

**Pulpit Announcements for the
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
February 2, 2025**

**Welcome to all who are here today to celebrate this
Feast of the Presentation 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!**

- **The Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast in honor of Past Grand Knight Robert Norland next Sunday from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon in the school cafeteria. Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit St. Matthias School Tuition Angels.**
- **There is a second collection **today** to benefit the Building Repair & Replacement Fund.**
- **The Rosary Altar Society meets every first Sunday of each month after the 10 am Mass to pray the rosary. They will be meeting **today** in the St. John XXIII room. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN.**
- **You are welcome to join many of our parishioners at Eucharistic Adoration on Monday evening - any time between 6-8 pm.**

Today's Gospel highlights Simeon and Anna's encounter with the infant Jesus. Their actions teach us how to welcome the Lord: through prayerful thanksgiving. They both recognize Jesus as the true light of the world. Like Simeon and Anna, each one of us are called to respond to Jesus' coming with hearts lifted to God and with lives that proclaim His light to others....

Music for Our Assembly
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Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice....Psalm 48

Gathering Hymn – Christ Be our Light

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Prayer of the Faithful

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Our response is: "In your name, O God, we pray."

1. For Pope Francis and the whole Church that, inspired by the Holy Spirit with wisdom and knowledge, we may follow the example of Simeon and Anna in making Jesus and his mission known to the world, we pray. . .
2. For government officials throughout the world, that they may come to the temple of the Lord in their own faith traditions to seek wisdom from his Word and grace from his presence, we pray. . .
3. For all the children of our world, that they may be loved and cherished by their families; For all our parish young people who are preparing to receive the First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation, that they will always keep Jesus at the center of their lives, we pray...
4. For all who live under the constant threat of violence and the shadow of war, that all people will turn from violence to peace, we pray. . .
5. For healing for all who are sick or suffering in any way, and for the consolation of all who are grieving the loss of their loved ones, especially, ***Mary Sullivan and Mary Phillipuk***, we pray. . .
6. For our own intentions that we hold in the silence of our hearts, we pray. . .

The presider announces the Mass intention and concludes the Intercessions:

5 PM: Intention of Parishioners
8 AM: Pearline Bolden
10 AM: James Vance
12 PM: James Rustemeyer

Preparation of the Gifts - What Child Is This

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

**This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.**

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.

Communion Hymn – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path,

And show me the way to the Father.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,

We shall know the joy of Jesus.

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.

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Music: Spiritual.*

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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Lift up, O gates, your lintels;
reach up, you ancient portals,
that the king of glory may come in!

Who is this king of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.

Lift up, O gates, your lintels;
reach up, you ancient portals,
that the king of glory may come in!

Who is this king of glory?
The LORD of hosts; he is the king of glory.

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!