

Pulpit Announcements for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2024

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

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

- **Tomorrow/Today** begins Catholic Schools Week. This is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The opening of Catholic Schools Week begins at the 10:00 AM Mass and is immediately followed by an Open House at our school until 1 PM.
- Time is running out for registration and basket raffle tickets for our annual *Night of Winners* event taking place next Saturday, February 3rd. For information, please see our bulletin or visit the St. Matthias School website. Don't miss out on the fun!
- Set aside some time to join us on Monday evenings between 6 PM & 8 PM to quiet your mind, pray, and reflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Who can deny that Evil exists in our world?

Where does it come from?

How are we affected by it and how do we collaborate with it? Such troubling questions that we are all called to confront. In today's Gospel, we are confronted with the topic of EVIL in our world and how it affects each of us.

Christ shows His power over the spiritual forces.

Music for Our Assembly
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*Save Us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your name,
and make it our glory to praise you...Psalm 106*

Gathering Hymn – All Are Welcome in This Place

**All are welcome in this place.
Behold Love's amazing grace.
All are welcome!
All are welcome!
Bring your hopes, bring your dreams.
Mercy flows and Love redeems!
All are welcome!
All belong!**

1. Welcome, all the broken-hearted,
all who sorrow and despair.
You are not alone, for you are God's own!
Together, we sing and we proclaim!

4. Welcome, all who work for justice,
bringing hope, charity and peace!
You are not alone, for you are God's own!
Together, we sing and we proclaim!

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Prayer of the Faithful

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Our response is: “*In your name, O God, we pray.*”

1. For the leaders of our Church, especially Pope Francis...That the teachings of Jesus, as lived by their actions, guide and challenge us as we seek to be more authentic disciples, we pray. . .
2. For all those who govern over the human family of our world...That they will listen to and heed the needs of the powerless and marginalized as they develop legislative priorities, we pray...
3. For the Church, all Catholic schools, and especially for our students, faculty, and staff here at St. Matthias. May we continue to nurture their spiritual, academic, and physical needs through what we teach and how we live the values of the gospel, we pray. . .
4. For the children who received First Reconciliation this weekend, may the Holy Spirit continue to guide them on their journey to receive their First Communion, we pray . . .
5. For all who are sick, sad, and suffering, especially for broken families...That Your love will heal them, give them strength, and sustain them for their difficult journey, we pray . . .
6. For the souls of all who have died, especially ____...Let their grieving family and friends experience Your comforting presence and touch, we pray. . .
7. For those prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, (LONG PAUSE), . . we pray

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes.

Preparation Hymn – You Are the Healing

1. Jesus, you are the healing,
you came to make us whole again.
Jesus, you are the healing,
come show us how to live.
Jesus, you are the healing,
Jesus, you are the healing,
Jesus, you are the healing,
come show us how to live.

2. Jesus, you are the freedom,
you break the chains that bind us.
Jesus, you are the freedom,
come show us how to live.
Jesus, you are the freedom,
Jesus, you are the freedom,
Jesus, you are the freedom,
come show us how to live.

3. Jesus, you are the power,
you triumph over sin and death.
Jesus, you are the power,
come show us how to live.
Jesus, you are the power,
Jesus, you are the power,
Jesus, you are the power,
come show us how to live.

4. Jesus, the resurrection,
you raise us to eternal life.
Jesus, the resurrection,
come show us how to live)
Jesus, the resurrection,
Jesus, the resurrection,
Jesus, the resurrection,
come show us how to live.

Communion Hymn – Be Not Afraid

1. You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid.

I go before you always.

Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

3. Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you!

Closing Hymn – God Has Chosen Me

1. God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring new sight to those searching for light: God has chosen me, chosen me:

And to tell the world that God's kingdom is near, to remove oppression and breakdown fear, yes, God's time is near, God's time is near, God's time is near, God's time is near.

2. God has chosen me, God has chosen me to set alight a new fire. God has chosen me, God has chosen me to bring to birth a new kingdom on earth: God has chosen me, chosen me:

3. God is calling me, God is calling me in all whose cry is unheard. God is calling me, God is calling me to raise up the voice with no power or choice: God is calling me, calling me:

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

If today you hear his 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 his voice, harden not your hearts.