

**Pulpit Announcements for
Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026**

**Welcome to all who are here today as we celebrate the
Third Sunday of Lent.**

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

- Join us Monday evening at 7:00 PM in the main church for a Lenten spiritual journey with Fr. Choy and his inspiring talks.
- Our annual Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held on Monday, March 23rd at 6:00 pm. Eleven priests will be available for confession on the first floor of the school, with Eucharistic Adoration taking place in the church.
- On Saturday, March 28, after the 5:00 PM Mass, join us for a very special presentation on the Shroud of Turin, believed to be the ancient burial cloth of Jesus Christ. Fr. Andrew Dalton, a world renowned expert, will share insights on the scientific, scriptural, and theological truths revealed by the shroud.
- The Stations of the Cross are held every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm in the main Church.

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 – 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..

Prayer of the Faithful

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

1. For Pope Leo, and all Church leaders who must respond to the demands of the people, that God may stand with them as He did with Moses, providing the water of life in the church through their ministry, we pray . . .
2. For all government leaders especially those of our country, that they and the people of the earth may not test or tempt God with immorality and injustice but listen to HIS voice and respond with reverence and obedience, we pray . . .
3. For faith community of St. Matthias, that we may give Jesus the cool water of our faith and our love, and that we may understand the gift of God, knowing that Jesus is the One who gives us the living water of everlasting life, we pray . . .
4. For all those in OCIA, that our catechumens may be true worshippers who adore the Father in spirit and who have no other spiritual food than to do the will of the One who has chosen them, we pray . . .
5. For those who are ill in body, mind or spirit, that Jesus who gently led the Samaritan woman to salvation, may reach out to all the souls who need to come home to His love during this holy season, we pray . . .
6. For all who have died, especially **Salvatore “Sal” Saladini**, may they now be at peace with our Lord in heaven, we pray...
7. For _____ (**see list below**), for whom this Mass is being offered, we pray . . .
8. For the intentions in the hearts of all those in this assembly, (LONG PAUSE)
May our loving Lord hear our prayers, we pray . .

5 PM: Patricia Zebro / 45th Wedding Anniversary Tom & Annie Dupras

8 AM: Intention of the Parishioners

10 AM: Memory of Yearwood Family / Celia & Conrado Magat

12 PM: Albert Hinn

Preparation of the Gifts - O Beauty Ever Ancient

1. Oh, late have I loved you,
oh, late have I turned;
turned from seeking you in creatures,
fleeing grief and pain within.

**O Beauty, ever ancient,
O Beauty, ever new:
you, the mirror of my life renewed,
let me find my life in you!**

2. My unloveliness I ran from,
turned to seek you in all things,
things you fashioned as a pathway;
yet I lost myself in them.

3. This created world is glorious,
yet I could not see within,
see your loveliness behind all,
find the Giver in the gift.

4. I had wandered far, perceiving
that I walked my road alone.
Yet you called, you shone, you summoned,
and you drew my spirit home.

5. In your loveliness you made me,
in your godly image true;
by your grace you have renewed me;
let me live my life in you!

Communion Hymn – Loving and Forgiving

**Loving and forgiving are you, O Lord;
slow to anger, rich in kindness,
loving and forgiving are you.**

1. All my being, bless the Lord,
bless the holy name of God.
All my being, bless the Lord,
rememb'ring the goodness of God.

2. God forgives us all our sins,
healing those who live in pain,
saving us from final death,
God fills us with goodness and love.

3. Good and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger, rich in love.
God remembers not our sins;
forgiving and loving is God.

4. As heaven soars above the earth,
so great the love of God for us.
As far as east is from the west,
the Lord takes our sins from us.

Closing Hymn – Change our Hearts

**Change our hearts this time,
your word says it can be.
Change our minds this time,
your life could make us free.
We are the people your call set apart,
Lord, this time change our hearts.**

1. Brought by your hand to the edge of our dreams,
one foot in paradise, one in the waste;
drawn by your promises, still we are lured by the shadows
and the chains we leave behind. But
2. Now as we watch you stretch out your hands,
off'ring abundances, fullness of joy.
Your milk and honey seem distant, unreal,
when we have bread and water in our hands. But
3. Show us the way that leads to your side,
over the mountains and sands of the soul.
Be for us manna, water from stone,
light which says we never walk alone. And

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;

let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Come, let us bow down in worship;

let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

For he is our God,

and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he
guides.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:

“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,

as in the day of Massah in the desert,

Where your fathers tempted me;

they tested me though they had seen my works.”

If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.