

# **Pulpit Announcements for the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 2, 2025**

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

- Ash Wednesday is this week. Besides four services in the church, we offer a drive-thru distribution of ashes. We need volunteers to help with this annual tradition. Kindly enter your name in the Sign Up Genius on our parish website.
- Don't forget to join the small Lenten groups. The resources are ready.
- Our Parish Retreat will be on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to noon. Everyone is invited to come and be spiritually renewed.
- Empty Bowls Annual Art & Restaurant Showcase is next Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. The Knights of Columbus have rescheduled their Pancake Breakfast to March 16<sup>th</sup> so that people can attend both events. Please support both causes if you are able.
- The first Listening session the Diocese has scheduled is on Monday at 1 pm. The 2nd is on Monday, March 10, at 7 pm. Both will be held in the church. All are welcome.
- The monthly Rosary will be prayed after the 10:00 am Mass **today** in the Church.
- Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm in the Church
- We remind you to join the Eucharistic Adoration this Monday any time between 6 - 8 pm.

***We do not like when someone tries taking out a speck from your eye while that person has a plank in his/her eye! But don't we all do the same, when we point out others faults forgetting our own? Jesus challenges us all to have a self-examination to see our weaknesses. Today when He comes at the altar and into our hearts during this Eucharistic Celebration, let us ask for His help for this grace...***

**Music for Our Assembly**  
**March 2, 2025**  
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*The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom;  
he saved me because he delighted in me...Psalm 18*

**Gathering Hymn – Come Christians Join to Sing**

1. Come, Christians, join to sing  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice,  
Before his throne rejoice;  
Praise is his gracious choice:  
Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend;  
Our cry he will attend;  
His love shall never end:  
Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet the Lord again;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore  
His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore:  
Alleluia! Amen!

# 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 . . . As we approach the season of Lent, strengthen them to bring the Good News to all the world, we pray. . .
2. For global, national, and civic leaders. . . Send your Spirit to inspire in them the seeds of mercy, justice, and reconciliation, we pray. . .
3. For this faith community of Saint Matthias, especially the candidates and catechumens preparing for full initiation into the church at the Easter Vigil . . . teach us to walk as your disciples showing mercy, compassion, and love to all we meet, we pray...
4. For those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, especially our Holy Father Pope Francis . . . may they be comforted, strengthened, and healed by the unselfish devotion of those who minister to them, we pray. . .
5. For those who have died, especially **Francis Sebastian D’Souza and Jim Pettit** . . . bring them into the eternal perfection of their heavenly home to rejoice with you always, we pray. . .
6. For the silent intentions we hold deep in our hearts this day, we pray. . .

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

- 5 PM:** Intention of Parishioners and Courtney Onwuz  
**8 AM:** Anna Ritchick  
**10 AM:** Helen Bell  
**12 PM:** Birthday Blessings for Menchie Ventura and Don Tibay

## 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!**

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!

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a song to set me free!  
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Hallelujah! Amen! Hallelujah! Amen!  
Praise to the rock and the wellspring,  
creator of my soul!**

The Lord has called me  
To sing his word to the poor.  
Ring out his justice, his love forever more.  
To preach with words of compassion,  
To feed the famished 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 – Taste and See

**Taste and see , taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the  
Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.His praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord for He has been so good to me.
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise His name.  
I called the Lord and he answered me; from all my troubles He set me  
free.
3. Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.

Text: Psalm 34; James E. Moore, Jr., b.1951, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.

## Closing Hymn - Lord You Give the Great Commission

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Raise the Gospel over the earth!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Peace and justice bringing to birth!

1. Blessed those whose hearts are gentle.  
Blessed those whose spirits are strong.  
Blessed those who choose to bring forth  
right where there is wrong.

2. Blessed those who work for justice.  
Blessed those who answer the call.  
Blessed those who dare to dream of  
lasting peace for all.

6. Glory to the Word of Justice.  
Glory to the Spirit of Peace.  
Glory to the God of Love whose  
blessings never cease.

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**Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16**

**Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, Most High,  
To proclaim your kindness at dawn  
and your faithfulness throughout the night.

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree,  
like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.  
They that are planted in the house of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

They shall bear fruit even in old age;  
vigorous and sturdy shall they be,  
Declaring how just is the LORD,  
my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

**Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**