

# **Pulpit Announcements for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 29, 2024**

**Welcome to all who are here today to celebrate the  
Feast of the Holy Family with us.**

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

- Merry Christmas! Let us not forget that Christmas is not just for one day but for a whole season.
- We wish to invite you to a Christmas concert presented by the Franklin High School Madrigals, (under the direction of Ms. Kiera Radvanski, Deacon John's daughter.) The concert will take place immediately after our 12:00 Noon Epiphany Mass in church on January 5th.
- There will be a 2nd collection next Sunday to benefit the Catholic Charities' Parish Emergency Assistance Fund.
- Our parish office will be closed this Tuesday and Wednesday.
- It is a wonderful practice to begin the New Year by attending Holy Mass. Please join us for our special New Year Mass this Wednesday, January 1st at 10 AM.
- Many of our parishioners love our First Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart with Holy Hour and Benediction. This Friday, January 3rd, is the First Friday. Most welcome to experience this special devotion soon after the 8 AM Mass
- 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.

***Yes, Christmas is not just for one day. The marvellous events surrounding the birth of our Savior continues. Today's feast of the Holy Family is an invitation to us to see everything that happens in our own families with eyes of faith and trust in God as the Holy Family did. Let us surrender our families to the Lord in this Holy Eucharist... as we welcome Him into our midst...***

**Music for Our Assembly**  
**December 29, 2024**  
**Feast of the Holy Family**

*The shepherds went in haste and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger...Luke 2:16*

**Gathering Hymn – Angels We have Heard on High**

1. Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strains.

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

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2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song.

3. Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

4. See him in a manger laid  
Whom the angels praise above;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
While we raise our hearts in love we raise.

*Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. from Crown of Jesus Music, II, London, 1862; tr. by James Chadwick, 1813–1882, and others.*

# Prayer of the Faithful

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**Our response is: “Lord of Love, Hear Our Prayer.”**

1. For Pope Francis and all Church leaders ... that by their example of compassion, kindness, humility, and forgiveness, we will live in the right relationship with God and with each other, we pray. . .
2. For all governmental leaders to promote the welfare of families all over the world, for families that are divided and in need of healing, for the consolation of parents who are anxious for their children, and for better communication between parents and children, we pray. . .
3. For this faith community of St Matthias...that our families may be protected from the special dangers of our age, from the inroads of materialism and violence; that faith and prayer and mutual love may keep them together in the Lord, we pray...
4. For those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our Parish and School family sick list, for families in exile, for families that have lost their children, for families of the unemployed and the poor, that the Holy Family, which experienced all these situations, may be their comfort and hope, we pray. . .
5. For all who have died, especially **Alexander Mallare**. That they may rest in peace and help their beloved families in their prayers, we pray. . .
6. For the intentions in the hearts of all those in this assembly, (LONG PAUSE) that the Holy Family will be our guide, we pray. . .

***The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes the Intercessions:***

- 5 PM:** Jose C. Domingo, Jr.  
**8 AM:** Intention of Parishioners  
**10 AM:** Blessings of Healing , Luz De Guzman Menzel  
**12 PM:** Alejandria, Leonora & Connie Valdez

## Preparation of the Gifts - Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for his bed.  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little Child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable,  
And his cradle was a stall.  
With the poor and mean and lowly  
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. And through all his wondrous childhood  
He would honor and obey,  
Love and watch the lowly maiden  
In whose gentle arms he lay.  
Christian children all should be  
Kind, obedient, good as he.

4. For he is our childhood's pattern,  
Day by day like us he grew;  
He was little, weak, and helpless,  
Tears and smiles like us he knew:  
And he feels for all our sadness,  
And he shares in all our gladness.

5. And our eyes at last shall see him,  
Through his own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heav'n above:  
And he leads his children on  
To the place where he has gone.

## Communion Hymn – Wood of the Cradle

1. Wood of the cradle, wood of the cross,  
bearing a lifetime of joy and of loss,  
who is your loved one? Who could he be,  
born in a manger to die on a tree?

**This, this is Jesus the Lord,  
here in the body and blood outpoured.  
Come, come, walk in his ways.  
Kneel at the manger and rise from the grave.**

2. Shepherds lie sleeping, deep in their dreams;  
angels awaken them. “What could this mean?  
Whom do you herald? Whom must we find?  
child in the manger? Our God born in time?”
3. Star in the heavens bearing new light,  
guiding the sages and ages this night:  
Where will you lead us? Where can he be,  
the child born of myst’ry who died on a tree?
4. Come, all who hunger, come, all who thirst;  
come, all who seek him, God’s joy on the earth.  
Find him a shelter, bright, safe, and warm;  
see in all people his love being born.

## **Closing Hymn - Go Tell It on the Mountain**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**

1. While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.

2. The shepherds feared and trembled When high above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.

3. And lo, when they had heard it, They all bowed down and prayed;  
They traveled on together To where the Babe was laid.

4. Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

*Text: 76 76 with refrain; from American Negro Songs and Spirituals, 1940; John W. Work, Jr., 1872–1925, alt.  
Music: Spiritual.*

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**Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10.**

**Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the LORD.  
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Happy they who dwell in your house!

Continually they praise you.

Happy the men whose strength you are!

Their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage.

O LORD of hosts, hear our prayer;

hearken, O God of Jacob!

O God, behold our shield,

and look upon the face of your anointed.

**Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.**