

**Pulpit Announcements for
Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026**

**Welcome to all who are here today as we celebrate the
Fifth Sunday of Lent.**

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

- Please see the cover of our bulletin for the Holy Week schedule.
- Our annual Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held this Monday, March 23rd, 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.
- St. Matthias School is offering Easter Bunny pictures **tomorrow / today** from 11am-1pm, as well as guided tours and Open House. (**5 pm and 10 am Mass ONLY**).
- Join us next Saturday, March 28, after the 5:00 PM Mass, 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.
- Next weekend the second collection will be for our Retired priests.

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 – 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 make 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 has found us,
We embrace the pow'rs 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.

Text: Francis Patrick O'Brien, b.1958

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Prayer of the Faithful

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

1. For Pope Leo, all clergy, and church leaders . . . help them keep the spirit of faith vibrant and alive in your church as they minister to your people, we pray. . .
2. For global, national and civic leaders, especially those of our own country . . . help them use the influence of their office to bring change to a world searching for justice and peace, we pray . . .
3. For this intentional faith community of Saint Matthias . . . make us sources of caring and companionship to all who are in need of our support, we pray . . .
4. For our catechumens & elect preparing to receive the sacraments at Easter . . . during these remaining days of Lent, may they seek to conform themselves ever more closely to Jesus, we pray . . .
5. For those who suffer illness of body, mind, or spirit; for those who feel lost or forgotten . . . renew their faith in the presence of a merciful God who hears their cries, we pray . . .
6. For all who have died, especially **David Shur and Eleonora Bentivoglio**, like Lazarus, may they be raised up to a new life of joy and fulfillment in the heavenly kingdom, we pray...
7. For _____ (**see list below**), for whom this Mass is being offered, we pray . . .
8. For the silent intentions we hold deep in our hearts today, . . . we pray . . .

5 PM: Joseph Moran

8 AM: Justin Lazarchick

10 AM: Alvin Stirling

12 PM: Intention of the Parishioners

Preparation of the Gifts - Martha Mary Waiting Weeping

1. Martha, Mary, waiting, weeping, bowed beneath the weight of gloom.
Kept their watch where Laz'rus, sleeping, lay within a rock sealed tomb.
Jesus, late in coming, met them, shed with them compassion's tear.
Martha, sore with sorrow, charged him, "He'd have lived had you been here."

2. Jesus spoke to Martha's grieving, "Resurrection, Life am I!
All who hear my Word, believing, live with me, although they die."
Then to Laz'rus' tomb he led them, called their brother forth by name.
Living, loving, hope exceeding, freed from death to Christ he came

3. Jesus, resurrected, giving Life to all you name your own.
Help us know in hours of grieving we have not been left alone.
Come, when doubt and fear assail us; join our journey toward the grave.
There your mercy will not fail us; There you speak with power to save.

*Text: Herman G. Steumpfle@1997 GIA Publications.
Tune: Beach Spring*

Communion Hymn – I Am the Bread of Life

1. I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father beckons.

**And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.**

2. The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever.
3. Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.
4. I am the Resurrection,
I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die,
you shall live for ever.
5. Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
Who has come
into the world.

Closing 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.

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Jesus, the resurrection,

come show us how to live.

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to my voice in supplication.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,
LORD, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness,
that you may be revered.

I trust in the LORD;
my soul trusts in his word.
More than sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for the LORD.

For with the LORD is kindness
and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities.

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