

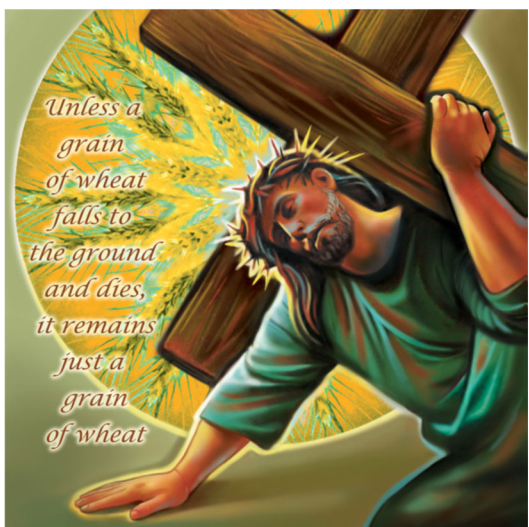
ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17-18, 2018



First Reading — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or Psalm 130.

Second Reading — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) or Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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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

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. Located in the Upper Rm of Lacey Hall.

Communication is Key!

Staff Directory

Our extensions have recently be updated!

Administrator—Fr. Paul Rossi

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Fr. Ted Magpayo

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Preschool Director— Kim Nave

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One quality of any effective organization is a strong communication system. Communication is essential to inform, build understanding, educate and create a vibrant parish community.

Traditionally, the Church has communicated to the congregation through announcements from the ambo (pulpit) and the weekly bulletin. Of course, word of mouth is also effective.

With the development of electronic communication, email has become an effective means for delivering timely information quickly. Email blasts, when used infrequently, seem to capture the attention of most recipients.

We currently have 471 families in our email address book. Recently, we began using an email blast system. We have sent blasts informing you of our Christmas events, the end of the year giving and obtaining 2017 tax letters, and events and opportunities in our parish during the Lenten season.

We plan to use email blasts to provide timely information about volunteer opportunities, a wish list of high-priority needs, upcoming parish-wide events, Baptisms or obituaries of interest to the parish as a whole, and updates on the financial well-being of our parish. We will also send an email blast when we learn about the appointment of our new Parish Administrator.

We recognize that not everyone who receives our email blasts is able to attend Mass each week. Our blasts will have a link to our parish website which will enable access to the parish bulletins. We will also use this system to seek feedback on the effectiveness of our programs, events and liturgies to ensure that St. Matthias is meeting the needs of our parish community, utilizing the talents of our parishioners and continuing to improve our communication system as well as our parish as a whole.

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.

Deacon Rich &

Sabrina

Let's connect



Enter your Email to sign up for Parish News:

Sign up

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

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	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Paul Rossi
	10:30 am	Ronald Walker †	Fr. Paul Rossi
Monday, Mar 19th <i>St. Joseph</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Paul Rossi
Tuesday, Mar 20th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Tom Martin
Wednesday, Mar 21st <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Thursday, Mar 22nd <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	NO DAILY MASS—due to Archdiocesan Chrism Mass at 5:00 pm		
Saturday, Mar 24th <i>Lenten Weekday/ Blessed Oscar Romero</i>	5:00 pm	Joyce Morger †	Fr. Tom Martin
Sunday, Mar 25th <i>Palm Sunday of the Pas- sion of the Lord</i>	8:00 am	Leo Hollenkam †	Fr. Paul Rossi
	10:30 am	People of St. Matthias	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.

Caring for Ourselves

We have had an AED, “Automated External Defibrillator”, located in Fr. Lacey Hall. It is to be used for a cardiac emergency of heart attack and it is to be accompanied by an immediate call to 911. Please familiarize yourself with its location. Use of an AED has significantly improved the outcomes of people suffering from a heart attack.

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 Yuhas

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

To add or remove a name from this list, email info@stmatthiasparish.org. Please let us know when your friend or loved one's health has improved.

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 _____

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.

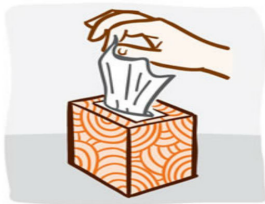
Online Giving

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

Preschool Sunday Program

Up until a few years ago, St. Matthias had a "Preschool Sunday" program, led by a group of parents, during the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday's mornings. Parents would drop off their preschool-aged children to Room 1 of the Preschool before Mass began, and the parent volunteer would share the Gospel story and age-appropriate lesson with children followed by play time, either in the classroom or on the playground. Parents could then attend Mass and pick up their child after Mass.

Lately, we have noticed more and more families with young children that might be interested in this program. If you have a son or daughter who is preschool-aged and you'd like to volunteer to help with this program, please email Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org for more information.

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.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Next weekend is Palm Sunday. For each weekend Mass, we will gather on the front steps of the Church, on the Cordilleras Side, for the Gospel at the Procession (Mark 11:1:10). We will then follow the presider, altar servers and musicians in a solemn procession into the Church building. Palms will be available at the entrances of the Church upon your arrival.

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.

CRS Rice Bowls

Every Lent, Catholics in the United States joins in prayer, fasting and almsgiving which are lifesaving aid for millions of individuals living in conditions of poverty around the world. 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. Beginning this weekend and through Holy Week, there is a large Rice Bowl in the back of Church for your to return your families contributions.

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 18th <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	Monday, March 19th <i>Feast of St. Joseph</i>	Tuesday, March 20th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Wednesday, March 21st <i>Lenten Weekday</i>
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	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)	3:00 pm Prayer Shawl (MR) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm AFF/Happy Disciples (UR)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group (Hall) 7:00 pm Prayer & Worship Commission (DR)
Thursday, March 22nd <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Friday, March 23rd <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	Saturday, March 24th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Sunday, March 25th <i>Palm Sunday</i>
NO DAILY MASS 5:00 pm Chrism Mass—St. Mary's Cathedral 6:00 pm Preschool Staff Meeting (Rm 5)	8:30 am Rosary for Peace (MR) 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper (Church/Hall)	5:00 pm Vigil Mass Meet on front steps for Masses this weekend.	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word/RCIA (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass

Sr. Felicia's Farewell Message

Thank you for the gathering after the 10:30 am Mass last Sunday. It was so good to chat with so many of you and hear your words of thanks and your words of a promise of prayer as I begin another chapter in my Book of Life in Santa Maria, CA. Thank you for the lovely reception, cards and gifts. There is no way I can thank each person individually, so that you all.

I want to thank you for welcoming me back to the St. Matthias Parish Community. It was good to reconnect with former parishioners that I worked with when I was the Director of Religious Education (DRE) many years ago. I need to say a bit "Thank You" to your wonderful staff—Sabrina, Liz, Deacons George, Rich and David, Fran and Lisa, who warmly welcomed me. I enjoyed working with each of them as I volunteered in a variety of areas to assist them in their ministries to you—the Parish. I met new parishioners at Mass and in the areas as a volunteer. I can't praise the Parish enough for the great community and welcoming spirit that you have here. It is bittersweet for me that I say good-bye again, the last time was in 1985. As I move to Santa Maria, I want you to know that the parish will be in my prayers as you meet the challenges ahead and continue to build on your great spirit. Please keep

me in your prayers that my knee surgery is a success which is the main reason that encouraged my move to Santa Maria. I hold all of you in my heart.

I would love to hear from you in the days, weeks, months and years to come.

Here is my address:

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Peace and
All Good,
Sister Felicia.

