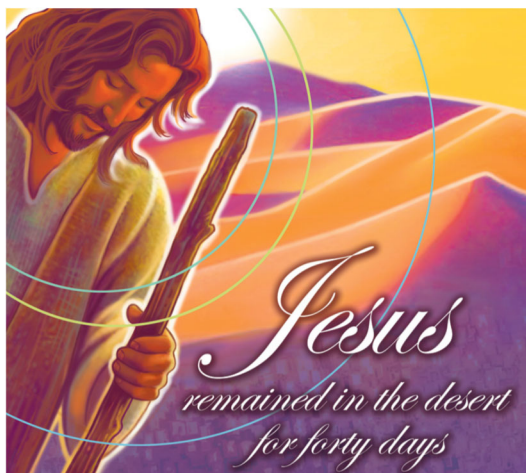


ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



First Sunday of Lent February 17-18, 2018



First Reading — God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

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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.

RCIA: St. Matthias 2018

Staff Directory

Our extensions have recently be updated!

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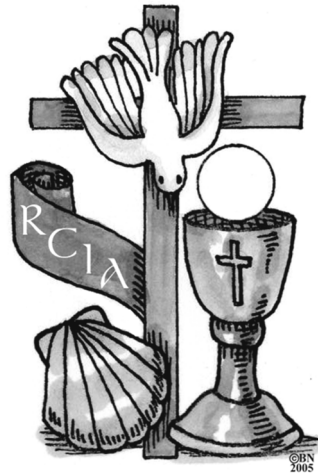
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The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process designed to guide, form and support those adults seeking full initiation into the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass.

The following individuals have been meeting regularly to learn about our Catholic beliefs, our sacraments and deepen their faith in our loving Savior, Jesus Christ.

Catechumen

Kayla Aleem
Sydney Aleem
Katie Sakai
North West

Sponsor

Maureen Green
Kathleen Moorehead
Stephanie Contreras
Sharon Randall

We also have a Baptized Catholic, John Lessar, who is a candidate preparing to complete his full initiation into the Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. His sponsor is Bob Allen.

On the First Sunday of Lent, Sunday, February 18th at our 10:30 a.m. Mass, we will celebrate the “Rite of Sending.” There will be a brief introduction of these catechumens/candidate and their sponsors. They will receive a blessing. All those present will be asked to pray for them as they continue their journey.

In addition, all parish RCIA teams from throughout the Archdiocese will convene at St. Mary’s Cathedral at 4 p.m. Sunday. Archbishop Cordileone will preside over the Rite of Election. All sponsors will testify to the readiness of the catechumens and candidates. As a part of this ritual, each catechumens signs the “Book of the Elect” for their respective parish. Kayla, Sydney, Katie and North will sign the St. Matthias Book and John will be blessed by the Archbishop. These rites of “sending” and “election” reflect the early days of the Church when local Church communities prepared, supported and celebrated initiating new members into God’s Church.

Congratulations to all! We ask all members of the St. Matthias Catholic Community to keep our entire RCIA team in your prayers as they journey toward the Easter Vigil celebration.

Deacon Rich & Deacon David

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, Feb 17th <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	5:00 pm	Loretta O'Hara †	Fr. Dave Pettingill
Sunday, Feb 18th <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	8:00 am	Benjamin Soria †	Fr. Ted Magpayo
	10:30 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Monday, Feb 19th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	NO 5:30 pm Mass		
Tuesday, Feb 20th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Dino Del Favero †	Fr. Tom Martin
Wednesday, Feb 21st <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Thursday, Feb 22nd <i>The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Saturday, Feb 24th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Bill & Phyllis Panelli † & Al & Janice Sahagun †	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Sunday, Feb 25th <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Paul Rossi
	10:30 am	Leopoldo Cervantes †	Fr. Paul Rossi

Mass Clergy Assignments are subject to change.

Rides to Church

Periodically, we get calls from parishioners or those in the area who need rides to Church. If you are willing to pick up someone and bring them to church either weekly, twice a month, or even just once a month, please contact Lisa at (650) 366-9544 Lisa@stmatthiasparish.org. We would like to have a roster of people willing to provide this service.

Family Support and Grief Ministry

St. Pius Church is facilitating a support group for people grieving the loss of a loved one.

"Moving Through the Loss of A Loved One: The Next Step" is a focused support group being offered by the St. Pius Grief Ministry this Fall. This session is intended for those who have previously attended a Grief Support group session and/or would like to participate in a support group focused on progressing through their personal grief journey. The session will be held on Monday evenings at St. Pius for eight consecutive weeks beginning Monday, February 5th, at 7:00pm in the St. Pius Parish Center. Please note that new members will be accepted to this session through our meeting scheduled for Monday, March 5. For more information or to register, please contact the Grief Ministry at (650) 361-0655, or griefministry@pius.org.

Pray for the sick in our community...

Terry Azofeifa
Patrick Boland
Elwood Boutyer
Carlos Chavez
Nancy Galli
Nancy Guass
Louise Leeper
Rose & Richard Marino
Shirley McClellan
Robert Munn
Sr. Susan Ostrowski
Yvonne Salinger
Sharon Spry
Kirk Vorsatz
Jennifer Yuhas

...that they may be comforted by the love of Jesus.

To add or remove a name from this list, email info@stmatthiasparish.org.

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 Jan 31st) **\$171,246.00**

Monthly Need **\$25,000.00**

January Sunday Collections **\$15,382.00**

+ Electronic Donations **\$6,250.00**

Total Offertory for January \$21,632.00

Difference (Need-Received) <\$3,368>

2018 AAA Campaign Assessment \$67,319

The 2018 AAA will kick off on the weekend of Feb 10-11th.

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.

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.

Winter Cold and Flu Season



As always, you are reminded to use common good sense in the reception of Holy Communion during the annual cold and flu season. If you are feeling ill or think you have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from offer-

ing your hand to others at the sign of peace. Likewise, if you are not comfortable sharing the sign of peace or receiving Holy Communion from the communal chalice for fear of infection, you should feel no pressure to do so.

All of us must be aware of such sensitive matters in the intimate life of the Christian community and we should expect that some will refrain from the sign of peace and the communal chalice out of care for our well being and not out of unkindness or lack of piety.



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

Spiritual Care Service Volunteer Training At Stanford Hospital

Would you be interested in visiting Catholic patients at Stanford Hospital and offering them Communion as a Eucharistic Minister? If you are a compassionate listener, empathic, well grounded in your faith, and open to serving a couple of hours a week, then, becoming a Spiritual Care Service Volunteer at Stanford might be the right opportunity for you. Stanford Health Care is offering its next training class for new volunteers on Saturday, March 17th, at Stanford Hospital. To learn more about this special ministry and request an application, please contact Raksha Patel at 650-723-5101 or spiritualcare@stanfordhealthcare.org. The deadline for submitting applications is March 1st.

CRS Rice Bowls

Every Lent, Catholics in the United States do something amazing. Their prayers, fasting and almsgiving become lifesaving aid for millions of individuals living in conditions of poverty around the world. The hungry are fed; the thirsty are given drink; the homeless find shelter. And this has been going on for more than 40 years. That's the impact of CRS Rice Bowl. That's how what you give up for Lent can change lives.

Pick up your Rice Bowl around the Baptismal Font this weekend.

ENCOUNTER MAJD

In Iraq, we encounter Majd and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org

Multi-Faith Panel on Religion & Environmental Concerns

Sunday, March 11th from Noon—1pm
The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City, 2124 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City

How do religions relate to the environment? What do they have to offer in this age of environmental degradation, species extinction, and climate change? Panelists from each of the world's five major religions (Buddhist, Muslim, Christian, Hindu, Jewish) will discuss how their respective traditions view the relationship between humanity and the natural world and what their traditions teach about living sustainably on the planet.

Bible Study with Deacon Rich

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 ministry and his teachings for particulate 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 development 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?

Mark your calendars for this next 6-week series which will begin after Easter on Monday, April 16th. Sessions will be held in Fr. Lacey Hall from 7-8:30 pm.

Lenten Offerings

Stations of the Cross & Soup Suppers

With Lent starting on February 14, we will again have Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers every Friday at 6:00 pm starting February 16th through March 23. A Soup Supper in the Hall will follow the Stations. A different station will be said each week including Mary's Way of the Cross, Stopping Along the Way, Walk with Me the Way of the Cross, and others. All are welcome. We encourage all attendees to bring a bowl and spoon from home for environmental reasons. Please contact Liz Vugrinecz, (650) 366-9544 Ext. 2012 if you have any questions or if you would like to bring soup for any of the weeks.

Lenten Mission/Cinema Divina

Lenten Mission/Cinema Divina Transformation into New Life Presented by Sr Jennifer Tecla, FSP. Journey through the movie "The Shack." Cinema Divina is a prayerful viewing of a film in light of the Scriptures. When: Feb. 22 -6:30pm-8:30pm Feb. 27-7:00pm-8:30pm Mar. 8 - 7:00pm-8:30pm Mar. 14-7:00pm-8:30pm Where: St Charles Parish 880 Tamarack Avenue San Carlos, CA 94070 at Borromeo Hall Cost: Free/Donations accepted.

Journey to Jerusalem

All are welcome to join the St. Charles Parish community at A Lenten Program, entitled "Journey to Jerusalem" on Wednesday, February 21 from 7-9 pm with Sam Kauffman, a Bay Area resident and internationally known singer, songwriter, author and retreat leader. \$15/per person. Sponsored by the St. Charles Women's Club.

The Word Among Us

This Lent, we have copies of The Word Among Us, the Lenten edition. It contains the complete Catholic Mass and daily meditations, and a series of ar-

ticles entitled the Promise of Lent. A special article also included entitled "Finding God in All Things" is a guide to St. Ignatius' Daily Examen, which taught people to pray by helping them become aware of God's presence in their daily lives. Please take one of these booklets to help you with the three focuses of Lent: Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving.

St. Matthias Women's Silent Retreat

Feb 23-25: Fr. Martin Cain—Begin Your Lenten Journey with St. Ignatius: "Finding God in All Things." St. Clare's now requires a \$50 non refundable deposit to secure your place at the retreat.

You may register online or by mail and pay the \$50 registration deposit. Simply include Kim Hartman's name and the retreat weekend so that they can keep track of which parish you are registering with. Contact kimhartman55@gmail.com with questions. <http://www.stclaresretreatcenter.com>.

Lenten Fasting and Abstinence

For Lent 2018, the following regulations are in place for Abstaining and Fasting in the Archdiocese of San Francisco:

Abstinence: Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on ASH WEDNESDAY, the FRIDAYS of Lent, and GOOD FRIDAY.

Fast: Everyone eighteen years of age and older but under the age of sixty is also bound to fast on ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY. On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

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Parish & Preschool Events

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

Sunday, February 18th <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	Monday, February 19th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Tuesday, February 20th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Wednesday, February 21st <i>Lenten Weekday</i>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word 9:15 am RCIA (Rm 5) 10:30 am Sunday Mass/Rite of Election 12:00 pm First Communion Retreat (UR) 4:00 pm Rite of Election—	NO 5:30 pm Mass President's Day—Church and Preschool Closed	3:00 pm Prayer Shawl (MR) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm Happy Disciples Faith Sharing Group (MR)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm Prayer & Worship Commission
Thursday, February 22nd <i>The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle</i>	Friday, February 23rd <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Saturday, February 24th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Sunday, February 25th <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>
5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)	8:30 am Rosary for Peace (MR) 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper (Church/Hall) 7:00 pm—9:00 pm Confirmation Retreat—St. Denis	Women's Silent Retreat, St. Clare's	
		11:00 am—6:30 pm Confirmation Retreat—St. Denis 5:00 pm Vigil Mass	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word 9:15 am RCIA (Rm 5) 10:30 am Sunday Mass/Hospitality 5:00 pm High School Youth Ministry (UR)

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

Mark your calendars! Maple Street Shelter Dinner—Saturday, March 3, 2018

Our next activity on our Menu of Opportunities provided by the Justice and Charity Commission is the Maple Street Shelter Dinner. This highlight of our year is being able to provide dinner for the residents at Maple Street Shelter in Redwood City.

Each year, parishioners make home cooked dishes to bring, and our middle school youth set up, serve and eat the meal with the residents. Parents are asked to provide support and chaperone the event. There are many ways that you can help with this event: 1) Donate food, 2) Donate \$5 gift cards

(Safeway, Jamba Juice or Target) to be used as gifts for the residents, 3) Youth volunteers, 4) Chaperones, 5) Help deliver food from St. Matthias to Maple Street Shelter. Food donations should be dropped off at St. Matthias between 2-3:30 pm. Youth volunteers and chaperones are needed from 3:30-8:00 pm. Delivery people are needed from approximately 3:00 - 4:00 pm.

Contact Sabrina sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org for questions and more information. Please check the table in the back of the Church for sign ups or sign up on the parish website <http://www.stmatthiasparish.org/ministries/justice-and-charity/>