

Pulpit Announcements for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

**Welcome to all who are here today
on this 4th Sunday of Easter. Whoever you are, or
wherever you find yourself on the journey.
Know that here at St. Matthias, ALL ARE WELCOME!**

- **Tomorrow/Today at 4 pm, our youth group, SMYLE, will have their session in the cafeteria. Please encourage our teens to come.**
- **The New Jersey Catholic Youth Rally is coming up on May 21 - a great opportunity for the youth and young adults. It will be held at the SIX FLAGS, and it is open to Scouts, Altar servers, Youth choirs, Home-School families, Athletic programs, Religious Ed/GIFT youth groups and parish families. experience. See bulletin for more info.**
- **St. Matthias Ministry Fair will be held the weekend of May 20-21. An excellent opportunity for all of us to know more about the various ministries. You will be amazed at what we have in this wonderful parish.**
- **If any golf player missed out for registering for 2023 St. Matthias School Golf Classic, please register soon. It is scheduled for May 15, 2023, at Royce Brook Golf Club.**
- **Today's Second Collection is for helping the relief works worldwide by the Catholic Relief Services.**

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. A reminder to us not only to be good sheep of Jesus our Shepherd, but also to be good shepherds ourselves for those entrusted to our care. Let us prepare to listen to the voice of our Good Shepherd.

Music for Our Assembly

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The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, Alleluia...Psalm, 33

Entrance Hymn – I Know That My Redeemer Lives

1. I know that my Redeemer lives, the One who calls me home.
I long to see God face to face, to see with my own eyes.

I know that my Redeemer lives, that I shall rise again.

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2. I know that I shall one day see the goodness of the Lord,
when God will wipe away our tears, and death will be no more.

3. The last day I shall rise again, shall be remade like God.
My home shall be by God's own side, the dying, rising Lord..

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Prayer of the Faithful

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Our response is: “Risen Lord, hear our prayer.”

1. For Pope Francis and all Church leaders and ministers...Help them to follow in the way of the Good Shepherd by serving their flocks in word and in action, we pray...
2. For all world, national and local leaders...Help them to be "good shepherds" as they care for the many and diverse people in our society, we pray...
3. For this faith community of St. Matthias, especially the children preparing for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation... Fill them with your spirit, we pray . . .
4. For an increased awareness in us that our primary vocation is to be holy, and for an increase in vocations to the diaconate, priesthood, and consecrated life, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst, we pray...
5. For those who are ill...bring healing in mind, body and spirit; for those who have died, especially Kevin Burns, and all those dear to us who have died...shepherd them into Your heavenly Kingdom, we pray . . .
6. For the prayers we bring to you in the silence of our hearts....we pray...

Presider announces the Mass intention and concludes with the 60th Anniversary Prayer.

Preparation Hymn – Worthy Is the Lamb

**Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive honor and glory.**

**Worthy are the ones who believe
to receive the goodness of God.**

1. Worthy are you, O Paschal Lamb.
Wisdom and strength belong now to you.
You laid down your life and died upon the cross:
we've become a people of hope.

2. Worthy are you, O Bread of Life.
Salvation and joy belong now to us.
By conquering death and rising to new life,
we've become a people of praise.

3. Worthy are you, O Risen Christ.
Wonders and signs, revealing your might.
Your power and glory shine upon our lives:
we've become your light for the world.

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Communion Hymn – Gift of Finest Wheat

**You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat;
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.**

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice;
So when you call your fam'ly, Lord, We follow and rejoice.
2. With joyful lips we sing to you Our praise and gratitude,
That you should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heav'nly food.
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord?
4. The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
5. You give yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name In truth and charity.

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Closing Hymn – God We Praise You

1. God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we name you sov'reign Lord!
Mighty King whom angels worship, Father, by your church adored:
All creation shows your glory, Heav'n and earth draw near your throne,
Singing 'Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts, and God alone!'
2. True apostles, faithful prophets, Saints who set their world ablaze,
Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded, Join one growing song of praise,
While your church on earth confesses One majestic Trinity:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God, our hope eternally.
3. Jesus Christ, the king of glory, Everlasting Son of God,
Humble was your virgin mother, Hard the lonely path you trod:
By your cross is sin defeated, Hell confronted face to face,
Heaven opened to believers, Sinners justified by grace.
4. Christ, at God's right hand victorious, You will judge the world you made;
Lord, in mercy help your servants For whose freedom you have paid:
Raise us up from dust to glory, Guard us from all sin today
King enthroned above all praises, Save your people, God, we pray.

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Responsorial Psalm - 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side.
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

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