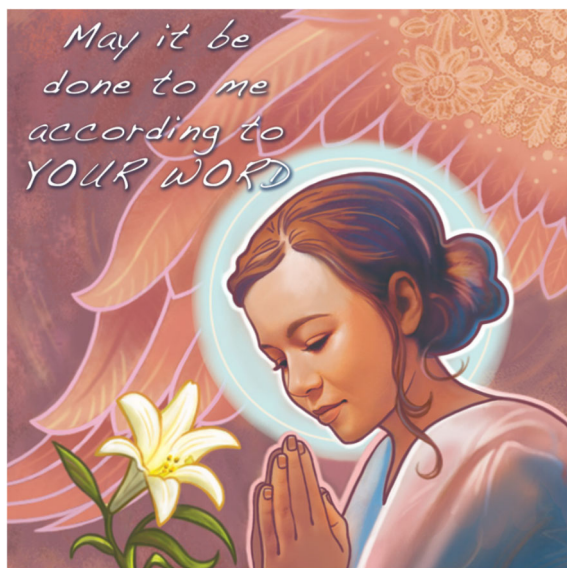


# ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

## St. Matthias



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### December 23-24, 2017

**First Reading** — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

**Psalm** — For ever I will sing of the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

**Gospel** — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

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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.sfarchdiocese.org](http://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.

# A Message from Fr. Paul

## Staff Directory

Our extensions have recently be updated!

**Administrator—Fr. Paul Rossi**

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**Parish Life Coordinator—**

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**Administrative Assistant—Lisa Bamford**

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**Music Director—Randall Watts**

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**Preschool Director— Kim Nave**

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Merry Christmas and Blessings to all our parishioners and visitors of St. Pius St. Matthias Churches:

I pray that this Christmas Season, which extends to the Baptism of the Lord, Jan. 8, is filled with many blessings to all of you in the form of peace, joy and hope, especially in these challenging times. May the peace of God, who is Jesus, be with you and your loved ones now and throughout the New Year of 2018.

I am grateful to all of you who have prayed for my healing throughout these past several months of challenges to my health and for the cards and notes you have sent me; know how very grateful and appreciative I am to you all. For you to know--After experiencing severe fatigue over the past several months, since the ending of summer, as well as suffering from the atrial fibrillation I have had for over 10 years and experiencing sleep apnea for several years, I suffered a stroke while celebrating a daily 8:00 AM Mass on Wed. Sept. 27. After spending 4 days at Sequoia Hospital, I returned to the rectory and began recuperating while working with my cardiologist to see the best way to handle my stroke, most likely caused from the atrial-fibrillation. After taking some speech therapy to counteract some of the effects of the stroke and having started the blood thinner, Eliquis, I took steps to protect my self from further strokes and to deal with both my heart and sleeping disorders. Thus, Monday, Dec. 4, I went to Sequoia Hospital where I had an atrial ablation to address my atrial-fibrillation and recently, through Sequoia Hospital Sleep Center, have begun improving my sleep by addressing the sleep apnea with a breathing device. I have been recuperating for the past couple weeks, post ablation, trying to regain my energy and stamina. I am slowly feeling better, while not returning to a type of hectic schedule I am used to following.

After the New Year I am hoping to get back into a more regular routine here and at St. Matthias. I simply need to care for my health by not returning to unhealthy life and work patterns, as in ignoring the need for proper and sufficient sleep, rest and relaxation and being caught up with anxiety and stress. Again, I thank all of you for your concern and understanding as seen in your prayerful support of me over these past months; I am very grateful to you all!

As you may know, Fr. Tom Martin will be returning to us Jan. 1, as he is completing his temporary role as administrator of St. Veronica's. With the Archbishop's suggestion and appointment, I am grateful that Fr. Tom will be helping me as Pastor by acting as temporary administrator of St. Pius and St. Matthias. His skilled presence will be welcomed by me and our staff as we go forth into 2018, always with the intent of how best we can serve our communities.

I also want to thank Fr. Nic Palaso for serving our two parishes while Fr. Tom was away and wish Fr. Nic many blessings as he heads toward his ministry with St. Timothy's, San Mateo. God bless you, Fr. Nic.

Gratitude as well to all who have brought clergy and staff many food gifts and other items, for which we all are most grateful. Thanks greatly to Brian Tupper and our Men's Club for the wonderful service again working the Tree Lot--good support to our parish--Thank you.

Merry Christmas to all and blessings for a peaceful and healthy New Year in 2018.  
Gratefully in Christ,  
Fr. Paul Rossi

# Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

## Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

|  |                              |  |                 |
|--|------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| <b>Saturday, Dec 23rd</b><br><i>Late Advent Weekday</i>                                      | 5:00 pm                      | <b>Bill Pacumio †</b>                    | Fr. Nic Paloso  |
| <b>Sunday, Dec 24th</b><br><i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i><br><br><i>Christmas Eve Masses</i> | 8:00 am                      |  | Fr. Nic Paloso  |
|  | 10:30 am                     |  | Fr. Nic Paloso  |
|  | 4:30 pm                      | <b>Paul &amp; Emily Flores †</b>         | Fr. Nic Paloso  |
|  | 9:00 pm                      |  | Fr. Ted Magpayo |
| <b>Monday, Dec 25th</b><br><i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>                                   | 10:00 am                     | <b>Paul &amp; Maria Dolores Falzon †</b> | Fr. Ted Magpayo |
| <b>Tuesday, Dec 26th</b><br><i>St. Stephen, The First Martyr</i>                             | No MASS—Parish Office Closed |  |                 |
| <b>Wednesday, Dec 27th</b><br><i>St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>                        | 5:30 pm                      |  | Fr. Ted Magpayo |
| <b>Thursday, Dec 28th</b><br><i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>                              | 5:30 pm                      | <b>Anton Gonzalez</b>                    | Fr. Ted Magpayo |
| <b>Saturday, Dec 30th</b><br><i>Sixth Day within the Octave of</i>                           | 5:00 pm                      | <b>People of St. Matthias</b>            | Fr. Ted Magpayo |
| <b>Sunday, Dec 31st</b><br><i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>                                    | 8:00 am                      | <b>Bob McAdams †</b>                     | Fr. Ted Magpayo |
|  | 10:30 am                     | <b>Jose &amp; Maria Campos †</b>         | Fr. Ted Magpayo |

*Mass Clergy Assignments are subject to change.*

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

Eric Alvarez  
Terry Azofeifa  
Patrick Boland  
Elwood Boutyer  
John Carr  
Carlos Chavez  
Nancy Guass  
Bill Henry  
Louise Leeper  
Rose & Richard Marino  
Robert Munn  
Sr. Susan Ostrowski  
Fr. Paul Rossi  
Yvonne Salinger  
Ruby Vasquez  
Kirk Vorsatz  
Jennifer Yuhas

**...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).

## Our Call to Justice & Charity: The Two Feet of Love *in Action*

Recently, our Justice and Charity Commission had the privilege to learn about a local service being provided by VOCA. VOCA is a new platform connecting people with their local government via text message. Its mission is to strengthen democracy by simplifying and expanding civic participation. VOCA works in the following way: users receive one text message question a week about a local issue in their town or city. They reply with a numeric level of support (1 to 5 just like a Yelp or Amazon review), along with an optional comment. Answers are then collected and shared by VOCA with city council, any relevant city commission or staff, on social media, and of course with VOCA users. Lastly, VOCA is laser-focused on simplicity and accessibility: there's nothing

to download, no user-name and password to remember, and it is available in both English and Spanish. Also, all VOCA answers are completely anonymous.

Right now VOCA is just in Redwood City, and we have over 300 people signed up. The response is generally very positive: elected officials are intrigued, city staff is enthusiastic, and user engagement is strong with many saying they've never felt so connected with what's going on in their city.

**First Step for Families (LifeMoves) - Saturday, January 27, 2018** Volunteer to help prepare dinner and enjoy a movie with the residents at this transitional housing complex. Contact Pam Scannell to sign up [psscannell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:psscannell@sbcglobal.net).

# 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 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.

Year-To-Date Received (as of Nov 30th) **\$115,224.00**

Monthly Need **\$25,000.00**

November Sunday Collections **\$20,528.00**

+ Electronic Donations **\$4,200.00**

**Total Offertory for November \$24,728.00**

**Difference (Need-Received) <-\$272.00>**

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

See update on page 6.

## 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.

## GOD'S PROMISE

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David; that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given so different from what we ever could have imagined.



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## Assisted Listening System

All that is needed is a small FM pocket radio with headphone jack and earphones. Turn in to 88 on the FM dial.



### 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 Community Building

## Medical Emergency Response Workshops

EVERYONE has a role in responding to Medical Emergencies! In an effort to save yourself, your loved-one and/or anyone in our community, St. Mathias invites you to attend a 15 minute presentation on MEDICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE. This is a 4 Series class (attending each class is not necessary but highly recommended) and scheduled as part of the Saturday Welcome Weekends from 5:45 – 6:00 pm, January to April 2018. The presentations are FREE and are presented by Dr. Theresa M. Mostasisa, RN, BSN, MS, PHN, DSD, EdD – a Clinical Educator, Professor, Author and Speaker along with other interested Parishioners.

1/13 –MER - Medical Emergency Response #1 ( 1 of 4 Series) entitled, “Medical Emergency? The Who, What, Where, When, Why and How”

2/10 – MER- Medical Emergency Response #2 ( 2 of 4 Series) entitled, “Medical Emergency? Our Beating Heart...How It Works and What It Wants”

3/10 – MER - Medical Emergency Response #3 ( 3 of 4 Series) entitled, “Medical Emergency? “Big Sick vs. Little Sick”

4/14 –MER Medical Emergency MER –Response #4 ( 1 of 4 Series) entitled, “Medical Emergency? A collaborative effort and working together.”

## 6th Annual

### Multi-faith Day of Service

Please join us for this unique opportunity to work side by side with those of other faiths and cultures to benefit our local community. The day begins with an inspiring welcome from faith leaders at our volunteer breakfast at 8:00 am. After breakfast, pre-assigned groups of volunteers work together on 20+ family friendly projects. Children ages 5+ are welcome to participate in most projects. Register by January 7th at <https://pmcmlk2018.eventbrite.com>. Hosted

by the Peninsula Multi-faith Coalition: Bringing together our diverse community to build bridges of understanding and respect.

## St. Matthias Parish News

A new effort is being made to communicate with all parishioners using an “email blast” system. An initial welcome message was sent out within the last couple of weeks, followed by a message about our Christmas Eve Pageant. We gathered email addresses from our parish data base and established this system. We intend to use this for things that don’t make the weekly parish bulletin, or events or efforts which need to be highlighted. Some examples of things to be sent in this way are: event announcements, volunteer opportunities, obituaries, baptisms, awards and recognitions. Each message will include a link to our website where parishioners can access our weekly bulletin. If you did not receive these initial messages and would like to subscribe, please visit our website [www.stmatthiasparish.org](http://www.stmatthiasparish.org) and enter your email address in the “Let’s Connect” box. It’s located right on the home page near the bulletins. It’s also located on the parish pages. If you’d like to unsubscribe, you may do that also, by using the link included within the St. Matthias Parish News” email.

### 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 ( ) would like information

# Our Call to Stewardship

## Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Challenge Pledge!

As of November 9th, we have received just 70% of the total needed to fulfill our parish obligation to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal which is \$59,420 for this year.

**We've received a generous offer - \$5,000 as a challenge pledge to the parish community.**

If you haven't already made your donation to the AAA, please consider doing so now. If you've already donated, and can give more, we would appreciate it. Your donations help us meet our obligation. Any amount received over what we owe will remain in the parish for our local needs.

Goal: \$59,420

Received to Date: \$57,109

Challenge Pledge: \$5,000

Rec'd: \$7,615

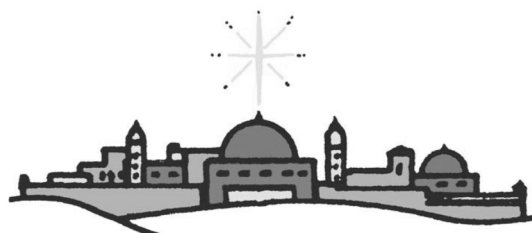
Needed: \$2,311

Help us make up  
the needed  
amount!

# Our Call to Prayer & Worship

## Christmas Mass Obligations Clarified: Two Masses are Required

With Christmas Day on a Monday this year, many people want their Mass obligations clarified. The short answer is: Yes, there is a Sunday obligation and a separate Holy Day obligation. The following information has been supplied to all priests of the Archdiocese: The Bridge | December 18, 2017 On Sunday, December 24, which is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Masses after 4:00 pm should be the Vigil Mass for the Nativity of the Lord and not the Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. If your parish has a regularly scheduled Sunday evening Mass, the Vigil Mass for the Nativity is to be used. Obligation to Attend Mass: This year we have the unusual occurrence of the obligation to attend Mass on two consecutive days. People ask: 'Can I satisfy two obligations with one Mass?' The U.S. Catholic Bishops have clarified that "When consecutive obligations occur on Saturday-Sunday or Sunday-Monday, the faithful must attend Mass twice to fulfill two separate obligations." Therefore, the people are obliged to attend one Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (from Saturday evening 12./23 up to 4:00 pm on Sunday 12/24); and one Mass for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord (from 4:00 pm on Sunday 12/24 through all Masses on Monday 12/25).



MERRY CHRISTMAS  
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## Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24\*

8:00 am 4th Sunday of Advent Mass  
10:30 am 4th Sunday of Advent Mass  
4:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant and Mass  
9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

Monday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Christmas Mass

Parish Offices will be closed Tuesday, December 26th.

Monday, January 1

10:00 a.m. Mass for Solemnity of Mary

Parish Offices will be closed Tuesday, January 2nd.

\*Please note the December 24th morning Masses will be celebrated for the 4th Sunday of Advent, while the evening Masses are the Vigil Masses for Christmas.

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# Parish & Preschool Events December 24-31, 2017

DR = Rectory Dining Room MR = Merry Room UR = Upper Room PS = Preschool

|   | Offices Closed  | Offices Closed  |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Sunday, December 24th</b><br><i>Fourth Sunday of Advent &amp;</i>  | <b>Monday, December 25th</b><br><i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>       | <b>Tuesday, December 26th</b><br><i>St. Stephen, Marytr</i>             | <b>Wednesday, December 27th</b><br><i>St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>    |
| 8:00 am Sunday Mass<br>10:30 am Sunday Mass<br>4:30 pm Christmas Eve Pageant & Mass<br>9:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass | 10:00 am Christmas Day Mass   | 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)   | 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)   |
| <b>Second Collection: St. Vincent de Paul</b>   |   |   |   |
| <b>Thursday, December 28th</b><br><i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>  | <b>Friday, December 29th</b><br><i>Fifth Day within the Octave of</i> | <b>Saturday, December 30th</b><br><i>Sixth Day within the Octave of</i> | <b>Sunday, December 31st</b><br><i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp;</i>   |
| 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)   | 8:30 am Rosary for Peace (MR)   | 5:00 pm Vigil Mass  | 8:00 am Sunday Mass<br>9:15 am Breaking Open the Word<br>10:30 am Sunday Mass |



Thank you to all who came out for the **Sing-along and Crèche Display!** Some comments

from parishioners: "The sing-along was great fun and everyone enjoyed Fr. Ted. He is a real performer." "It was wonderful to eat together and have an opportunity to see parishioners from other Masses in a social relaxed setting." "The Crèche display was beautiful and contained a number of new items."

Kudos to Laura Granucci who not only thought up the Sing-along, but chaired the whole event. Claire Felong and Laura made the whole event a joy to put together as a wonderful gift to the parish.

