

# ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

## St. Matthias



## Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

April 23, 2017



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**First Reading** — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

**Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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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.*

### St. Matthias Catholic Church

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### 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.

## Confirmation

Sixteen of our St. Matthias youth will be Confirmed on **May 21st at 5:00 pm Mass at St. Pius**. Please keep these young people, their parents and sponsors in your prayers as they complete the final steps in the preparation process which will include a retreat on May 13th at Vallombrosa Retreat Center. They are: *Blake & Evan Bottarini, Joey Bravo, Brigid & Beatrice Bugos, Megan Chandler, Estela Gonzalez, Abbey Haas, Tommy Hartman, Maddy Mendes, Matt Muscat, Landon Pierce, Sebastian Salazar, Nora Schembri, Lexi Thorpe, Gianna Voltattorni*. They have been preparing for this sacrament since fall 2015 with their sponsors, parents and Confirmation Team.

## GIFT: Our Call to Justice & Charity

Our next GIFT gatherings will be held **Sunday, April 30th from 11:30 am—1:30 pm** and repeated on **Wednesday, May 3rd from 6:00 pm—8:00 pm**. (These are the “May” gatherings and are the last planned GIFT sessions for this fiscal year). The theme for these gatherings is “*Our Call to Justice and Charity*” and concludes our sessions about our Pastoral Plan, *Shaping Our Future*.

# Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

## Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

<b>Saturday, April 22nd</b> <i>Saturday Octave of Easter</i>	5:00 pm	<b>People of St. Matthias</b>	Fr. Paul Rossi
<b>Sunday, April 23rd</b> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	8:00 am	<b>George &amp; Gisele Beyrouti †</b>	Fr. Paul Rossi
	10:30 am	<b>Una Oettinger †</b>	Fr. Ted Magpayo
<b>Monday, April 24th</b> <i>Easter Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Paul Rossi
<b>Tuesday, April 25th</b> <i>Saint Mark, Evangelist</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Tom Martin
<b>Wednesday, April 26th</b> <i>Easter Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
<b>Thursday, April 27th</b> <i>Easter Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
<b>Saturday, April 29th</b> <i>Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	5:00 pm	<b>Bill &amp; Phyllis Panelli &amp; Janice Sahagun †</b>	Fr. Ted Magpayo
<b>Sunday, April 30th</b> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	8:00 am		Fr. Ted Magpayo
	10:30 am	<b>People of St. Matthias</b>	Fr. Ted Magpayo

## Pray for the sick in our community...

Terry Azofeifa  
Patrick Boland  
Dolores Eggert  
Merle Engleka  
Leon Dei Rossi  
Matt Giannattasio  
Nancy Guass  
Bill Henry  
Patricia Hughes  
Richard Marino  
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](mailto: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 in Fr. Lacey Hall. They are:

Vivian Clausing, [vclaus100@gmail.com](mailto:vclaus100@gmail.com) (650) 619-6433

Sr. Dee Myers, [dmyersbvm@comcast.net](mailto:dmyersbvm@comcast.net) (650) 274-4923

Sharon Erro, who prefers initial contact by email at [sharonerro@gmail.com](mailto:sharonerro@gmail.com)

and Tim Valderrama, [spiritualdirection.tim@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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 9, 2017 (actual year-to-date) \$244,724.99

**Weekly Need \$5,500.00**

Sunday Collection—April 9, 2017 \$4,900.00

*70 Offertory Envelopes Received = \$2,577 vs. Loose Donations \$2,323*

**Difference \$600**

**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](http://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 Building Fund Collection, we received \$419.00 for this fund April 8/9.**

**This weekend’s second collection is for Black and Indians Home Missions in the United States. This national office, established in 1884, supports catechetical and evangelization efforts in mission areas.**



### 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](mailto:info@stmatthiasparish.org) with the dates you would like the announcement to be included.

# Our Call to Prayer and Worship

## 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

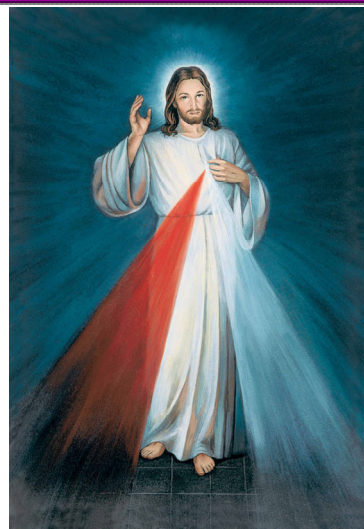
Pope Benedict XVI called John Paul "a great apostle of Divine Mercy" and echoed his predecessor's thoughts:

*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

*Mercy is the central nucleus of the Gospel message; it is the very name of God, the Face with which he revealed himself in the Old Covenant and fully in Jesus Christ, the incarnation of creative and redemptive Love. May this merciful love also shine on the face of the Church and show itself through the sacraments, in particular that of Reconciliation, and in works of charity, both communitarian and individual. May all that the Church says and does manifest the mercy God feels for man.*

~Pope Benedict XVI, *Regina Caeli* address, March 30, 2008



## Archdiocesan Marian Retreat

A Marian Retreat will be hosted on Saturday, May 6th from 8:15 am—2:30 pm at St. May's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco. This retreat is in preparation for the consecration of the Archdiocese of San Francisco to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Pre-registration is required by April 24th via Karen Guglielmoni [guglielmoniK@sfarch.org](mailto:guglielmoniK@sfarch.org). \$20 suggested donation. Morning hospitality and lunch is provided. Send checks to Office of Pastoral Ministry, Archdiocese of San Francisco, One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109, Payable to Archdiocese of San Francisco.

# Our Call to Community Building

## *State of the Parish Next Steps 3.0*

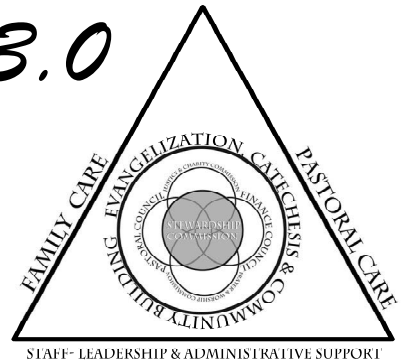
Our Call to Stewardship is one of the key components of our Pastoral Plan, Shaping Our Future. Our plan states that, "To be Christian stewards of all God's gifts to us includes more than a generous giving of time, talent and treasure."

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 for 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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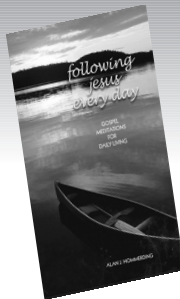
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# April 22-30, 2017

MR =Merry Room UR = Upper Room

## 2nd Collection: Black & Indian Home Missions

- 22 Saturday Saturday of Octave of Easter**  
 11:00 am Funeral Mass: Jim Mengel  
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
- 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  
 2:00 pm HSYM Pier 39
- 24 Monday Easter Weekday**  
 5:30 pm Daily Mass
- 25 Tuesday Saint Mark, Evangelist**  
 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)  
 7:00 pm AFF/Liz's Group (MR)

- 26 Wednesday Easter Weekday**  
 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)
- 27 Thursday Easter Weekday**  
 1:00 pm JCC Meeting (Rectory)  
 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)  
 7:00 pm Pastoral Council (Rectory)
- 28 Friday Easter Weekday**  
 8:45 am Rosary for Peace (MR)

## 2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul

- 29 Saturday Saint Catherine of Siena**  
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
- 30 Sunday Third Sunday of Easter**  
 8:00 am Sunday Mass  
 9:00 am Breaking Open the Word  
 10:30 am Sunday Mass  
 11:30 am GIFT: Our Call to Justice and Charity

# Our Call to Justice and Charity

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say thank you! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl. There is a large "rice bowl" box located at the back of Church. Please drop off your donations between April 22-30th. Thank you!



### 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.