

Pulpit Announcements for the Fourth Sunday of Lent March 30, 2025

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

- Thank you to the growing number of our parishioners attending the Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent at 7 pm. Please consider attending this ancient tradition of our Church as a wonderful spiritual prayer during Lent.
- Our Parish Penance Service for Lent will be on Monday, April 7, at 6:30 PM, with many priest-confessors. But as announced, both Fr. Lance and Fr. Abraham are available for Confessions during the Saturdays of Lent. All are encouraged to use this opportunity sooner rather than later.
- There will be Adoration this Monday evening. All are invited to join any time between 6 PM and 8 PM.
- Our 40-hour Adoration begins **tomorrow/today**, soon after the 12 noon Mass. Thank you to so many of you who have already signed up for this first-ever 40-Hour Adoration opportunity in our parish. You are welcome to join anytime during the day

The parable of the Prodigal Son is probably the best-known parable of Jesus. When we hear it proclaimed today, ask ourselves: who do I identify most with? The prodigal son who selfishly ran away with his inheritance? The older son who was intolerant and jealous of his Father's mercy to the prodigal...? Or the Father who was lavish in understanding his wayward son? Ask Jesus for guidance to learn what he is teaching us in and through this parable...

Music for Our Assembly

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*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast...Isaiah 66*

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 Francis and all Church leadersThat there may be a special blessing on their ministries of reconciliation and forgiveness. For all governmental leaders, especially those of our country, ... That they may act with moral integrity before God, and secure justice and defend the rights of the oppressed, we pray. . .
2. For this faith community of St Matthias...That God, the generous and forgiving Father of all His Prodigal children and also His intolerant children, may give us hope in His mercy, and grace to rejoice in the return of the sinner to His Love, we pray. . .
3. For young people who have run away from their families that God will protect them from harm and give them the courage to make contact again; For broken and divided families, may long-standing resentment and separation give way to acceptance and healing, we pray...
4. For those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our Parish and School family sick list, and those in grief...That the Lord may hear their call for help and give them cause to be radiant with joy, we pray. . .
5. For all who have died, especially ***Juanita Lassiter*** ...That they are now feasting their eyes on the face of God in the Promised Land of Heaven, we pray . . .
6. For the intentions in the hearts of all those in this assembly, (LONG PAUSE) ...May the Lord hear our prayers and give us His Peace, we pray. . .

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

5 PM: Intention for the Parishioners
8 AM: Birthday blessings for Gondee Tibay
10 AM: Na Hian Nie
12 PM: Bill Frank

Preparation of the Gifts - Softly and Tenderly

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

**Come home, come home,
You who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling—
Calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,
Mercies for you and for me?
3. O for the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me;
Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909.

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 - 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.

*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 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall be ever in my mouth.

Let my soul glory in the LORD;

the lowly will hear me and be glad.

Glorify the LORD with me,

let us together extol his name.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me

and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,

and your faces may not blush with shame.

When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,

and from all his distress he saved him.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.