

# **Pulpit Announcements for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 17, 2024**

**Welcome to all who are here today on this  
Fifth Sunday of Lent.**

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

- **A reminder to all our men: this is the last week to give your names to Fr. Abraham if you wish to attend the Leadership event that will be held on April 26 & 27. Visit our website under Latest News for more information.**
- **The Knights of Columbus along with the St. Matthias Home School Association will sponsor a blood drive on Sunday, March 24th in the school cafeteria between 8:00 am and 12:30 pm. We are asking all to please roll up your sleeves and donate.**
- **The Parish Penance Service will be this Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. More priests will be available for individual confessions.**
- **If you have not attended the Stations of the Cross, why not come this Friday at 7 pm? Different Ministries are leading this devotion with a different reflection each Friday.**
- **Please mark your calendars for attending the Holy Week events.**
- **The 2nd collection next Sunday is for the Retired Diocesan Clergy.**
- **Adoration on Mondays will continue as usual from 6-8 pm.**

**How to bear much fruit by dying to ourselves? That is what Jesus teaches us in the Scriptures and in his own life. All of us have made painful sacrifices for the sake of our loved ones and have seen good fruits of that. May Jesus help us to continue to accept the crosses that come to us and enable us to bring good out of every situation. Let us welcome Him in this Eucharist...**

# Music for Our Assembly

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*Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength...Psalm 43*

### Gathering Hymn – Christ in me Arise

**Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness.**

**Christ in me arise with your power and your strength.**

**Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing.**

**Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.**

1. Be now my vision; open these eyes,  
showing me all that I must see.

Onward to the kingdom, you are the way.

Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

2. Be now my footsteps, leading the way,  
taking me where I must go.

Onward to the kingdom, you are the way.

Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

# Prayer of the Faithful

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

1. For those who lead us in the faith, especially Pope Francis ...Reveal through them Your mercy and the dignity of all humankind, we pray.
2. For the world’s leaders and diplomats...Guide them to help all nations in working together for justice, rejecting violence to build a world of peace and hope, we pray...
3. For the Church, especially those preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation: our RCIA class, 2nd graders, and the teens ... Make your presence known to them, we pray. . .
4. For all who are sick, sad, and suffering...Give them healing and strength and fill their hearts with courage, we pray . . .
5. For all who have died, especially **Rodrigo Delapaz** ...May faith bind us to those who taught us how to love on earth, we pray . . .
6. For those prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, . . . we pray

**The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes.**

## Preparation Hymn – The Cross of Jesus

1. Come, O God, renew your people,  
we who long to see your face.  
Strengthen hearts that have grown feeble;  
Fill our lives with truth and grace.  
Only you can win our freedom;  
Only you can bring us peace.  
Only in the cross of Jesus  
Will the captives find release.
2. Deep within create a new heart;  
Melt away the winter chill.  
Help us now to made a new start;  
Help us now to know your will.  
Washed in waters of forgiveness,  
Cleansed in waters of new birth.  
Lead us to the cross of Jesus,  
Bringing life to all the earth.
3. In the darkness that surrounds us  
We have lost you from our sight.  
Even though your love as found us,  
We embrace the powers of night.  
Scatter now our deepest darkness;  
Guide our hearts into the light.  
Join us to the cross of Jesus.  
Help us set our living right.
4. Call us forth to walk in justice;  
Rescue us from sin and grave.  
Through the power of your Spirit,  
Breathe in us the breath that saves.  
Strengthen us in our communion,  
One in Word and cup and bread.  
Here within the cross of Jesus  
All who hunger will be fed.

## Communion Hymn – The Jesus Song

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
have mercy on me,  
have mercy on me.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
have mercy on me,  
have mercy on me.

Amen.

Jesus, I trust in you.  
Jesus, I trust in you.  
You are the Son of the Living God.  
Jesus, I trust in you.  
Jesus, I trust in you.

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## Closing Hymn – Amazing Grace

1. Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart.  
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall; so must we to others' call.

**Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply  
our new life.**

2. The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak.  
Integrity and justice, With tenderness, you shall know.
3. You shall sleep secure with peace; faithfulness will be your joy.

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**Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15**

**Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;

in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.

Thoroughly wash me from my guilt

and of my sin cleanse me.

A clean heart create for me, O God,

and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

Cast me not out from your presence,

and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

Give me back the joy of your salvation,

and a willing spirit sustain in me.

I will teach transgressors your ways,

and sinners shall return to you.

**Create a clean heart in me, O God.**