

# **Pulpit Announcements for Fourth Sunday of Lent March 15, 2026**

**Welcome to all who are here today as we celebrate the  
Fourth 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 at 7:00 PM in the main church for a Lenten spiritual journey with Fr. Choy and his inspiring talks.
- Next weekend we will offer an opportunity at the school for Easter Bunny pictures from 11am-1pm, we will also offer guided tours and an Open House.
- Our annual Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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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*Rejoice Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult at her consoling breast... Isaiah 66*

### **Gathering Hymn – In These Days of Lentem 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.

# Prayer of the Faithful

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

1. For Pope Leo XIV and all church leaders, that the light of Christ may lead them to pursue peace in our world, we pray. . .
2. For all national and international government leaders, that they may be enlightened and follow a peaceful course of action, we pray . . .
3. For the faithful community of St Matthias, that this Lenten journey may open their eyes and hearts to seek Christ who laid down his life for us, we pray . . .
4. For the Elect and all those seeking full communion with the church, that they may be strengthened during this journey to see more fully with the eyes of Christ, we pray . . .
5. For the sick members of our community, that God’s healing love and comfort may fill their hearts and souls, we pray . . .
6. For all who have died, especially **Deacon Noe Cortez**, that they rest forever in the arms of God, 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:** Brazil Vidal

**8 AM:** In Memory of John Blum

**10 AM:** Intention of the Parishioners

**12 PM:** Ratna Sintawati Rahardja

## **Preparation of the Gifts - I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light**

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

**In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

2. I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father.
3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus.

*Text: Ephesians 5:8-10, Revelation 21:23, John 12:46, 1 John 1:5, Hebrews 12:1;  
Kathleen Thomerson, b.1934, © 1970, 1975, Celebration.*

## 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.

## Closing Hymn – Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace!  
How sweet the sound  
That saved \*a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.
  
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!
  
3. The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.
  
4. Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.
  
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

*Text: CM; verses 1–4, John Newton, 1725–1807; verse 5, anon., fr. A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790.*

*Music: Columbian Harmony, 1829.*

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## **Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6**

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
beside restful waters he leads me;  
he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley  
I fear no evil; for you are at my side  
With your rod and your staff  
that give me courage.

You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Only goodness and kindness follow me  
all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
for years to come.

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**