

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord

March 24-25, 2018

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

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.

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 24th <i>Lenten Weekday/</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 Hollenkamp †	Fr. Tom Martin
	10:30 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Tom Martin
Monday, Mar 26th <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	5:30 pm	Mass of Healing	Fr. Paul Rossi
Tuesday, Mar 27th <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Tom Martin
Wednesday, Mar 28th <i>Weds. of Holy Week</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Thursday, Mar 29th <i>Holy Thursday</i>	7:30 pm	Mass of the Lord' Supper	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Saturday, Mar 31st <i>Holy Saturday</i>	8:00 pm	Bill & Phyllis Panelli and Al & Janice Sahagun †	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Sunday, Apr 1st <i>Palm Sunday of the Pas- sion of the Lord</i>	8:00 am	Dolores & Paul Falzon †	Fr. Ted Magpayo
	10:30 am	Bob, Tom, Jimmy & Susan	Fr. Ted Magpayo

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 \$18,460 or 27% of our assessment as of 3/15/2018.

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.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum



Christians around the world will soon be celebrating our high holy days. The Sacred Paschal Triduum celebrates the memorial of the

crucified, buried and risen Lord. The Triduum actually begins with the observance of the Lord's Last Supper.

Originally, the three days were the day of Jesus's death, the day he lay in the tomb, and the day of his resurrection. However, in the revised liturgy the observance of the Triduum now begins with the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, so that it is included in the observance of the one event of the dying and rising of the Lord.

At St. Matthias, we have developed a tradition of hosting a Seder Supper on Holy Thursday prior to Mass. Jesus gathered his disciples in the Upper Room in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover Meal or Seder Supper. Jews in Jesus' time and Jews today, remember and give thanks to God for "passing over" their ancestors in Egypt and through Moses, guiding them to the promise land. We gather to pray, eat and give thanks to God for sending His Son, the Paschal Lamb. Our Savior.

The Season of Lent comes to an end before the Mass of the Last Supper. All faithful are invited to participate in the Holy Thursday evening Mass. Our participation demonstrates the unity of the Church at prayer and that each one of us accompanies Jesus as he prepares to suffer and die for us.

Triduum liturgies included very special prayers and actions. During the Mass of the Last Supper, the washing of the feet takes place demonstrating the scene in John's Gospel when Jesus washes the

feet of his disciples. The Mass does not conclude with a dismissal, rather the Blessed Sacrament is taken by procession to the Merry Room (Altar of Repose) for adoration by the faithful during Holy Thursday night.

Good Friday liturgy includes the reading of the Lord's passion, the veneration of the Cross and distribution of Communion. Holy Saturday is a day of mediation and prayer, We await for the resurrection with anticipation.

The Easter Eucharist is probably the most ancient of all liturgies. At the Easter Vigil, we light the new Easter Candle symbolic of Jesus, The Light of the World. Our vestments are white. Flowers enhance the liturgical environment. We sing the "Gloria" again and our hymns reflect joy and gratitude because "Jesus Christ, Has Risen Today."

Please join us at St. Matthias for our celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum. As a community we pray and accompany Jesus during the Passover meal, to the cross and his resurrection. Jesus came to save us all and bring us to eternal life. Thanks be to God!

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.

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	Sponsor
Kayla Aleem	Maureen Green
Sydney Aleem	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.

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Parish & Preschool Events

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

Sunday, March 25th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Monday, March 26th <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	Tuesday, March 27th <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	Wednesday, March 28th <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word/RCIA (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) Healing Mass	11:00 am Preschool Easter Egg Hunt 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm AFF/Liz's Group (UR)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 6:00 pm RCIA Retreat (Hall)
Thursday, March 29th <i>Holy Thursday</i>	Friday, March 30th <i>Good Friday</i>	Saturday, March 31st <i>Holy Saturday</i>	Sunday, April 1st <i>Easter Sunday</i>
1:30 pm Preschool Closed 6:00 pm Seder Supper 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	Preschool Closed 12:00 pm God Friday Services	11:00 am Rehearsal for Vigil 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass	8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt

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.

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Peace and
All Good,
Sister Felicia.

