

Pulpit Announcements for the Third Sunday of Lent March 23, 2025

**Welcome to all who are here today to celebrate this
Third 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!**

- Attendance is increasing as more people come to pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 7 pm. Please consider attending this ancient tradition of our Church as a wonderful spiritual prayer during Lent.
- Both Fr. Lance and Fr. Abraham will be available for Confessions during the upcoming Saturdays of Lent. All are encouraged to use this opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation sooner than later.
- There will be Adoration this Monday evening. All are invited to join any time between 6 PM and 8 PM.
- Our parish's first 40-hour Adoration begins next Sunday, March 30th soon after the 12 noon Mass. Thank you to so many of our parishioners who have already signed up for this first ever 40-Hour Adoration opportunity in our parish. You can still sign up; the volunteers are in the narthex/entrance of the church.

Who doesn't love to get a second chance? We all do, no doubt. Today's Gospel reminds us that God is giving us a 2nd chance... not just once, but many times. Do we respond and change our ways to please God? We should also ask ourselves another question: how often do we give second chances to others who hurt us? We must ask Jesus to help us practice this more Let us welcome Him at this Mass and seek His guidance...

Music for Our Assembly

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*My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor...Psalm 25*

Gathering Hymn – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
Your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
So weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that lifegiving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
And all your days be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I’ll walk
Till traveling days are done.

Text: CMD; Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt. Musi

Prayer of the Faithful

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

1. For Pope Francis and all church leaders . . . Inspire them to lead all nations to repent and encourage all who seek a conversion of heart, we pray. . .
2. For global, national, and civic leaders, ...Guide their hearts to listen humbly to the needs of the people they serve, we pray. . .
3. For us, the church community, together with our Catechumen who have their scrutiny today, to renounce sin and be spiritually transformed, and for all those preparing for the sacraments at the Easter Vigil, we pray...
4. For those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, especially Pope Francis and those on our school and parish sick, for all who feel alone or isolated in their suffering, . . . help them find strength to face their challenges with hope and courage, we pray. . .
5. For those who have died, especially ***Frank McCann*** and ***Babbet Doyley*** . . . bring them now into heaven for eternal rest, we pray . . .
6. For the silent intentions of all of us assembled here this day, we pray. . .

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

- 5 PM:** Helen Bell
8 AM: Aloyzas Liaukus
10 AM: Leonarda Borysewicz
12 PM: Intention of Parishioners

Preparation of the Gifts - Hosea

1. Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart. Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall; so must we to others' call.

Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.

2. The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak. Integrity and justice, With tenderness, you shall know.

3. You shall sleep secure with peace; faithfulness will be your joy.

Text: Based on Hosea 6:1, 3:3, 2:16, 21; Joel 2:12; Gregory Norbet, b.1940, © 1972, 1980, The Benedictine Foundation of the State of Vermont, Inc.

Communion 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?
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

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Closing 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.**

3. We open our ears to the weary
and hear the cry of the poor.

To the voices that echo the song of despair,
we will show our compassion and care.

4. We call on the Spirit of Justice
and pray for the righteousness' sake.

We will sing for the freedom of all the oppressed;
we will loosen the bonds of distress.

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills,
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

The LORD secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.
He has made known his ways to Moses,
and his deeds to the children of Israel.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

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