

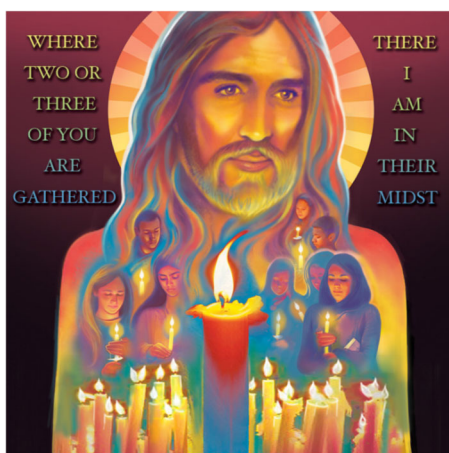
ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9-10, 2017



First Reading — Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

Gospel — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

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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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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

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The United States Conference of Catholic bishops has asked that this weekend be a time of dedicated prayerful reflection and intentions for peace and racial justice for our nation. Given the violence experienced several weeks ago in Charlottesville, Virginia, the bishops of our nation have asked us to pray for the forgiveness and healing within our country over the relationships of people from various cultural and racial backgrounds. For Christians violence is never the primary appropriate response to prejudice, hatred, and injustices; rather, naming the wrong and calling hurtful, the divisive views and rhetoric for the evil they both are and represent, and then, through a deeper understanding of our shared human condition and brokenness due to sin, we turn to the all loving and forgiving God, as known in and through Jesus Christ. Through the gift of their Holy Spirit, God can help us recognize our need and ability to name and oppose in peaceful ways all hate leading to bigotry, prejudice, which only lead to separation, division and alienation between people. Today's first reading from Ezekiel reminds us that we are responsible toward one another and must try to lead each other in the path of righteousness, which always is the path of justice, a justice which can only lead us to peace within and among individuals and nations. We sometimes are unwilling to hear this message or unwilling to listen to the Holy Spirit guiding us in ways to which we normally do not tend to go. Paul, in the second reading again reminds his listeners that disciples of Christ are always bound ultimately by the law of love....it is love of God and love of neighbor which bind us as one and ultimately are the signs of God's presence dwelling among us. As Paul says: "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law." From a Catholic viewpoint the kind of so-called nationalism and subsequent hate and prejudice and violence displayed in Charlottesville on behalf of white supremacists do not fall into line with the spirit of our scriptures proclaimed today at Mass. The Gospel of Matthew gives a practical way of dealing with significant differences disrupting the unity of a community and asks that Church communities follow this process of naming the sin and separation following with striving toward mutual forgiveness, reconciliation leading to healing within and among people. Charlottesville and all its subsequent fall-out offer us all an opportunity to examine our own inner life, our prejudices and the call to name the evil and the sinfulness all of it represents and manifests. May we take this weekend as an opportunity to prayerfully reflect upon today's scriptures by examining our own lives and our call to live the law of love within the very real concerns we all experience within our own personal lives and in the life of our nation.

I invite our parishioners to mark on their calendars Oct. 7, 2017 at the Cathedral in San Francisco where Archbishop Cordileone will gather and lead the Catholics of the Archdiocese in our consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This celebration will coincide with the Centennial Celebrations commemorating the Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima. It is also the same day that the Archdiocesan Annual Rosary Rally will be held coinciding with the very day of the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. I distributed several prayer cards around the entrances to the church several weeks ago with the image of Our Lady of Fatima on the front and a preparatory prayer for this Oct. 7th gathering and consecration on the back. Please, recite this prayer in preparation for this Archdiocesan consecration. Reading the Catholic San Francisco will help prepare you for this consecration and information about this gathering is on the Archdiocesan website with a link to it specifically. All are most welcome to the Oct. 7th celebration.

This weekend is the last weekend for our Deacon Mynor and his wife Claudia to be with us. I wish to acknowledge them and their wonderful assistance in helping us begin our Mass in Spanish a few years ago and with the outreach and subsequent ministry to our Latino community. I hope you will thank them as well and we wish them all the best and blessings as they continue with their ministry in their home parish of Corpus Christi in San Francisco.

Reminder--next Sunday the annual Archdiocesan second collection in support of the Priests' Retirement Fund will be taken up at all Masses. Thank you in advance for your gracious support and generosity.

Enjoy your week with God's blessings,

Fr. Paul Rossi

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

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| Saturday, Sept 9th <i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i> | 5:00 pm | Bill Poznanski † | Fr. Nick Paloso |
| Sunday, Sept 10th <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 8:00 am | People of St. Matthias | Fr. Nick Paloso |
| | 10:30 am | Joseph Nano † | Fr. Nick Paloso |
| Monday, Sept 11th <i>Weekday</i> | 5:30 pm | | Fr. Paul Rossi |
| Tuesday, Sept 12th <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i> | 5:30 pm | | Fr. Nick Paloso |
| Wednesday, Sept 13th <i>St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> | 5:30 pm | Al Piparo † | Fr. Ted Magpayo |
| Thursday, Sept 14th <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> | 5:30 pm | | Fr. Ted Magpayo |
| Saturday, Sept 16th <i>Sts. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i> | 5:00 pm | | Fr. Ted Magpayo |
| Sunday, Sept 17th <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 8:00 am | | Fr. Ted Magpayo |
| | 10:30 am | People of St. Matthias | Fr. Ted Magpayo |

Pray for the sick in our community...

Terry Azofeifa
Patrick Boland
Elwood Boutyer
Nancy Guass
Camille Hammer
Bill Henry
Chuck Keyser
Richard Marino
Joyce Morger
Robert Munn
Sr. Susan Ostrowski
Yvonne Salinger
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 in 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 2017– June 2018 (income needed to balance budget) **\$300,000.00**

St. Matthias' Finance Council has suggested that income be reported on a monthly, rather than weekly, basis for this fiscal year. Income figures for the previous month will be reported the first weekend of the next month.

Monthly Need **\$25,000.00**

August Sunday Collections \$18,241.00

+ Electronic Donations \$4,359.00

Difference <\$2,400>

2017 AAA Campaign Assessment **\$59,420**

Thank you for your generosity to our 2017 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal! As of 7/11/2017 we have received in donations or pledges — \$39,140 — 66% 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.

St. Matthias' Wish List

We are so grateful to parishioners who step up to make needed repairs regularly. Recently, we've noticed a couple of areas around the property that need some TLC! One area of border fencing has rotted and the gate to the back yard of the rectory could use some help.

If you have the skills, tools, know-how, and time to help with these repairs, please contact

Sabrina and she'll be happy to point you in the right direction!

We appreciate your dedication to the parish and welcome any help that you can offer by donating goods or services.

Please contact Sabrina at sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org to help!



Lost & Found

Jackets, umbrellas, and glasses, oh my! Our Lost and Found box is overflowing with items. Please come by the Hall to see if you've misplaced anything.



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 Catechesis & Evangelization



Becoming Catholic – RCIA

Do you know someone who has thought about becoming Catholic or, for whatever reason, has been baptized but has not been confirmed or received Holy Communion?

The Roman Catholic Church has a process for adults who desire to become Catholic or to complete the Sacraments of Initiation for those already Baptized (Confirmation, Eucharist).

This process is called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). The RCIA process provides weekly sessions on the fundamental beliefs of our faith as well as an understanding of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist (Mass). In addition, the process emphasizes prayer, discernment and spiritual formation as each candidate responds to his or her call to become followers of Jesus through the Catholic Church.

This year RCIA will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the rectory. The first RCIA gathering will be held on Sunday, September 17th. Parishioners who would like to participate as an RCIA team member and support our candidates are welcome.

Deacon Rich and Deacon David will lead and facilitate RCIA. If you have any questions, know of someone who would like to discuss joining RCIA, are considering being a team member, or would just like to experience the RCIA process, please contact Deacon Rich before or after Mass or email him at rich@stmatthiasparish.org.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit calls individuals to seek a deeper relationship with Almighty God through His Church.

St. Matthias Parish & Preschool Website

www.stmatthiasparish.org has been redesigned by parishioner, Michael Aronson. It will “go live” sometime this week! Please take a look and send any comments to info@stmatthiasparish.org.

Altar Servers Needed

All children, after receiving their First Communion, are eligible to become Altar Servers. The Altar Server provides a very important ministry at each Mass. Servers assist the priest and deacon in the procession to the altar, holding the Roman Missal for prayers, helping to set the table and leading the recession at the conclusion of Mass.



Altar Servers

Being a server is also a spiritual and prayerful experience for a young girl or boy. This ministry helps our children grow in their faith. It also involves them in our St. Matthias Community in the practice of our faith through Mass.

Deacon Rich provides training for new servers. A guidebook will also be provided to parents so they can be supportive. New servers will be paired with experienced servers during the first year of this ministry.

If you would like to schedule a time for training, please contact Deacon Rich. A new schedule begins in October. We need more altar servers to help us ensure that we have Altar Servers at all of our weekend Masses. Adults who are interested in serving at Mass are also invited to serve and should contact Deacon Rich.

Strong Catholic Families Sessions— Sept 13, 20, 27 from 7-8:30 pm

During the month of September we are offering parent-only workshops, called Strong Catholic Families, as an orientation to our philosophy regarding faith formation. Parents are encouraged to attend the session to learn more about our parish mission to build and support Strong Catholic Families. Sessions are designed to give parents support in raising their children in the Catholic faith.

Remaining Topics: Moral Formation and Decision Making, Digital Citizenship and How Catholics Read the Bible. Contact Sabrina sabrina@matthiasparish.org for questions or more information.

Our Call to Community Building

Shaping Our Future ~ Prayer & Worship for 2017-18

Our Pastoral Plan, Shaping Our Future, is our guide to continuous improvement for the St. Matthias Parish Community. Long term goals in each of the areas of parish effectiveness contribute to developing a culture of caring, belonging and service to one another. One of the most important areas of parish life is prayer and worship.

Our Prayer and Worship Commission (formerly called Liturgy Committee) plays a vital role in planning parish liturgies and prayer opportunities for our parish community. Several members of this commission coordinate specific ministries.

The Prayer and Worship Commission is composed of clergy (priests and deacons), parish staff (Liz and Randall) and parishioners. Parishioner members are as follows: Pam and Fred Tavernier (Family Support), Marti Engh (Music), Sandi Machado (Altar Society) and Bob Allen (Ushers/Greeters). Our overall goal is to ensure that St. Matthias provides high quality liturgical experiences (music, homilies, worship space and pastoral support).

The Prayer and Worship Action Plan for 2017-18 seeks to enhance and enrich liturgies and involve more parishioners in at least one special liturgy or prayer activity. Our goals for 2017-18 are as follows:

- Identify our parish traditions and engage participants in the spiritual significance of each event. Over a number of years, worship traditions have developed and are valued by our community. For example, we honor the saints and those who have died during the beginning of November. In addition, we celebrate the Jewish tradition of a Seder Supper prior to the Mass of the Last Supper.
- Invite and train new liturgical ministers. Commission members coordinate training and support for all liturgical ministers (e.g. altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, readers). There is a need for more parishioners to serve in one or more ministries which support our liturgies and prayer/worship activities.
- Provide timely information and coordinate any parish-wide responses to community, national or worldwide needs. The commission helps the parish with requests for prayer or donations in response to a crisis. For example in the upcoming weeks, parishes are asked to "Pray for Peace and Racial Justice" and to donate to Catholic Charities as they assist the victims of Hurricane Harvey. The commission also ensures that our parish is aware of prayer events (e.g. retreats, rosary gatherings, and contemplative prayer sessions) in the community as well as special liturgies held at neighboring churches and at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Our parish plans states. . . "It is by praying together and celebrating the sacraments that we grow in faith and holiness." As we come together in the Eucharist, we most fully realize our identity as a community of faith.

Deacon Rich

Justice and Charity News

St. Matthias welcomes **Help One Child**, a local non-profit Christian ministry dedicated to supporting at-risk children before, during and after foster care. Learn about the many ways you can lend a hand to a child or family in need. **Sunday, Sept 17th, 11:30 Fr. Lacey Hall.**

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

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Parish & Preschool Events Sept 10-17, 2017

MR =Merry Room UR = Upper Room PS = Preschool

| Welcome Weekend Prayer for Peace & Racial Justice Hurricane Harvey Appeal | | | |
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| <u>Sunday, September 10th</u> 23rd Sun in Ordinary Time | <u>Monday, September 11th</u> Weekday | <u>Tuesday, September 12th</u> The Most Holy Name of Mary | <u>Wednesday, September 13th</u> St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church |
| 8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am FISH Catechist Training 1:00 pm Confirmation Team Training (UR) | 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 6:30 pm Back to School Night—Butterflies (PS) 7:00 pm Bible Study Series (see below for details) | 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 6:30 pm Back to School Night—Dandelions & New Class (PS) 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (Hall) | 10:00 am Deanery Meeting (Nativity Church) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 6:30 pm Back to School Night—Bluebirds (PS) 7:00 pm Strong Catholic Families (Hall) |
| 2nd Collection: Priests' Retirement Fund | | | |
| <u>Thursday, Sept 14th</u> Exaltation of the Holy Cross | <u>Friday, September 15th</u> Our Lady of Sorrows | <u>Saturday, September 16th</u> Saints Cornelius, pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Mar- | <u>Sunday, September 17th</u> 24th Sun in Ordinary Time |
| 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (Rectory) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm Finance Council Meeting (Rectory) | 8:45 am Rosary for Peace (MR) | 6:30 am OnFiRE NorCal Jam at Six Flags Vallejo (Youth and Young Adults) 5:00 pm Vigil Mass | 8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am JCC: Help One Child Presentation (Hall) |



Bible Study with Deacon Rich: St. Paul's Letters

According to theologian Fr. Raymond Brown, "Next to Jesus, Paul has been the most influential figure in the history of Christianity." Although Paul was not one of the twelve Apostles, he called himself "The Apostle to the Gentiles." In his letters, St. Paul describes the implications of Jesus's ministry and his teachings for particular communities of believers.

Since Paul's letters are a part of the New Testament and proclaimed at most Masses, no Christian has been unaffected by what he has written. Paul's letters provide further context and insights into the developments within the early Church as described in Acts of the Apostles. What can we learn from Paul's writings that will help each one of us to deepen our belief in a loving God and guide us to more fully live our Catholic Christian faith?

Beginning Monday, September 11th, Deacon Rich will lead a seven week Bible Study series on Paul's "First Letter to the Thessalonians" and "Letter to the Galatians." Sessions will be held in Fr. Lacy Hall from 7 – 8:30 p.m. each Monday from September 11th through October 23rd. 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.