

Pulpit Announcements for the The Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2025

**Welcome to all who are here today to celebrate
The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord with us.
Whoever you are or wherever you find yourself on the journey.
Know that here at St. Matthias, ALL ARE WELCOME!**

- **We are in the Jubilee Year 2025. Our Diocese has officially opened the Jubilee year for the Diocese. Next Sunday during Mass, we will inaugurate and focus on the Jubilee Year in our parish.**
- **MLK day on January 20th at the DoubleTree Hotel – Somerset. No tickets will be sold at the door. Please see page 10 of today’s bulletin.**
- **Many of our parishioners are having a truly spiritual time during the Eucharistic Adoration on Monday evenings. Why not try attending it on a Monday - anytime between 6-8 PM.**

Jesus was baptized. We can relate to that experience as we too were baptized. Jesus heard the affirmation that He was the beloved son of God. At our baptism, we too are made the beloved sons and daughters of our heavenly Father. May this truth make us ever conscious of our nobility and dignity. Let us welcome our Brother and Lord into our hearts and into our midst at this Eucharist...

Music for Our Assembly

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After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove and the voice of the Father thundered; This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased...Matthew 3

Gathering Hymn – River of Glory

**River of glory, springs of our birth,
flood of God's riches poured on the earth.
We are born from the darkness
and clothed in the light!
We are bathed in the glory of God!**

1. Fountain of mercy,
grace flowing free,
streams of salvation,
spilling with love from a tree!
2. Here there is haven,
healing and health,
joy for the asking,
love in abundance of wealth!
3. Bread for our journey
God will provide.
Hope for all ages,
Jesus, companion and guide!
4. Darkness is banished,
night turned away.
Christ is our sunlight,
lifting and leading our way!

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 ... that they will help the whole church appreciate more the meaning and responsibilities of our baptism and proclaim the dignity of each person that was revealed by Christ becoming human, we pray. . .
2. For all governmental leaders especially those of our country, ... that the Lord God may guide all the counsels and deliberations of the nations, guiding them into decisions for life, justice and morality, we pray. . .
3. For his faith community of St Matthias...that we who have been saved by the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit may accept the fullness of our mission upon the earth, as Jesus did after His baptism, we pray...
4. For those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our Parish and School family sick list, for those who are struggling through a rugged journey through life, that the glory of the Lord may be revealed to them in mercy, healing and grace, we pray. . .
5. For all who have died, especially ***Henrietta Hansen, Dean Roberts, Virginia (Ginny) Trovato, and Gerald Vinella*** as they became justified by grace and were made heirs in hope of eternal life by their baptism, that they may now enjoy that life forever, we pray. . .
6. For the intentions of all of us assembled for worship as we enter this Jubilee year 2025, answer the needs we hold deep in our hearts, we pray. . .

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes the Intercessions:

- 5 PM:** Bert Maglio
8 AM: Intention of Parishioners
10 AM: Barbara Ruziska
12 PM: Abraham Yesudas

Preparation of the Gifts - Baptized in Water

1. Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Heirs of salvation,
Trusting his promise,
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.
2. Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
One with his rising,
Freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's praise we sing.
3. Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:
Born of one Father,
We are his children,
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Communion Hymn – Bread of Life

**Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother:
feed us now, give us life,
lead us to one another.**

3. A child is born for us,
a son is giv'n to us,
In our midst, Christ, our Lord and God
comes as one who serves.

4. With our own eyes we see,
with our own ears we hear
The salvation of all the world,
God's incarnate Word.

5. You are the hope of all,
our promise and our call,
Radiant light in our darkness,
truth to set us free.

Closing Hymn - Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sin and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as t

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98:4–9; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: T. Hawkes' Collection of Tunes, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 16

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

O bless the Lord, my soul.

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!
you are clothed with majesty and glory,
robed in light as with a cloak.

You have spread out the heavens like a tent-cloth;

You have constructed your palace upon the waters.

You make the clouds your chariot;
you travel on the wings of the wind.

You make the winds your messengers,
and flaming fire your ministers.

How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have wrought them all--
the earth is full of your creatures;
the sea also, great and wide,
in which are schools without number
of living things both small and great.

They look to you to give them food in due time.

When you give it to them, they gather it;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

O bless the Lord, my soul.