

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



April 9, 2017

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

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.

St. Matthias Catholic Church

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Archdiocese of San Francisco
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.

Lenten Regulations

The following regulations are in place for Abstaining and Fasting in the Archdiocese of San Francisco:

Abstinence: Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on ASH WEDNESDAY, the FRIDAYS of Lent, and GOOD FRIDAY.

Fast: Everyone eighteen years of age and older but under the age of sixty is also bound to fast on ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY. On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, April 8th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Tom Martin
Sunday, April 9th <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	8:00 am	Mary Pacumio †	Fr. Tom Martin
	10:30 am	Robert Munn	Fr. Tom Martin
Monday, April 10th <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Paul Rossi
Tuesday, April 11th <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	5:30 pm	Floretta Harper †	Fr. Tom Martin
Wednesday, April 12th <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	5:30 pm	Alfredo Bon †	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Thursday, April 13th <i>Holy Thursday</i>	7:15 pm*		Fr. Tom Martin
Friday, April 14th <i>Good Friday</i>	12:00 pm*	Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday	Fr. Tom Martin
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

Pray for the sick in our community...

Patrick Boland
Kathy Cissell
Dolores Eggert
Leon Dei Rossi
Mike Felix
Mary Fischer
Matt Giannattasio
Nancy Guass
Douglas & Nancy Haylock
Bill Henry
Richard Marino
Bill McAfee
Frank Mena
Joyce Morger
Robert Munn
Chastidy Ronan
Yvonne Salinger
Ruby Vasquez
Jon Vanoncini
Kirk Vorsatz

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

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 (February) \$3,700.00

July 2016 –March 26, 2017 (actual year-to-date) \$234,450.99

Weekly Need \$5,500.00

Sunday Collection—March 26, 2017 \$5,353.00

76 Offertory Envelopes Received = \$2,854 vs. Loose Donations \$2,499

Difference \$147

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.

Building Fund Collection—April 8/9

Our parish Rectory and preschool recently had some plumbing issues. Both buildings have aging infrastructure. The preschool building was built in the 1960’s and we estimate the Rectory to have been built in the 1930’s; both have original plumbing. We work closely with a plumber to try to mitigate the issues and stay on top of them, but clogged sewer drains are expensive and taxing to our building fund.



Although functioning properly at the moment, both buildings need additional plumbing attention. The Preschool building needs an extra clean out installed and the Rectory needs 10’ of pipe dug up and replaced to remedy the current problems.

This weekend is 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 which was taken last weekend 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 Week

Monday of Holy Week—April 10th @ 5:30 pm—Daily Mass and Anointing of the Sick in the Church. Please call the office at 366-9544 if you need a ride to this celebration.

Tuesday of Holy Week—April 11th 5:30 pm Daily Mass

Wednesday of Holy Week—April 12th 5:30 pm Daily Mass

Triduum

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are:

Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) - April 13th @ 6:00 pm A special part of our Holy Week celebration is the Seder Supper that we will celebrate this year on April 13th. The Seder Supper will begin at 6:00 pm followed by Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:15 pm. Join us and celebrate this very special meal and liturgy where we honor our Jewish roots, the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood. Sign-up sheets are available in the Hall. If anyone would like to help prepare the food or help with setup for the Seder Supper, please contact Liz Vugrinecz at 366-9544 x. 12 or liz@stmatthiasparish.org.

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper there will be the washing of the feet of "12 disciples" after which the community will be invited to come up and have their feet washed by one of those 12 people. In turn, those who had their feet washed are invited to serve others by washing the foot of those who follow. It is a very profound and humbling experience as we recreate this act of service instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper.

The final act of the liturgy is the procession to the Altar of repose. Fr. Tom (our celebrant for the Triduum) will lead this procession into the Hall and Merry Room where adoration will take place. The Merry Room will be open for prayer and adoration until 9:30 pm.

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion (Good Friday Liturgy) - April 14th @ 12:00 noon Our Good Friday services will begin with Solemn Prayer at 12:00 pm, Stations of the Cross at 12:30 pm, the Solemn Liturgy at 1:30 pm and will end with our youth Passion Play at 7:00 pm.

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.



Our Call to Community Building

State of the Parish Next Steps 3.0

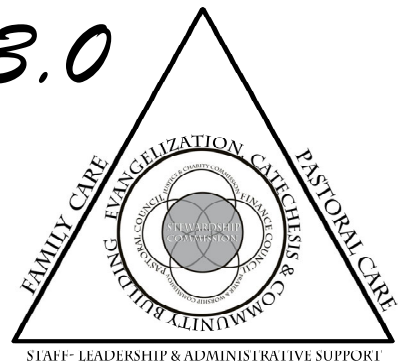
Our Call to Stewardship is one of the key components of our Pastoral Plan, Shaping Our Future. Our plan states that, "To be Christian stewards of all God's gifts to us includes more than a generous giving of time, talent and treasure."

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.



Welcome Weekend

April 8/9 is designated as "Welcome Weekend". All are invited to Fr. Lacey Hall following the Masses for hospitality. All who are new or visiting will be invited to stand for a special blessing at the end of each Mass. We only serve *fair trade coffee* for Welcome Weekend. *Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13: 1)*



Pastoral Council Nominees

Our **St. Matthias Pastoral Council Bylaws** state the following:

4.4.1. On the first Saturday in March, parishioners will be invited to apply or nominate other parishioners for Council positions. Nominations are due by the first weekend of April and existing Council members will consider those nominated for membership at the April Council meeting. This year, there are two open seats. New members' terms begin July 1st and serve for a three year term (renewable once). If interested in serving the parish in this way, or if you know someone who is, please email Deacon Rich at rich@stmatthiasparish.org or Sabrina at sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org.

AD PAGE

April 8-16, 2017

MR =Merry Room UR = Upper Room

8 Saturday	Lenten Weekday	13 Thursday	Holy Thursday
5:00 pm	Vigil Mass (MR)	1:30 pm	Preschool Closes thru April 23rd
9 Sunday	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	6:00 pm	Seder Supper (Hall)
8:00 am	Sunday Mass	7:15 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
9:00 am	Breaking Open the Word (MR)	14 Friday	Good Friday
10:30 am	Sunday Mass	12:00 pm	Solemn Prayer
2:30 pm	Confirmation Level II Meeting (UR)	12:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm	Passion Play Rehearsal (Church)	1:30 pm	Solemn Liturgy
10 Monday	Monday of Holy Week	7:00 pm	Youth Passion Play
3:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting (MR)	15 Saturday	Holy Saturday
5:30 pm	Daily Mass and Anointing of the Sick	12:00 pm	Liturgical Environment (Church)
11 Tuesday	Tuesday of Holy Week	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
5:30 pm	Daily Mass (MR)	16 Sunday	Easter Sunday
7:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (Hall)	8:00 am	Sunday Mass
12 Wednesday	Wednesday of Holy Week	10:30 am	Sunday Mass
5:30 pm	Daily Mass (MR)	11:30 am	Easter Egg Hunt (Hall)

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.