmental leaders especially those of our country... That God’s justice may be announced in the vast assembly of the nations, so that morality and respect for all life may re-emerge and prevail, we pray...
3. For this faith community of St Matthias...that, we may live in the world with our eyes fixed on the coming of God’s kingdom, we pray. . .
4. We pray that Jesus may intervene in the lives of the poor, the sick, the grieving, and the oppressed, sending His followers to keep them and supporting them in their hearts, we pray . . .
5. For all who have died, especially ***Nancy Checchio, William Betterbid, Marie Catapano, Vincent Simpson, and Norma Rosa.*** That God may purify and reward their devotion with the joys of paradise, ... 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 – Hold On to Love**

1. There is a place for the sadness. Hold on to Love.  
There is a season of gladness. Hold on to Love.  
When pain and confusion seem endless, hold on to Love.  
We cultivate healing through kindness. Hold on to Love.

**Hold on to Love, where hope is found.**

**Hold on to Love, where joy abounds.**

**Hold on to Love, where grace and mercy's overflowing.**

**Hold on to Love.**

2. When terror and fear overwhelm us, hold on to Love.  
Courage and faith will sustain us. Hold on to Love.  
When violence seeks to destroy us, hold on to Love.  
Acts of compassion restore us. Hold on to Love.

3. When hatred is used to divide us, hold on to Love.  
Wisdom and truth reunite us. Hold on to Love.  
When prejudice poses as freedom, hold on to Love.  
Dignity means "all are welcome!" Hold on to Love.

## Communion Hymn – Shepherd Me O God

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears,  
from death into life.**

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.
3. Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.
5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of  
my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

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## Closing Hymn – In Christ There Is No East or West

1. In Christ there is no east or west,  
In him no south or north;  
But one great fam'ly bound by love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

2. In him shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
Their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord  
Close-binding humankind.

3. Join hands, disciples in the faith,  
Whate'er your race may be!  
Who serve each other in Christ's love  
Are surely kin to me.

4. In Christ now meet both east and west,  
In him meet south and north;  
All Christly souls are one in him,  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

*Text: CM; based on Galatians 3:28; John Oxenham, 1852–1941. Music: Spiritual;  
adapted by Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949.*

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