

Pulpit Announcements for the Third Sunday of Lent March 3, 2024

**Welcome to all who are here today on this
Third Sunday of Lent.**

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

- **“Empty Bowls Franklin Fundraiser” is on Sunday, March 10, from 1 - 4 pm at the DoubleTree Hotel in Somerset.**
- **The Self Care Fair is on Sunday, March 10, from 9 - 3 in our Parish Cafeteria.**
- **A half-day Cursillo retreat titled “Annual Encounter with Christ” on Saturday, March 9, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Mary Mother of God Church in Hillsboro. It is free for anyone to attend.**
- **Some scammers have been active again! They are asking for favor in the name of Fr. Abraham. Beware if you get a text or email with such a request in the name of Fr. Abraham!**
- **Calling all our men: the Diocese is organizing a leadership event at St. Joseph Church in Hillsborough. See page 8 in our bulletin for more information.**
- **If you have not attended the Stations of the Cross, why not come this Friday at 7 pm? Different Ministries are leading this devotion with a different reflection each Friday.**
- **Adoration on Mondays will continue as usual from 6-8 pm.**

Can we imagine an angry Jesus? Yes, we see him angry in today's gospel. Why? The temple of Jerusalem, a house of prayer, was desecrated for business like in a marketplace!

His just anger invites us to treat our church with due reverence as a house of prayer.

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 – In These Days of Lenten Journey

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 ... That the zeal for our Father's house may consume them as it did Jesus, so that they may be faithful ministers at His altar, we pray.
2. For all governmental leaders especially those of our country ... that God may place His law in their hearts that they may come to obey Him, we pray...
3. For this faith community of St Matthias, and for our catechumen and candidates, that they may be true worshippers who adore the Father in Spirit and truth and who have no other spiritual food than to do the will of the One who has chosen them, we pray. . .
4. For those who are ill in body, mind or spirit, that Jesus, who understands human nature and its weaknesses and their burdens may comfort and heal those who bring their needs to this Holy Sacrifice, we pray . . .
5. For all who have died, especially **Bill Kelleher**. That Jesus who was raised from the dead, may raise them up to life, joy, and peace in His eternal kingdom, we pray . . .
6. For the intentions in the hearts of all those in this assembly, . . . we pray

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes.

Preparation Hymn – Lord Who Throughout these 40 Days

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days,
For us did fast and pray,
Teach us to overcome our 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 thirst,
So teach us, gracious Lord,
To die to self, and always 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!

Text: CM; Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898, alt. Music: The Whole Psalmes in Foure Partes, 1563, alt.

Communion Hymn – In This Place

1. We are all hungry people,
we need shelter and strength.
We are one in our hurting,
we are one in our pain.
In our suff'ring and sadness,
we are saved by the grace
of the power and the Spirit
that is here in this place.

**We are gathered at table*
as one in the Lord.
We are gathered as people
who are living the Word.
Our hearts and our spirits
are nurtured by grace.
It is Jesus who fills us.
He is here in this place.**

2. All our lives are a Myst'ry;
we see not where they lead.
We are asked now to trust you
and we know we must believe.
As our feet become Christ's feet,
we go forth with the grace
of the power and the Spirit
that is here in this place.

3. Though the world may tell us
to look at ourselves,
we reach out to another
where suffering dwells.
As our hands become
Christ's hands,
we are healed by the grace
of the power and the Spirit
that is here in this place.

4. In the bread that is broken
is the Christ that restores.
As we take, now receive him,
we find love evermore.
As the bread becomes Body,
we are filled with the grace
of the power and the Spirit
that is here in this place.

Closing Hymn – Beyond the Days

**Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry
we see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst for guidance
to walk with you day by day.**

1. Forty days and nights,
you guide the steps of our journey.
May your presence be felt
in the whisper of your voice.

2. Not on bread alone
are we to walk on this journey.
Speak the words that give life
to the yearnings of our hearts.

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the command of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eye.

The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true,
all of them just.

They are more precious than gold,
than a heap of purest gold;
sweeter also than syrup
or honey from the comb.

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