

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21-22, 2018



First Reading — I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — In Christ Jesus you who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).

Gospel — When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34). 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.

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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.

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Fr. Tom's Column

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The image of the good shepherd is a theme which ties together today's readings and Psalm 23. In the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah, we read of the dichotomy of one who is a shepherd who leads in a spirit of service and love and one who is an imposter. "I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble." The symbol of shepherd is a metaphor God proposes in a very practical way to help us relate to and grasp our relationship to God. The sheep cannot survive on their own; they tend to wander off and are easily lost. The vigilant shepherd is ever attentive to the sheep entrusted to his care and so gathers them together. He keeps them safe from harm which is symbolized by the wolf. So it is with us in relationship to the Father through his Son. We are familiar with the image of Jesus the Good Shepherd; he holds the sheep firmly and warmly ensconced in his arms while holding the shepherd's staff. This staff is strong and steady, able to pull the wayward sheep back into the fold.

I had a breakfast meeting this past Tuesday and one of the guests described the notion of "cariño," an all-embracing and enveloping sense of love. This love brings people together, most particularly those who feel isolated and alone. To be embraced by this sense of "cariño" is the kind of love Jesus has for each one of us. This kind of love is what distinguishes the good-hearted shepherd from the imposter whose interest is selfish and self-centered. Saint Paul expresses the manifestation of this love in the image of Jesus Christ. "In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ." The true shepherd is willing to place himself in harm's way in order to protect his sheepfold and willing to lay down his own life. This sacrifice makes the peace of Christ accessible to all: those who are close to Jesus and those, through whatever situation or circumstance, might feel remote or distant from him.

Mark's Gospel is fittingly embedded in the summer months when we take time away to be replenished and renewed from our labors and responsibilities. Jesus invites his disciples to withdraw from the business of their lives and rest and pray. It is important in the business of life to take time for rest, recreation, and prayer. The fruits of this time away are a renewed spirit and physical, spiritual and emotional energy to more fully and graciously do God's will for us. We have heard the scriptural passage that the harvest is plenty but the laborers are few. This is expressed so beautifully in the description of Jesus: "his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd.

May we be ever vigilant and mindful of those who are wounded, lonely and made weary by life. Let us be mindful of our baptismal call to be good shepherds, to live the ideal of "cariño" and in so doing transform and thus make more loving and peaceful the world around us!

Father Tom

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, July 21st <i>St. Kateri Kekakwitha</i>	5:00 pm	George & Genevieve Ritzenthaler (Special Int.)	Fr. Tom Martin
Sunday, July 22nd <i>16th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Tom Martin
	10:30 am	Barbara Yanacek †	Fr. Tom Martin
Monday, July 23rd <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Beta Gomez †	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Tuesday, July 24th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Tom Martin
Wednesday, July 25th <i>St. James, Apostle</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Thursday, July 26th <i>Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Saturday, July 28th <i>Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Bill & Phyllis Panelli and Al & Janice Sahagun †	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Sunday, July 29th <i>17th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	8:00 am		Fr. Ted Magpayo
	10:30 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Tom Martin

Clergy assignments for Masses are subject to change.

Prayer Tree Network

Please contact our Prayer Phone Tree if you have someone who needs prayers for healing, grieving, loss, discernment, strength, comfort or support. Call Marilyn Donnelly at 365-5192 or Carol McAdams at 369-4365.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Do you know a parishioner ill at home, homebound, or in a care facility who would like to receive Communion or anointing? Call the parish office, and we will arrange to have a priest or deacon visit. For a priest at Kaiser or Sequoia hospital, contact Fr. Martin Muruli through the nurse's station at either hospital.



Pray for the sick in our community...

Eric Alvarez
Terry Azofeifa
Patrick Boland
Bill Bulanti
Bobby Zavas
Carlos Chavez
Bart Coulter
Bill Colwell
Nancy Guass
Louise Leeper
Rose & Richard Marino
Severin Morger
Robert Munn
Peggy Perez
Yvonne Salinger
Sharon Spry

...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 June 30th) **\$282,586.50**

Monthly Need **\$25,000.00**

June Sunday Collections \$18,448

+ Electronic Donations \$4,050.00

Total Offertory for June \$22,498.00

Difference (Need-Received) \$2502.00

2018 AAA Campaign Assessment \$67,319

We have received \$29,019 or 35% of our assessment as of 6/30/2018.

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.

Help St. Matthias' Financial Security—Consider Stock or IRA Contributions

Did you know you can donate to the church directly from brokerage account?

A charitable contribution of long-term (owned over one year) appreciated securities is one of the most tax-efficient ways to donate to the Church. Long-term appreciated securities with unrealized gains may be donated to the Church and a tax deduction taken for the full fair market value of the securities. Since the securities are donated rather than sold, the capital gains taxes no longer apply. You get a full deduction for the securities and don't pay taxes on the gain! The more appreciation the securities have, the greater the tax savings will be. You can reach out to Sabrina Harper for an Archdiocese form that can be used to make the request through your broker. Consult a tax professional for specific guidance.

If you are over 70 ½ you may be able to meet your minimum required distribution from your IRA.

Making a donation to St. Matthias directly from an IRA may provide a way to effectively claim a tax deduction and meet your IRA minimum distribution requirements for those 70 ½ and older. These are referred to as Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD). Reach out to Sabrina Harper for the form that can be used to make the request through your broker. Consult a tax professional for specific guidance.

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

Our Ecuadorian Pilgrimage came to an end on July 4th. The participants were prompted to reflect upon and consider the following questions: What experience was the most meaningful for you? Which encounter was the most life-changing or impactful? How did this trip challenge or surprise you?

Following is the next paper received from **Brendan P. "Buddy" Smith**. Buddy will also be a junior at Woodside High School in the fall. His grandmother is St. Matthias parishioner, Carmella Huser who has also been to Ecuador a few times with adult groups. His parents, KJ and Sue Smith are parishioners at St. Pius.

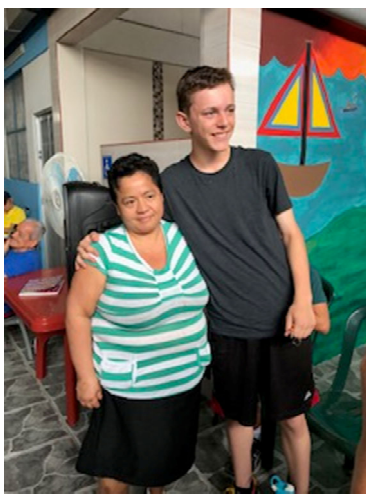
My Amazing Trip to Ecuador

The two weeks I spent in Ecuador were truly amazing. There are so many moments and memories I will cherish forever. There were a lot of great things about this trip, but the thing I found most amazing was the patients at the Damien House. Before I went to Ecuador, I did not know what Hansen's disease was. When I learned that I would be going to a place full of Hansen's disease patients, I did some research to understand what the disease was. I saw some disgusting pictures online and started to become worried about seeing these patients later in the summer. When we first arrived at the Damien House, I was feeling nervous to meet the patients. Our group went into the art room where we met Nathan and Germania, the two wonderful people who helped make the week great. They took us to meet the female patients. Immediately when I walked in I saw lots of beautiful smiles. All the women were so friendly and welcoming, saying buenos dias to each one of us who walked through the door. Their positive energy made me overwhelmed with happiness.

After having a nice conversation with the ladies, we went to the men's section. I was not expecting the men

to be as welcoming as the women, but to my surprise they were. They, just like the women, all had the biggest smiles on their faces when we walked in. Throughout the week, the men and women continued to have a positive attitude that made me feel happy whenever I was around them. I had so much fun with these fantastic people, from playing dominoes with Maximo, having a nice dinner with Esther and the other ladies, or even just seeing one of the patients waving and smiling when we were across the street about to enter the Damien House.

One of my favorite moments of the trip was the Despedida, the farewell party that the patients held just for us. It was heartwarming to know that they would miss us after we left and we brought them happiness over the week. They gave us many gifts to thank us for our visit. The best gift of all was them welcoming us into their home. I had an amazing week with what I feel is my second family. I was happy that I brought joy to the patients just like they brought joy to me. The main thing I learned over the week was that you should never judge a book by its cover. Before the week started I was afraid to meet the patients at the Damien House but by the end of the week I looked forward to seeing the enormous smiles of the patients welcoming me into their home. I am so glad I met these people because not only are they the most friendly people I've ever met but they also taught me to never judge anyone before I actually meet them. This is one of the many things I learned on my amazing trip to Ecuador.



Buddy with Maria Elena.



The boys following the Despedida.

Our Call to Catechesis

Did you know...

Each week we provide a special Mass aide just for our younger Mass-goers? MagnifiKid is a fun and colorful booklet published weekly to give young readers their own way to follow along with the prayers and readings of the Mass. It includes cartoons, prayers and activities to do at home, definition of unfamiliar words and suggestions for families.

While the use of a missal may not be something familiar to many children today, following along with MagnifiKid can truly add to their understanding of the parts of the Mass and the Scriptures. Look for MagnifiKid on the rolling rack at the back of the church. Copies from previous weeks may also be found in the children's book cart near the parking lot-side doors.

A Day on "The Eucharist" with Fr. Ron Rohlheiser, OMI

The Archdiocesan Office of Consecrated Life invites you to come and be enriched by the wisdom and depth of spirituality of Fr. Ron Rohlheiser, OMI, teacher, college president, award-winning author, and syndicated columnist, whose work appears regularly in our newspaper, Catholic San Francisco. There are two sessions, in two different venues:

Saturday, August 11th

St. Agnes Church, San Francisco, 9:00 –11:30 am:
The Eucharist: Our One Great Act of Fidelity

St. Pius Church, Redwood City, 1:30 –4:30 pm: A
Spirituality of the Eucharist

Each session will address different aspects of the Eucharist; all are welcome to attend one or both. Registration is not required. A free-will offering will be accepted at each site.

Share Jesus: Faith Formation Day

The Parish Catechetical Leaders and Master Catechists of Deanery 11 are pleased to present a one-day seminar for parents and catechists of all ages. These sessions offer credit for certification and recertification for Basic and Master Catechetical certificates, but are also designed for parents who serve a primary role as catechists for their children. Parents teach their children about the love of God on a daily basis by how they care for them and how they model the faith. This seminar will be held on Saturday, August 25th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at St. Denis Church, 2250 Avy Avenue, Menlo Park. For more information, please contact Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org.

Summer Retreats at Vallombrosa

Vallombrosa Retreat Center is offering the following retreats in the month of July. For more information and registration, please visit the Calendar of Events at vallombrosa.org/calendar

The Spirituality of Paul, July 27-29
Presenter: Fr. Gregory Tatum

St. Vincent de Paul Twilight Fashion Show

Tuesday, August 14, 5:30-7:30pm

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County invites you to "We Rock," a Happy Hour and Fashion Show in Trinity Church's beautiful courtyard, celebrating the courage and beauty of the women of SVdP's Catherine Center blossoming into new life. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased at <https://commitchange.com/ca/san-mateo/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-of-san-mateo-county/events/werock2018>

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Parish & Preschool Events

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

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8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)
Thursday, July 26th <i>Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Friday, July 27th <i>Weekday</i>	Saturday, July 28th <i>Weekday</i>	Sunday, July 29th <i>17th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>
1:00 pm Justice & Charity Commission Meeting (DR) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)	9:00 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass

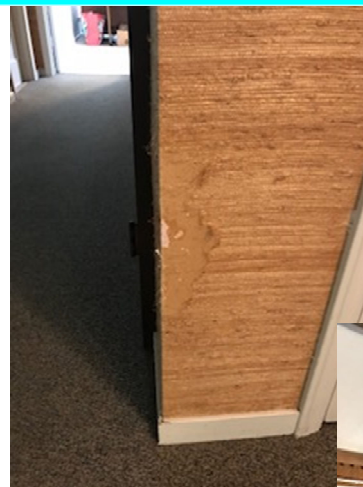
St. Matthias Building Fund

Thank you for your generous donations to the St. Matthias Building Fund last weekend. If you missed the collection, you may still contribute, this weekend or at any time. The funds received through these collections are used to maintain and improve the Church, Rectory and Preschool buildings and grounds. The most recent project which these funds supported was the parking lot resurfacing last July.

Currently, we are working with a couple of parishioners and a professional painter to update some of the rooms of the Rectory; to remove 60 year old wallpaper, paint the interior, and improve the lighting in the dining room, conference room, living room and priest office



Water stained ceiling in the dining room



An example of the 60 year old, damaged wallpaper.

this project. Thank you again for your generous support.

space so that the rooms will be more inviting for meetings and events.

Any monies contributed to the Building Fund will help support



Fr. Tom & Fr. Ted's office space which is dark and has insufficient lighting.