

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 30-31, 2017



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First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) *or* Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) *or* Psalm 105.

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) *or* Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

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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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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.

A Message from Fr. Paul

Staff Directory

Our extensions have recently be updated!

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Merry Christmas Season and Happy New Year to all:

We thank all our ministries of liturgy and liturgical celebration for our Christmas celebrations and I wish all our families and parishioners the best of God's peace and health and well being in this coming New Year. May we do our part in caring for our world, environment, relationships between people so that, in the gospel of Jesus Christ, we may make every effort to unite people in reconciling love and peace, to bring people into union with each other, which ultimately heaven is, as we look to the experience and meaning of the Communion (Holy Union) of Saints.

Welcome back to Fr. Tom Martin, as he returns from his administrator's role at St. Veronica's Parish. As I mentioned last week, Fr. Tom will be temporary administrator here and St. Matthias, as he will assist me and our staffs in our duties of service to both our communities. Fr. Tom's role of service will help me to continue recuperating and healing. I am grateful to him for agreeing to these extra responsibilities he is willing to live in the coming months.

When I began here as Pastor on July 1, 2011, I knew that my work here would probably be my last official assignment in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. While I have enjoyed being your Pastor over these nearly 7 years and together we have accomplished much over this time, given my recent health challenges and what I have learned from them, I have recently sent my letter to the Archbishop requesting retirement. After 44 very active years serving as priest in a variety of forms of ministry within the Archdiocese of San Francisco and reaching the age of 70 next July, I will be retiring from the active ministry as of July 1, 2018. I am looking at my retirement not as retiring from priesthood; rather, as being open to seeing how God will direct me into a new way of being and living who I am and the vocation which the Spirit continues to guide and direct within me. I am looking forward to moving on to the next level and stage of my life, which is my vocation. I do not have my future all planned nor do I desire or seek it; instead, I am simply planning to be very open to the Spirit guiding and directing me in the coming years.

As happened before I was assigned here as Pastor in 2011, the Archdiocesan Personnel Board will conduct listening sessions with me, the other clergy, parish staff, and lay parish leaders to provide the Archbishop and Personnel Board a parish profile as they search for the best priest to become your next Pastor here and Administrator of St. Matthias. Please, keep all of these plans and movements in your prayers, asking the Spirit to guide us all and the process we will be undertaking. The listening session will occur in the near future, most likely this month of January; though, date and time have not yet been determined or finalized. We will surely let you know.

God bless you and your loved ones with good health, happiness and peace in this New Year! In the meanwhile, keep each other in prayer and in charity.

Be well,

Fr. Paul Rossi

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, Dec 30th <i>Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas</i>	5:00 pm	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Sunday, Dec 31st <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	8:00 am	Bob McAdams †	Fr. Ted Magpayo
	10:30 am	Jose & Maria Campos †	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Monday, Jan 1st* <i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.</i>	10:00 am		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Tuesday, Jan 2nd <i>Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzan</i>	No MASS—Parish Office Closed		
Wednesday, Jan 3rd <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Thursday, Jan 4th <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Saturday, Jan 6th <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Bob Peruzzo †	Fr. Tom Martin
Sunday, Jan 7th <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	8:00 am		Fr. Ted Magpayo
	10:30 am		Fr. Ted Magpayo

**No 5:30 am Mass on Monday, Jan 1st. 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.

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 Due to lack of response, this event has been cancelled. The Justice and Charity Commission will consider rescheduling to a later date.

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.

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 and click on "Support Us" then "Online Donation" to sign up.

BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

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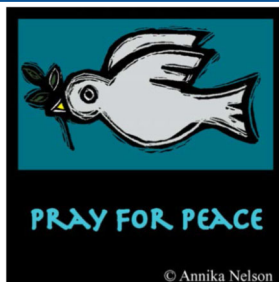


Photo & Announcement Deadline

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 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 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!

2017 Goal: \$59,420

As of December 27th, we have received \$60,959—which exceeds our parish obligation to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal which is \$59,420 for this year.

Received to Date: \$60,959

Over: \$1,539

We thank all those who responded; those who pledged early on, and those who responded to the Challenge Pledge. We are grateful to parishioners who faithfully support our parish community.

Thank you for helping us reach our goal and fulfill our obligation!

If you were planning on making a donation to this, all monies received now will stay in the parish for our local needs.

Our Call to Prayer & Worship

To the Parents of our Youngest Members:

We have noticed that our Church is alive with the voices and movement of new life! This is such a welcome sign and we want to ensure that families feel welcome celebrating liturgy with us. To the parents of young children, may we suggest...

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it's easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, altar servers, choir, etc. Help them to be actively engaged in our liturgy.

Sing the songs, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

Then, for those children who can, or are starting to read, we provide a weekly resource called "MagnifiKid!" This is a guide for Mass published in a way that's easy for children to understand. Pick up a copy on the book cart in the back of Church on your way to your pew. (Adults enjoy this resource too!)

Finally, Kindergarten– 4th graders are invited to participate in our FISH (Friends in Service to Him) pro-

gram during the 10:30 am Mass. Children are dismissed after the Opening Prayer to hear the readings at their own level of understanding.



New Year's Mass Schedule

Monday, January 1

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

There will be no 5:30 pm Masses celebrated on Monday, January 1st or Tuesday, January 2nd. Parish Offices will be closed Tuesday, January 2nd.

AD PAGE

Parish & Preschool Events December 24-31, 2017

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

Second Collection: St. Vincent de Paul	Offices Closed	Offices Closed	
Sunday, December 31st <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>	Monday, January 1st <i>Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God</i>	Tuesday, January 2nd <i>Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops</i>	Wednesday, January 3rd <i>Christmas Weekday</i>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word 10:30 am Sunday Mass	10:00 am Solemnity of Mary Mass	NO 5:30 pm Daily Mass	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)
Thursday, January 4th <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>	Friday, January 5th <i>St. John Neumann, Bishop</i>	Saturday, January 6th <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	Sunday, January 7th <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>
5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)	8:30 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word 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.

