

Pulpit Announcements for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 9, 2025

**Welcome to all who are here today to celebrate this
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time with us.
Whoever you are or wherever you find yourself on the journey.
Know that here at St. Matthias, ALL ARE WELCOME!**

- The Knights of Columbus annual Pancake Breakfast that was scheduled for **Tomorrow/Today** is cancelled due to the expected inclement weather.
- All are encouraged to attend a very special Mass in honor of Black History Month on Saturday, February 22nd at 5 pm here at St. Matthias!
- EL SHADDAI, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Community, Cordially Invites You to a Day of Praise and Worship next **Saturday, February 15th** from 1 pm - 4 pm in the St. Matthias School Cafeteria. All are welcome!
- You are welcome to join many of our parishioners at Eucharistic Adoration on Monday evening - any time between 6-8 pm.

In today's Gospel we are called to trust God. God's power is greater than our failures and He calls us not because we are perfect, but because He has a purpose for us. Like Peter, when we trust in Christ, He can transform our ordinary efforts into something extraordinary. Today, we are invited to let go of fear, trust in Jesus, and follow Him wholeheartedly....

Music for Our Assembly
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*O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God...Psalm 95*

Gathering Hymn – Lead Me Guide Me

**Lead, me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without thy Light to see.
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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Prayer of the Faithful

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Our response is: "In your name, O God, we pray."

1. For Pope Francis and all Church leaders and they whom the Lord has sent as prophets and ministers in His name, that their lips may be sure and their hearts clean by contact with the Lord, we pray. . .
2. For all governmental leaders especially those of our country, that all the rulers of the world govern according to His ways, defending life, fostering human dignity, and upholding justice, we pray. . .
3. For this faith community of St Matthias, as we are sent as apostles and missionaries of the church, and we may work hard and catch nothing, that Jesus may inspire us to try one more time and fill the churches' nets with souls to be saved, we pray...
4. For those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our Parish and School family sick list, that God may complete the good work He has begun in them, building up strength within them for His glory, we pray. . .
5. For all who have died, especially **Betty Finnegan, Jozef Wyka, and William Merrill** that Christ, who died for our sins, may purify the souls of all the dead and bring them rejoicing into His heavenly kingdom, we pray. . .
6. For the intentions in the hearts of all those in this assembly, (LONG PAUSE) we pray. . .

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes the Intercessions:

- 5 PM:** Jack Shafranski
8 AM: Intention of Parishioners
10 AM: Harold Wolkoff
12 PM: Sharon Harlan

Preparation of the Gifts - I Have Been Anointed

**I have been anointed
with the song of the Lord!
A song of love and compassion,
a song to set me free!
God is my rock of salvation!
A beacon for my soul!
Hallelujah! Amen! Hallelujah! Amen!
Praise to the rock and the wellspring,
creator of my soul!**

1. My heart knew darkness,
My soul was filled with despair,
Lifeless and silent, no music anywhere,
and then my Lord and companion,
He filled my waiting soul: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For God has made me whole!

Text: Steven C. Warner, b.1954

Tune: Steven C. Warner, b.1954; arr. by Peter M. Kolar, b.1973

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Communion Hymn – Here I Am Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them, whom shall I send?
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Closing Hymn - Go Make a Difference

**Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.**

1. We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God in you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

2. We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

3. So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, Lord.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple
and give thanks to your name.

Because of your kindness and your truth;
for you have made great above all things
your name and your promise.

When I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me.

All the kings of the earth shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
when they hear the words of your mouth;
and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD:
"Great is the glory of the LORD."

Your right hand saves me.

The LORD will complete what he has done for me;
your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, Lord.