

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Fourth Sunday of Lent March 10-11, 2018



First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading — God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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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.

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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.

One Model of Parish Leadership

Staff Directory

Our extensions have recently be updated!

Administrator—Fr. Paul Rossi

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Fr. Ted Magpayo

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Fr. Tom Martin

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Preschool Director— Kim Nave

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Since July 1, 2016 St Matthias became a parish without a resident priest. The Archbishop assigned Fr. Paul Rossi as our Parish Administrator. Fr. Tom Martin is currently assisting our parish as Parish Administrator. We are well-served sacramentally and pastorally by a wonderful and dedicated team of priests.

The Archdiocese has been supportive of our efforts to develop and implement a “new model of leadership” at St. Matthias. Day to day operations, program administration, overall coordination of our Pastoral Plan, facilitating the various councils and commissions and guiding the number of lay ministries are responsibilities assumed by parish staff, especially Sabrina Harper, our Pastoral Associate and Deacon Rich, our Parish Life Coordinator.

The Archdiocese hopes that the St. Matthias model will inform other small parishes or clusters of parishes as they seek to restructure parish leadership and assure that sacramental needs are met.

Recently, the Association of United States Catholic Priests adopted a resolution calling upon the Church to allow, “well-prepared pastoral ministers who, working collaboratively with canonical pastors, can know, guide and accompany the faithful on their journey of faith via parish communities.”

The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University notes that the number of priests in the U.S. is now above 37,000, a decline from 58,632 in 1965. The Catholic population has increased from 48.5 million to 74.2 million in that time, while attendance at Mass has declined from 55 percent of all Catholics in 1965 to 23 percent in 2017. It is interesting to note that of the 17,156 parishes in the U.S., more than 3,500 have no residence pastor.

While St. Matthias is currently unique in its model of leadership, our parish is not alone in seeking to maintain small, viable parishes while capitalizing on the gifts of lay leaders and deacons. The “St. Matthias Story” began a number of years ago. Our Pastoral Plan, *Shaping Our Future*, continues to guide our Parish Administrator, our staff, our councils and our commissions as we work toward our goals aligned with our mission.

Later this spring, we will meet our new Parish Administrator. We will have an opportunity to welcome him, get to know him and share our story with him. His leadership along with our parish leadership model will guide our St. Matthias Parish Community as we continue to shape our future.

Deacon Rich & Sabrina

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, Mar 10th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Raquel Serna †	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Sunday, Mar 11th <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Ted Magpayo Fr. Ted Magpayo
Monday, Mar 12th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Paul Rossi
Tuesday, Mar 13th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Tom Martin
Wednesday, Mar 14th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Thursday, Mar 15th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Saturday, Mar 17th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Merly Andal and Julita Nicolas †	Fr. Paul Rossi
Sunday, Mar 18th <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	People of St. Matthias Ronald Walker †	Fr. Paul Rossi Fr. Paul Rossi

Mass Clergy Assignments are subject to change.

Welcome Weekend

This weekend, March 10-11th is "Welcome Weekend." Name tags will be available for all upon entering the Church. Any new or returning parishioners will be invited to stand for a special blessing and welcome by the community. Then, following Masses, all are invited to join together in Fr. Lacey Hall for hospitality. Please come and enjoy coffee and donuts with the community. **Sr. Felicia**, a former director of Religious Education, here at St. Matthias from (about 1978 until 1985), has returned here to our parish in her retirement.

She has volunteered in a number of ways, working with our GIFT program, becoming a Lector, and working with the Discovering Christ team. Recently, she made the decision in conjunction with her religious community, to move down to Santa Maria, to be with her community of sisters. We appreciate all that Sr. Felicia has done for St. Matthias and we will all have an opportunity to say good-bye to her at the March 11 hospitality event after the 10:30 am Mass.

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 world's five major religions will discuss how their respective traditions view the relationship between humanity and the natural world and what their traditions teach about living sustainably on this planet.

Pray for the sick in our community...

Terry Azofeifa
Patrick Boland
Elwood Boutyer
Carlos Chavez
Nancy Galli
Nancy Guass
Jack Guerra
Louise Leeper
Lance & Kevin Magee
Rose & Richard Marino
Robert Munn
Sr. Susan Ostrowski
Yvonne Salinger
Sharon Spry
Elivier Vasquez
Joseph Francis Vlazney
Kirk Vorsatz
Jennifer Yuhás

...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 Feb 28th) **\$191,842.00**

Monthly Need **\$25,000.00**

February Sunday Collections **\$16,976.00**

+ Electronic Donations **\$3,620.00**

Total Offertory for January \$20,596.00

Difference (Need-Received) <\$4,404>

2018 AAA Campaign Assessment \$67,319

We have received \$8,245 or 12% of our assessment as of 2/27/2018.

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 Catechesis

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.

RCIA 2018

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. They have enrolled their names into the Book of the Elect.

Elect

Kayla Aleem
Sydney Aleem

Sponsor

Maureen Green
Kathleen Moorehead

Katie Sakai Stephanie Contreras
North West 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.

During the 10:30 Mass in these weeks prior to Easter, we will be using special readings and the community will be asked to pray over the Elect and their Sponsors. The special prayers, called Scrutinies, are intended to help the Elect to purify their minds and hearts as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

We ask all members of our St. Matthias Parish Community to pray for our Elect and our Candidate along with their sponsors. May God continue to watch over them as they continue their spiritual journey, becoming a part of the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

Deacon Rich & Deacon David

Confirmation 2018

This year, St. Pius and St. Matthias Confirmation program is combined. There are 75 young people between the two parishes who are preparing for this Sacrament of Initiation which will take place on Friday, May 18th at 7:00 pm at St. Pius Church.

This past weekend, the candidates and the Confirmation Team gathered at St. Denis Church in Menlo Park for their retreat, "God Has Called ..How Will You Respond?" Over the weekend, they heard vocation stories from Sr. Norberta Villaseñor OSF, Marie Felix, Mary Smith, Deacon Rich Foley, Deacon David Rolandelli, Ian Quito, a seminarian for the Archdiocese of San Francisco, and Sr. Putri Magdalena, a Daughter of St. Paul.

Lenten Offerings

Stations of the Cross & 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 set of stations 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.

Seder Supper & Mass of the Lord's Supper—March 28th

A special part of our Holy Week celebration is the Seder Supper that we will celebrate this year on March 28th. The Seder Supper will begin at 6:00 pm followed by Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm. Sign-up sheets are available in the back of the Church. If anyone would like to help prepare the food or help with setup for the Seder Supper, please contact Liz Vugrinecz at 366-9544 x. 2012 or liz@stmatthiasparish.org.

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper, there will be the washing of the feet of "12 disciples" after which the community will be invited to come up and have their feet washed by one of those 12 people. In turn, those who had their feet washed are invited to serve others by washing the foot of those who follows. It is a very profound and humbling experience as we recreate this act of service instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper.

The final act of the liturgy is the procession to the Altar of repose. Fr. Ted will lead (our celebrant for the Triduum) this procession into the Hall and Merry Room where adoration will take place. The Merry Room will be open for prayer and adoration

until 9:30 pm.

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 6:15—6:30 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. The next workshop will be offered on: 3/10 – MER - Medical Emergency Response #3 (3 of 4 Series) entitled, "Medical Emergency? "Big Sick vs. Little Sick"

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, March 11th <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent Welcome Weekend</i>	Monday, March 12th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Tuesday, March 13th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Wednesday, March 14th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word/RCIA (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 5:00 pm High School Youth Ministry	Preschool Staff In-Service 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (Hall) 7:00 pm Communal Penance Service (St. Pius)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)
Thursday, March 15th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Friday, March 16th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Saturday, March 17th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Sunday, March 18th <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
1:00 pm Justice and Charity Commission Meeting (DR) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm Pastoral Council (DR)	8:30 am Rosary for Peace (MR) 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper (Church/Hall)	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word/RCIA (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 3:30 pm Confirmation Meeting & Youth Mass at St. Pius

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

Maple Street Shelter Dinner

Thank you to all who contributed food, gift cards, money or talent for the Maple Street Shelter. The residents really enjoyed our meal and visit. There was plenty of food and leftovers for those who weren't able to be present.

One young man that we met works at Cheesecake Factory at Hillsdale. He is saving up to get an apartment. Another resident, an older lady, was celebrating her birthday that day. We sang Happy Birthday to her. When Emily, a member of our youth group, won at Bingo, she gifted her prize to the birthday lady, Denise! Our youth learned that you can have a job and *still* be homeless, that being present and smiling is all it takes to cheer someone up, and that being the face of Jesus to those in need is rewarding and spiritually uplifting.



Our youth serving food during dinner.

A note that greeted us upon our arrival.

- Sabrina Harper

