

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



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April 16, 2017

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) **or (2) Second Reading** — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) **or** Matthew 28:1-10 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

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St. Matthias is a Roman Catholic Community striving to respond to the call of Jesus through worship and sacraments, faith formation, service, and social opportunities.

Under the guidance of the pastor and pastoral staff, we seek to strengthen current lay leadership and develop and empower new leadership.

Although a small parish, we commit ourselves and parish programs to hospitality, generosity to those in need, and outreach to all those seeking a faith community.

As Catholics, we recognize the many challenges facing the Church, but we trust in the Holy Spirit to guide us into the future.

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www.sfarchdiocese.org

Mass Schedule

Monday—Thursday 5:30 pm
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:45 pm or by
appointment

First Communion and Confirmation

Call Sabrina Harper to find out
more about these sacraments.

Baptism

Call Liz Vugrinecz to schedule an
appointment for preparation.

Marriage

Contact Deacon Rich Foley at
least six months in advance of the
wedding date.

Parish Library

Open Monday—Thursday from 9:30
am—6:00 pm; Saturday 9:30 am—6:00
pm; Sunday 8:00 am—11:30 am. Lo-
cated in the Upper Rm of Lacey Hall.

Our Call to Catechesis & Evangelization

Staff Directory

*please take note of our new email addresses!

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Bible Study with Deacon Rich: Acts of the Apostles

Have you wondered what happened after Jesus ascended into Heaven? How did the early Church not only survive, but grow? What role did Peter and Paul play in the foundation and formation of the Body of Christ, His Church? The book of the “Acts of the Apostles” provides answers to these and other questions.

Acts is a story of hope. It is a story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. Weekly readings, presentations and discussions, along with some video clips, will enrich your faith and rekindle your love for Christ as you relive the lives of his first disciples during this Easter time.

Beginning **Monday, April 24th**, Deacon Rich will lead an eight-week Bible Study series on “Acts of the Apostles.” Sessions will be held in Fr. Lacey Hall from 7 – 8:30 p.m. each Monday from April 24th through June 19th (no session on Memorial Day). Please bring your Bible, notepad and pen. While any Catholic Bible will work, the preferred Bibles are the New Revised Standard Version and The New American Bible. Please join us for any or all of the sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Rich.

First Holy Communion

Seventeen of our St. Matthias children will be receiving their First Communion on **May 7th at 10:30 am**. There will be a reception immediately following Mass. The children are: *Sara Abreu-Fernandez, Marcello Caruso-Turiello, Anna Corea, Dominic De La Cruz, Thomas Gibson, Mia Giorgi, Nicholas Henderson, Jenna Hoppe, Kais Klein, Casey McDougall, Liam Niu, Sofia Peypoch, Fred Quontomatteo, Ava Satterwhite, Sarah Schembri, Hunter & Jason Taylor*. They have been preparing for this sacrament with their parents since February. Please pray for them as they receive this next sacrament of Initiation and become closer to Jesus through reception of His Body and Blood.

Earth Day

Sunday, April 22 is Earth Day. The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970 and within twenty years (1990) it became recognized worldwide. Most of us have become aware of how fragile our planet is and how important it is to do all we can to keep the environment clean and healthy. Pope Francis wrote *Laudato Si, On Care for Our Common Home*, to everyone on the planet not only to Catholics for a reason. We are all called by God to be stewards of the earth. Whatever is done in one part of the earth is felt throughout the planet. And the poor suffer the most from the disregard for the health and wellbeing of our home. This year, there is even more to protect and safeguard as Washington does away with many of the protections that have been put in place. *Laudato Si* is available at the Pauline Bookstore on Brewster Ave. or on Amazon or for free at the US Conference of Catholic Bishops website. Also on this website is the Vatican’s video that puts forth the church’s Eco-Encyclical message. And then pray and decide how you can make a difference on many levels to keep our common home safe and healthy. Participate in an Earth Day celebration!

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

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| Saturday, April 15th <i>Holy Saturday</i> | 8:00 pm* | Mary Fischer | Fr. Tom Martin |
| Sunday, April 16th <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i> | 8:00 am | People of St. Matthias | Fr. Tom Martin |
| | 10:30 am | Bob, Tom and Jimmy Bassett † | Fr. Tom Martin |
| Monday, April 17th <i>Monday Octave of Easter</i> | | NO MASS—OFFICES CLOSED | |
| Tuesday, April 18th <i>Tuesday Octave of Easter</i> | 5:30 pm | Bill and Rosalie Becker Anniversary | Fr. Paul Rossi |
| Wednesday, April 19th <i>Wednesday Octave of Easter</i> | 5:30 pm | | Fr. Ted Magpayo |
| Thursday, April 20th <i>Thursday Octave of Easter</i> | 5:30 pm | | Fr. Ted Magpayo |
| Saturday, April 22nd <i>Saturday Octave of Easter</i> | 5:00 pm | People of St. Matthias | Fr. Paul Rossi |
| Sunday, April 23rd <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i> | 8:00 am | George & Gisele Beyrouiti † | Fr. Paul Rossi |
| | 10:30 am | Una Oettinger † | Fr. Ted Magpayo |

Pray for the sick in our community...

Terry Azofeifa
Patrick Boland
Dolores Eggert
Leon Dei Rossi
Mary Fischer
Matt Giannattasio
Nancy Guass
Bill Henry
Richard Marino
Bill McAfee
Joyce Morger
Robert Munn
Yvonne Salinger
Theresa Tavernier
Shannon Tavernier
Ruby Vasquez
Kirk Vorsatz

...that they may be comforted by the love of Jesus.

To add or remove a name from this list, please call 366-9544 or email info@stmatthiasparish.org.

Spiritual Direction @ St. Matthias

Spiritual Direction at its best entirely focuses on helping the directee to become attentive to the presence, action, and movements of God in ordinary human experiences, and on noticing the directee's own responses to these movements of the Holy Spirit. These sessions are usually an hour long. There are several Spiritual Directors whose contact information is listed on our bulletin board Fr. Lacey Hall. They are:

Vivian Clausing, vclaus100@gmail.com (650) 619-6433

Sr. Dee Myers, dmyersbvm@comcast.net (650) 274-4923

Sharon Erro, who prefers initial contact by email at sharonerro@gmail.com

and Tim Valderrama, spiritualdirection.tim@gmail.com.

Vivian and Tim are St. Matthias parishioners. Tim holds his meetings at St. Matthias by appointment. All are wonderful and all have studied Spiritual Direction at Mercy Center, Burlingame, one of the most respected programs in this field. If interested in Spiritual Direction, it is suggested that you interview at least three people before you decide who best fits your needs. Anyone interested in finding out more about Spiritual Direction, please contact Liz Vugrinecz at 650-366-9544 Ext. 12 or at liz@stmatthiasparish.org

Family Support Group Members of this group provide support to the parish community in many ways including funeral planning, emotional support and prayers. Call the parish office to find out more.

Prayer Tree Network Please contact our Prayer Phone Tree if you have someone who needs prayers for healing, grieving, loss, discernment, strength, comfort or support. Call Marilyn Donnelly at 365-5192 or Carol McAdams at 369-4365.

Pastoral Care of the Sick Do you know a parishioner ill at home, homebound, or in a care facility who would like to receive Communion or anointing? Call the parish office, and we will arrange to have a priest or deacon visit. For a priest at Kaiser or Sequoia hospital, contact Fr. Martin Muruli through the nurse's station at either hospital.



Our Call to Stewardship

All we have is a gift from God. What we do with what we have is our gift to God.

Sharing our gifts and returning them to God means giving generously of our time, talent, and treasure. To find out ways to share your time and talent, visit this page or www.stmatthiasparish.org.

Treasure Received

July 2016– June 2017 (income needed to balance budget) **\$282,000.00**

Vanco (Electronic Giving) Donations (March) \$5,251.81

July 2016 –April 2, 2017 (actual year-to-date) \$239,824.99

Weekly Need \$5,500.00

Sunday Collection—April 2, 2017 \$5,374.00

79 Offertory Envelopes Received = \$3,522 vs. Loose Donations \$1,852

Difference \$126

2017 AAA Campaign Assessment \$59,420

Thank you for your generosity to our 2017 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal! As of 3/22/2017 we have received in donations or pledges — \$25,685 — 43% of our goal!

Online Giving

Online giving is *safe, secure and easy*. Start giving online today! Visit our website at stmatthiasparish.org and click on “Support Us” then “Online Donation” to sign up.

Plumbing Update

The plumbing issues reported in this bulletin last week have been resolved. The clean outs have been installed at the Preschool and Rectory buildings and section of sewer pipe was replaced at the Rectory.

We appreciate the parishioners who helped to oversee this work and make suggestions to the plumbers.

We will continue to keep you up-to-date about maintenance issues as they arise.

Last weekend was our Building Fund collection. Although we have some funds on reserve, these repairs will be costly and the reserve was being held for the parking lot resealing/restriping. Please consider a generous donation to help with these needed repairs.



Thank you for your generous support of our St. Matthias Preschool both in the special collection (\$1,233 was received) and at the 40th Anniversary dinner. Your support helps to ensure that the preschool can continue to support the educational and developmental needs of our youngest members.



Photo & Announcement Deadline

Announcements and photos for the St. Matthias bulletin must be submitted by Monday at 10:00 am for the following Sunday's bulletin.

Please email announcements and photos to Sabrina Harper at info@stmatthiasparish.org with the dates you would like the announcement to be included.

Our Call to Prayer and Worship

Holy Saturday

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Vigil) - April 15th @ 8:00 pm At this liturgy we hear the story of our Salvation history. New fire and water are blessed and, all over the world, new Catholics are welcomed into the Church through reception of the sacraments of initiation.

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday Masses—April 16th @ 8:00 am and 10:30 am Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place in the Hall following the 10:30 am Mass. All children are invited to participate.



Thank you to all who helped with our Holy Week liturgies and celebrations. For those who set up, cooked and served at the Seder Supper, music ministers, altar servers, readers, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, we are grateful. For those who carried palms, lit a path, prayed and celebrated with us, we appreciate you. And for our clergy, Fr. Tom, Fr. Paul and Fr. Ted, for leading our Triduum and resurrection celebrations, thank you.



April 23rd is Divine Mercy Sunday

Origins of Divine Mercy Sunday—Saint Faustina: Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. Bl. John Paul explains:

This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.

~ Pope Saint John Paul II, Memory and Identity (2005)

In his second encyclical, *Rich in Mercy*, Pope Saint John Paul II offers an extended meditation on the mystery of God's mercy, which he calls "the greatest of the attributes and perfections of God" (*Dives in Misericordia*, 13). He returned to this theme throughout his pontificate:

Lord, who reveals the Father's love by Your death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You today: Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world.

~Bl. Pope John Paul II, *Regina Caeli* message prepared for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2005

Pope Benedict XVI called John Paul "a great apostle of Divine Mercy" and echoed his predecessor's thoughts:

In our time, humanity needs a strong proclamation and witness of God's mercy. Beloved John Paul II, a great apostle of Divine Mercy, prophetically intuited this urgent pastoral need. He dedicated his second Encyclical to it and throughout his pontificate made himself a missionary of God's love to all peoples.

~Pope Benedict XVI, *Angelus* message, September 16, 2007

Our Call to Community Building

State of the Parish Next Steps 3.0

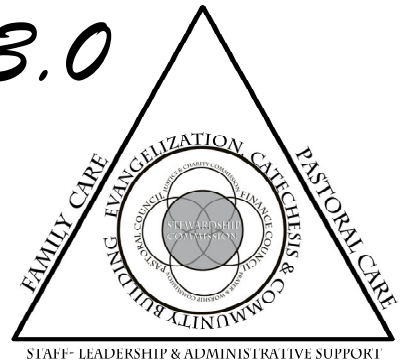
Our Call to Stewardship is one of the key components of our Pastoral Plan, Shaping Our Future. Our plan states that, "To be Christian stewards of all God's gifts to us includes more than a generous giving of time, talent and treasure."

Pope Francis writes that, "Any Church community, if it thinks it can comfortably go its own way without creative concern and effective cooperation in helping the poor to live with dignity and reaching out to everyone, will also risk breaking down, however much it may talk about social issues or criticize governments. It will easily drift into spiritual worldliness, camouflaged by religious practices, unproductive meetings and empty talk."

Our newly formed Stewardship Commission is developing an action plan for 2017-18 beginning with our Verification Sundays which enable us to update our parish database. In the near future, the Commission will be surveying parishioners about their talents and ways to become or continue to be an active steward in our parish community. Our April GIFT session will focus on the spiritual aspects of stewardship and is open to all parishioners.

As we approach the great celebration of Easter, we are reminded of the importance of our Baptismal promises. The practice of renewing Baptismal promises at Easter is essential of all of us who are stewards of our faith. Stewardship is our response to Jesus invitation to "follow him." We follow Jesus by proclaiming the Gospel in word and deed, helping to build up our parish community and sharing the peace of Christ with one another.

We will keep you informed of upcoming events and our action plans for 2017-18. Please keep St. Matthias Parish in your prayers as we are Shaping Our Future.



St. Matthias Preschool News

The preschool and parish staff would like to thank all of the families, alumni and parishioners for attending the 40th Anniversary dinner celebration on April 1st. It was an enjoyable evening full of delicious food, drink and fun.

A special thank you to Fr. Tom, Woodside Deli, La Biscotteria, San Carlos Flight Center, Redwood City Fire Station 12 and all who contributed to the silent auction.

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners:

- Maui Condo: Pimental Family
- \$500 Cash Prize: Lloyd "Chip" Pratt

Congratulations to our Live Auction Winners:

- Redwood City Fire Stations 12 Tour and Dinner for 4—Hal Urban
- Aerial Helicopter Tour over SF Bay Area—Michael Bender



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MR =Merry Room UR = Upper Room

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| 15 Saturday | Holy Saturday 12:00 pm Liturgical Environment (Church) 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass | 20 Thursday | Thursday of Octave of Easter 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (Rectory) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm Stewardship Commission (Rectory) |
| 16 Sunday | Easter Sunday 8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt (Hall) | 21 Friday | Friday of Octave of Easter 8:45 am Rosary for Peace (MR) |
| 17 Monday | Monday of Octave of Easter Offices & Preschool Closed | 2nd Collection: Black & Indian Home Missions | |
| 18 Tuesday | Tuesday of Octave of Easter 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm AFF/Happy Disciples Meeting (UR) | 22 Saturday | Saturday of Octave of Easter 11:00 am Funeral Mass: Jim Mengel 5:00 pm Vigil Mass |
| 19 Wednesday | Wednesday of Octave of Easter 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm Liturgy Committee (Rectory) | 23 Sunday | Divine Mercy Sunday 8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:00 am Breaking Open the Word 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am First Communion Rehearsal 1:00 pm HSYM Pier 39 |

Our Call to Justice and Charity



Hungering for Seeds of Home We follow Jesus this week on our Lenten journey as he enters into Jerusalem, a community he knew well. CRS Rice Bowl asks us, too, to prayerfully enter into our own communities, to find those who are hungry and thirsty, who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we encounter in our daily lives? **CRS Rice Bowls are available (at the Baptismal font) for you take home to use to save money for Catholic Relief Services' annual Rice Bowl collection.**

NEW IN THE PARISH OR CHANGE OF STATUS FORM

To register in the parish or make a change in address, to add or remove family members, please fill out the form below. (Please cut it out and place in the collection basket).

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone / Cell _____

Email _____

() new to the parish () change of address

() moving, remove from list () would like a visit

Our **Justice and Charity Commission** is working on an action plan for 2017-2018. (Our parish calendar runs from July 1—June 30th). We are in conversation with several organizations, including; Life Moves (Maple Street Shelter), the Gubbio Project, Street Life Ministries, St. Anthony's Dining Room, Immigrant Dignity, St. Vincent de Paul, and St. Francis Center, about the work that they do and how we can support them in the promotion of the priorities established by you when surveyed in April 2016. All of our Justice and Charity activities relate to those priorities of Homelessness, Hunger, Affordable Housing and Poverty. As plans develop, we'll keep you posted.