

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 16-17, 2017



First Reading — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:9).

Psalms — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

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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.

St. Matthias Catholic Church

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www.stmatthiasparish.org

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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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Confirmation Program Youth Masses

Our Confirmation program begins next weekend, on Sunday, September 24th, with an Orientation Gathering for the youth, their parents and sponsors at 3:30 pm in Fr. Lacey Hall. One of the highlights for this program is the addition of occasional YOUTH MASSES at St. Matthias on Sunday's at 5:00 pm. Confirmation sessions will alternate locations between here and St. Pius. Each time (4 times this year) we host a Confirmation session, a Youth Mass will be celebrated. All are invited to attend these added Masses which will be youth driven. Youth or young adults who are interested in helping are invited to contact Sabrina for more information.

GIFT: Generations in Faith Together

Our family faith formation program, GIFT: Generations in Faith Together, will continue in the Fall. All families who have young people preparing for sacraments are required to register and attend. All those who were enrolled in GIFT last year are encouraged to continue attending GIFT as this is our life-long faith formation program. We believe that faith development is continuous; it does not end after the reception of a sacrament. The first GIFT gathering will be on October 1st and repeated on October 4th—visit this website to subscribe to updates: <http://mailchi.mp/a4dbeaf2bca0/register-for-gift-youth-ministry-fish-first-communion-etc>. If you have any questions about the program, or would like more information, please email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org

Hospitality Ministry 2018 ... Join Us!

NEW NEXT YEAR! Starting in January, we are planning to provide hospitality twice a month after the 10:30 mass. It would be held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month. With regards to the 4th Sunday, ministers would need to arrive at 10:00 to set up the hall since hospitality would not be provided after the 8:00 mass on those Sundays. But to make this all happen, more "hands" are needed! Please consider joining this ministry! It's a great time of fellowship and service, and commitment is minimal...possibly three or four times during the year. Hospitality will also continue on the 2nd Sunday of every month after the 8:00 mass as well as after the 5:00 mass on the 2nd Saturday. If you would like to help during these times, we'd love to have you aboard. Also, we are looking for someone to coordinate hospitality on Saturdays after the 5:00 mass. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry on Sundays, give Lynda Allen a call at (650) 363-1139 or email her at bljcfamily@sbcglobal.net. If you would like to help with hospitality on Saturdays or be interested in coordinating it, email Liz Vugrinecz at liz@stmatthiasparish.org. And if you and your family would like to sign up as a team after any of these masses, this would be a fun opportunity for all!

Your response by September 22 is greatly appreciated...thank you!

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, Sept 16th <i>Sts. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i>	5:00 pm	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Sunday, Sept 17th <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am		Fr. Ted Magpayo
	10:30 am	Gertrude Sullivan †	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Monday, Sept 18th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Paul Rossi
Tuesday, Sept 19th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Nick Paloso
Wednesday, Sept 20th <i>Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-go, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	5:30 pm	Al Piparo †	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Thursday, Sept 21st <i>St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Saturday, Sept 23rd <i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i>	5:00 pm	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Paul Rossi
Sunday, Sept 24th <i>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am	Dee Viola	Fr. Paul Rossi
	10:30 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Paul Rossi
	5:00 pm		Fr. Paul Rossi

Pray for the sick in our community...

Terry Azofeifa
Patrick Boland
Elwood Boutyer
Nancy Guass
Camille Hammer
Bill Henry
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.

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.

Immigration: Welcoming the Stranger

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that "if you want peace, work for justice." The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict. (USCCB/What We Believe)

<http://www.sfarchdiocese.org/home/ministries/social-justice-life/peace-justice/immigration>

The Archdiocese of San Francisco has pledged it's support for immigrants in our communities. The above statement is from the Archdiocesan website. More information can be found there including Archbishop Cordileone's statement to Pastors.

**San Mateo Rapid Response Network
HOTLINE 203-666-4472
(203-NOMIGRA)**



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 is now LIVE. 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 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: 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 17-24, 2017

MR =Merry Room UR = Upper Room PS = Preschool

2nd Collection: Priests' Retirement Fund			
Sunday, September 17th <i>24th Sun in Ordinary Time</i>	Monday, September 18th <i>Weekday</i>	Tuesday, September 19th <i>Weekday</i>	Wednesday, September 20th <i>Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-go, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs</i>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 9:00 am RCIA (UR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am JCC: Help One Child Presentation (Hall)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm Bible Study Series (see below for details)	3:00 pm Prayer Shawl (MR) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (Hall)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm Prayer & Worship Commission (Rectory) 7:00 pm Strong Catholic Families (Hall)
2nd Collection: Building Fund			
Thursday, Sept 21st <i>St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist</i>	Friday, September 22nd <i>Weekday</i>	Saturday, September 23rd <i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	Sunday, September 24th <i>25th Sun in Ordinary Time</i>
1:00 pm JCC Meeting (Rectory) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Rectory)	8:45 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:00 am RCIA (Rm 5) 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 3:30 pm Confirmation Orientation (Hall) 5:00 pm Youth Mass (all are welcome)



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.