

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11-12, 2018



First Reading — Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water (1 Kings 19:4-8).

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

Second Reading — Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

Gospel — Jesus said, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:41-51).

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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.

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Fr. Tom's Column

The experience of the prophet Elijah revealed in the Book of Kings can find powerful resonance with our very own personal experiences at times. Elijah is very faithful to his service to the Lord but becomes discouraged and despondent. He faces a series of crises which lend to his sense of being heavily burdened. He is overwhelmed by a sense of inadequacy and simply wants to surrender. How often do we experience these same very human sentiments in our own lives? How often, in the midst of difficulties and crises of varying degrees, do we simply want to “throw in the towel?”

In a very powerful way, if we step back and review where Elijah finds himself, we begin to see that God is leading him somewhere. In the mystery of God's salvific plan for Elijah, and parenthetically for ourselves, God is drawing Elijah outside of himself and closer to God. In his mode of total surrender, and in placing himself utterly in the tender mercies of God, a transformation takes place. Elijah, recognizing his own inadequacy, realizes his dependence upon God, even if the motivation and mitigating circumstances for that reality are predicated upon negative events. In poverty of spirit Elijah turns to God who nurtures and nourishes him. The angel rouses Elijah from his slumber and summons him to eat and drink.

The hearth cake and jug of water is a foretaste of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the fulfillment of the prophetic call. The angel says to Elijah, “Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you! Strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.” Jesus invites each one of us, on our pilgrim's journey, to be fed from his own body and blood so as to be strong and healthy to do whatever service the Lord invites us to render. Jesus is the living bread, the gift of the Father to the Son, which draws us into the reality of perfect love. This love is expressed in Jesus giving himself totally in obedience to the Father so that we might share in the gift of eternal life. Through His Son, the Father is showing us how much he loves us and wants to be in a relationship with us. He is willing to sacrifice His own son for us. Jesus tells us that “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” Jesus literally gives himself to and for us so that we can experience for ourselves the loving relationship between the Father and the Son. Saint Paul offers salient advice to help draw us into this experience: “be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God.”

As announced at all the Masses this past weekend, our parish community is invited to celebrate the Eucharist together on Sunday, September 9th at 10:00am and then gather for lunch and a Town Hall Meeting. I will be the main celebrant and will be joined by Father Ted Magpayo and Father Edgardo Rodriguez as concelebrants. I pray that many of us will gather for Mass that morning. I would like the Eucharist to be the focal point of our gathering together as we reflect upon both the present and the future of our parish. As your Administrator and shepherd of our Saint Matthias community, I want to hear from YOU. What thoughts, ideas and observations can you offer in a constructive way to help lead us forward. I appreciate your investment and commitment to a wonderful community of faith!

Father Tom

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, Aug 11th <i>St. Clare, Virgin</i>	5:00 pm		Fr. Anthony Garibaldi
Sunday, Aug 12th <i>19th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Anthony Garibaldi
	10:30 am	Arlene Meek Norton	Fr. Anthony Garibaldi
Monday, Aug 13th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Leona Rusconi ☩	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Tuesday, Aug 14th <i>St. Maximilian Kolbe</i>	5:30 pm	Special Intentions of the BVM	Fr. Martin Murili
Wednesday, Aug 15th* <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7:00 pm	Special Intentions of the BVM	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Thursday, Aug 16th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Special Intentions of the BVM	Fr. Edgardo Rodriquez
Saturday, Aug 18th <i>Weekday</i>	5:00 pm		Fr. Tom Martin
Sunday, Aug 19th <i>20th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	8:00 am		Fr. Ted Magpayo
	10:30 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Ted Magpayo

Clergy assignments for Masses are subject to change.

YOU ARE INVITED

Mass of Installation
Reverend Thomas Vital Martin

Sunday, October 28, 2018

10:30am

Saint Pius X Church
1100 Woodside Road
Redwood City

Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone
Archbishop of San Francisco

Reverend Monsignor Steven D. Otellini
Dean

Officiants of Installation

Reception to follow in Monsignor Fitzsimon Center

Pray for the sick in our community...

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

**...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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Oktoberfest will be on
Saturday, October 27th
from 11-3 pm. More de-
tails to follow!**

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 2018– June 2019 (income needed to balance budget) **\$320,000.00**

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 **\$19,047**

Monthly Need **\$26,666**

July Sunday Collections **\$14,877.50**

+ Electronic Donations **\$4,170.00**

Total Offertory for July \$19,047.00

Difference (Need-Received) <\$7,619.00>

2018 AAA Campaign Assessment \$67,319

We have received \$31,885 or 47% of our assessment as of 7/18/2018.

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.

**Our St. Matthias
Finance Council met
on July 19th to
review the budget
for 2018-2019.
Please note the
updated
figures to the left.**



CREATING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY

St. Matthias' fiscal year runs from July 1st through June 30th. Budgets are reviewed and finalized during the month of July. Our Finance Council has approved a budget for 2018-2019 which is not balanced due to rising expenses and weekend collections which have remained relatively flat as compared to our expenses.

Our parish community is generous. Whenever we make our needs known, parishioners respond and our needs are met. With this in mind, our Finance Council has created this series of "Collection Thoughts" which will be included in the bulletin each week leading up to and after our **Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, Sept 9th** in order to educate the parish community about our financial situation and to ask for your prayerful consideration. If you already give regularly - we thank you! If you give sometimes - please consider giving more regularly. If you do not contribute financially to the parish community - please consider giving what you can.

Collection Thought #2

Since our expenses increase between 3-5% each year, we hope that parishioners increase their giving by that same percentage. However, last year's collections only increased by 0.4%. That means that for 2018-2019 we need an increase of around 10% to our collections.

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 **Charlie Gillet**. Charlie will also be a sophomore at Sequoia High School in the fall. He and his older sister, Eva play the viola in the choir at 10:30 am Mass. His father, Charles, serves on our Finance Council.

Before leaving to Ecuador, I was unsure of what to expect from the trip. I had heard from my sister, Eva, who went on the trip in 2016, that the Ecuador trip was one of the best experiences of her life, and I hoped the same would be true for me. The very morning of the trip, I woke myself up at 4 AM to leave to SFO, only to find out from my dad that our flight was cancelled. I was worried at first, but shortly after I found out that our flight was rescheduled to that night. We arrived in Guayaquil after spending over 20 hours traveling, and we settled in at the Hostal Quil, a hostel very close to Casa Damien, where we spent the majority of our time in Guayaquil.

The next day, our guide, Nathan, brought us to Casa Damien after breakfast at the hostel, and he introduced us to all of the men and women there. We had conversations in Spanish with all of them, in which we introduced ourselves to them and asked them questions about Casa Damien. After lunch that day, we played dominoes with the men, and I was having a very hard time winning rounds. Our first day at Casa Damien was almost the opposite of my expectations from the day before. Since Casa Damien was a refuge for people with Hansen's disease, I expected the house to look like a hospital. I expected the patients to be unenergetic and extremely ill, but they were actually very grateful for us being there, and the patients played games and made crafts with each other and they clearly enjoyed it. I never noticed any of the patients complaining about anything, and it was very clear that they were thankful to be able to live at Casa Damien.

The following day, we attended mass at the chapel in Casa

Damien and went to Nuevo Mundo, a school that is made to give children a quality education without having to pay high tuition. The next few days, we mainly stayed at Casa Damien and cleaned the windows and the fans, and for our last full day in Guayaquil, the staff and the patients at Casa Damien held a despedida (going away party) for our group. They gave all of us handmade gifts and sang songs for us. I was very impressed by how much they were willing to give to us even though we had only been there for six days, which shows the kindness and gratitude of the patients. They told us all individually that they were grateful for our help. Overall, our experience at Casa Damien was a great experience for me and I was glad to be able to help there.



L: Charlie unpacking donations from the parish at Damien House. R: Charlie, Fr. Marcel and Ryan in the chapel.



**Join us for
An Evening
of Sharing
about the
Ecuador
Pilgrimage**

**on Monday, August 13th at 6:30 pm.
Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share. Sabrina will present highlights from the trip at 7:00 pm in Fr. Lacey Hall.**

Our Call to Catechesis

Share Jesus: Faith Formation Day

Saturday, August 25th from 9:00—4:00 pm at St. Denis Church, Menlo Park

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. For more information, please contact Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org.

SALT: Sharing and Learning Together Preschool Program

Drop off child care and catechesis during the 10:30 am Mass starting on **Sunday, August 26th!** As we welcome everyone back from summer holidays, we are excited to provide families with young children the ability to drop off their preschool-aged children for religious instruction and free play while the rest of the family attends Mass. To participate, simply bring your toilet-trained child(ren) to Room 1 of the Preschool Building (the classroom nearest the playground) at 10:15 am on Sunday, August 26th, to sign in. Contact Sabrina Harper at sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org for more information. The frequency with which we will offer it will depend on volunteer response.

Altar Servers Needed

All children, after receiving their First Communion, are eligible to become Altar Servers. The Altar Server provides a very important ministry at each Mass. Servers assist the priest and deacon in the procession to the altar, holding the Roman Missal for prayers, helping to set the table and leading the recession at the conclusion of Mass.

Deacon Rich provides training for new servers. A guidebook will also be provided to parents so they can be supportive. New servers will also be paired with experienced servers during the first year of this ministry.

If you would like to schedule a time for training, please contact Deacon Rich. A new schedule begins in October. We need more altar servers to

help us ensure that we have Altar Servers at all of our weekend Masses. Adults who are interested in serving at Mass are also invited to serve and should contact Deacon Rich.

Becoming A Fully Initiated Catholic - RCIA

Do you know someone who has thought about becoming Catholic or, for whatever reason, has been baptized but has not been confirmed or received Holy Communion? What does it mean to become fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church? Do you or someone you know have questions about the sacraments and what it means to be a Catholic? Please consider RCIA.

The Catholic Church has a process for adults to discern whether God is inviting them to learn more about our faith and, perhaps, to become Catholic. This process is also a pathway to complete the Sacraments of Initiation for those already Baptized (Confirmation, Eucharist).

This process is called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). The RCIA process provides guided weekly sessions on the fundamental beliefs of our faith including an understanding of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist (Mass). In addition, the process emphasizes prayer, discernment and spiritual formation as each candidate responds to their call to become followers of Jesus through the Catholic Church.

RCIA sessions will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the rectory. The first RCIA gathering will be held on Sunday, September 16th. Parishioners, who would like to participate as an RCIA team member and support our candidates, are welcome.

Deacon Rich and Deacon David will lead and facilitate RCIA sessions. If you have any questions, know of someone who would like to discuss joining RCIA, are considering being a team member, or would just like to experience the RCIA process, please contact Deacon Rich before or after Mass or email him at rich@stmatthiasparish.org.

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Parish & Preschool Events

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

Welcome Weekend 2nd Collection: Mission Co-Op			
Sunday, August 12th <i>19th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	Monday, August 13th <i>Weekday</i>	Tuesday, August 14th <i>St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr</i>	Wednesday, August 15th <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 6:30 pm An Evening of Sharing about the Ecuador Pilgrimage (Hall)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Pail (Hall)	7:00 pm Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Church)
Thursday, August 16th <i>Weekday</i>	Friday, August 17th <i>Weekday</i>	Saturday, August 18th <i>Weekday</i>	Sunday, August 19th <i>20th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>
1:00 pm JCC Meeting (DR) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Contemplative Rosary (Church)	9:00 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	11:00 am Baptismal Preparation (MR) 5:00 pm Vigil Mass	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: August 15th

Because of Mary's holiness and faithfulness, God took her into Heaven, both body and soul, at the end of her life on earth. This event is called the Assumption. This significance of this feast is that Mary shared in Jesus' Resurrection from the dead as soon as her life on earth ended. She is in heaven waiting for us and for all the faithful to join her. We celebrate this solemnity on Wednesday, August 15th. We will have one Mass that evening at 7:00 pm (Excerpt from The Catholic Connections Handbook, St. Mary's Press).



We Extend a Warm Welcome to...

Fr. Anthony Garibaldi, OFM

This weekend, August 11-12, is our annual Mission Co-Op weekend. Each year, the Archdiocesan Mission Office coordinates this annual opportunity for parishes to learn about and support the work of Catholic missionaries from around the world. This year, Fr. Anthony Garibaldi, OFM will be with us. Fr. Anthony has been ordained for 42 years and has worked in parishes, in formation and leading retreats. He currently serves as Directory of Men in Temporary Profession and is a member of his orders' Leadership Board. He resides at Old Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside, CA. He will be making an appeal to the parish to support the work that that Franciscan Friars do in Mexico, amongst the Native Americans in the Southwest and in Russia. Please consider a generous donation to support the work of the Franciscan Friars.