

# Pulpit Announcements for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 2024

Welcome to all who are here today on this  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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

- Come and enjoy a hearty and healthy breakfast **tomorrow/today** in the cafeteria. Relish the homemade food by the Knights of Columbus for a noble cause. The cost is affordable for all.
- Have you signed up for LIVE LENT? These Small groups will begin their first sessions this week. If you have not experienced this exciting way of sharing God's Word, then please join. See the bulletin for more details.
- The St. Matthias Racial Justice Initiative is sponsoring a Zoom watch party on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> showing the documentary John Lewis: Good Trouble, by documentarian Dawn Porter. Please see the bulletin or the St. Matthias website for more information.
- On Ash Wednesday, we have Mass at 8 am, 9 am, and 12:10 pm, and a prayer service at 7:30 pm. We will offer again our unique Drive-Thru Ash Wednesday ministry from 4 - 5:30 pm. We need volunteers for this much-appreciated tradition of our parish. Please use the Sign Up Genius on our website to volunteer.
- The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7 pm every Friday of Lent. Welcome to attend this beautiful devotion. The Monday Adoration will continue as usual from 6-8 pm.

Today's gospel is about Jesus healing a leper who was shunned by society. Even though leprosy of the body is practically eradicated in the world, leprosy of the mind can be prevalent whenever we look down on people or discriminate against those different from us. Jesus who healed the leper comes to us at this altar to help us. Let us ask him for the grace to accept all as our brothers and sisters...

**Music for Our Assembly**  
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*Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name ...Psalm 31*

**Gathering Hymn – Our God Is Here**

1. Here in this time, here in this place,  
here we are standing face to face.  
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,  
our God is here.  
Here for the broken, here for the strong,  
here in this temple we belong.  
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,  
our God is here.  
And we cry:

**“Holy! Holy! Holy are you!”**  
**We cry: “Holy! Holy! Holy and true!”**  
**Amen, we do believe our God is here.**  
**Our God is here.**

2. Here in the Word, God is revealed,  
here where the wounded can be healed.  
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,  
our God is here.  
Here we become what we receive,  
here in this Eucharistic feast.  
We are his body, living as one;  
our God is here.  
And we cry:

# Prayer of the Faithful

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**Our response is: “In your name, O God, we pray.”**

1. For Pope Francis and all Bishops and Priests ... to bring healing and forgiveness to those in need; for all governmental leaders especially those of our country, ... to foster dialog between all countries and all religions and help to bring about peace, we pray. . .
2. For all married couples, that God give them comfort and strength in each other and joy in their family life; And for those who suffer the pain of a troubled marriage, separation or divorce, that God guide them into a future filled with hope, we pray...
3. For the Church here at St. Matthias during this Black History Month... Raise our vision above divisions so that we can build the kingdom based on truth, dignity and justice, we pray. . .
4. For all who are sick, broken-hearted and suffering, especially those listed in our church bulletin...Bring them comfort and consolation, as Jesus brought to the leper... And we pray for all who care for the sick to have God's blessings for their sacrificial love and care, we pray . . .
5. For all who have died, especially **Joan Ellen Coogan**. That all their faults may be taken away and their sins forgiven, so that they can be glad in the Lord and rejoice exulting in the joy of Heaven, 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.**

## Preparation Hymn – In Every Age

1. Long before the mountains came to be  
and the land and sea and stars of the night,  
through the endless seasons of all time,  
you have always been,  
you will always be.

**There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole,  
there is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.**

2. Destiny is cast, and at your silent word  
we return to dust and scatter to the wind.  
A thousand years are like a single moment gone,  
as the light that fades  
at the end of day.

3. Teach us to make use of the time we have.  
Teach us to be patient even as we wait.  
Teach us to embrace our ev'ry joy and pain.  
To sleep peacefully,  
and to rise up strong.

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## Communion Hymn – Miracle of Grace

1. Miracle of grace, mystery of faith,  
calling us to venture to the deep.

Though our senses fail, your graces still prevail,  
and we become the love that we receive.

**Bread of life, bread of life.**

**Those who eat this bread shall live and never die.**

**Bread of life, bread of life.**

**Your true presence in this holy sacrifice.**

**Bread of life.**

2. Unworthy though we are, you feed the hungry heart  
with bread come down from heaven above.

And like a grain of wheat, we fall down at your feet,  
dying here with you. Oh, let us rise!

3. Your faithfulness revealed in this covenant you've sealed  
with your very body and your blood.

Come, claim your bride again with love that cannot end,  
for what God joins no one can divide.

## Closing 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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**Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11**

**I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

Blessed is he whose fault is taken away,  
whose sin is covered.

Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt,  
in whose spirit there is no guile.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
my guilt I covered not.

I said, “I confess my faults to the LORD,”  
and you took away the guilt of my sin.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just;  
exult, all you upright of heart.

**I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**