

# ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

## St. Matthias



### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18-19, 2018



**First Reading** — Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table (Proverbs 9:1-6).

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

**Second Reading** — Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always and for everything (Ephesians 5:15-20).

**Gospel** — I am the living bread that came down from heaven (John 6:51-58).

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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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[www.sfarchdiocese.org](http://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.

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## Fr. Tom's Column

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

A central theme of today's readings speaks to us of discernment. In the Book of Proverbs, we hear it proclaimed that we should "forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding." We cannot begin to understand or pursue knowledge unless we are quiet and attentive to the wisdom God seeks to impart to us. Two spiritual tools that help us to advance in understanding include vigilance and discernment. The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines vigilance as "the state of being constantly attentive and responsive to signs of opportunity, activities, or danger." The first reading from the Book of Wisdom beautifully expresses this attentiveness. Wisdom prepares a place for people to sit, eat and drink so as to be nourished and fortified, forsake foolishness and pursue understanding. Our relationship with God continually calls us to perfect our attentiveness and vigilance. When we pray, when we contemplate and meditate upon how God is speaking in our lives, more and more we grow in wisdom. We are able to grow in knowledge and understanding of the things of God, and surrender and let go of those things, often distractions, which impede our capacity to be receptive and open to God's call for us.

Saint Ignatius of Loyola defines discernment as "motions of the soul." "These interior movements consist of thoughts, imaginings, emotions, inclinations, desires, feelings, repulsions, and attractions." (IgnatianSpirituality.com/Loyola Press, Chicago). As we see, these "motions of the soul" are varied, many, and often complex. We can become overwhelmed by these emotions in light of decisions we have to make. One of the graces and fruits of discernment is that it allows us to acknowledge desires and decisions to be made. We then reflect upon them and pray in the light of trying to understand what the will of God is for us. Saint Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, accentuates the themes of wisdom, understanding and discernment. This was such an integral and important part of his own conversion experience and journey of reconciliation with the Lord. "Watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making most of the opportunity...to try to understand the will of the Lord."

This Pauline theme is played out so clearly in today's Gospel reading from John. The quarreling amongst the crowds reacting to Jesus' revelation that he is the "living bread come down from heaven" reflects their understanding as to what Jesus is trying to teach them. They took the message of Jesus quite literally as they thought he was speaking about cannibalism. Jesus echoes the same message we heard in last Sunday's Gospel. We have come to understand that Jesus is the Bread of Life as we have built a relationship with him. Jesus Christ has come to abide in us and us in Him through our reception of the Blessed Sacrament. It is also our relationship with Jesus that helps us come to know more profoundly the Father. The Father sent the Son to draw us back into a relationship rooted in love and mercy, culminating, as a gift of our Baptism, in eternal life. We live that relationship first here on earth as we seek to reflect in our own lives the loving relationship between God and His Son. May we pray for God's grace to be made worthy of the promises of Christ!

*Father Tom*

# Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

## Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

|   |                     |   |                        |
|---|---------------------|---|------------------------|
| <b>Saturday, Aug 18th</b><br><i>Weekday</i>                                     | 5:00 pm             | Marcia McAuliffe                                      | Fr. Tom                |
| <b>Sunday, Aug 19th</b><br><i>20th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>                      | 8:00 am<br>10:30 am | People of St. Matthias                                | Fr. Ted<br>Fr. Ted     |
| <b>Monday, Aug 20th</b><br><i>St. Bernard, Abbot &amp; Doctor of the Church</i> | 5:30 pm             | Christine Hodgins †                                   | Fr. Ted                |
| <b>Tuesday, Aug 21st</b><br><i>St. Pius X, Pope</i>                             | 5:30 pm             | Marcia McAuliffe                                      | Fr. Edgardo            |
| <b>Wednesday, Aug 22nd</b><br><i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>   | 5:30 pm             | Sharyn Ewiggins                                       | Fr. Ted                |
| <b>Thursday, Aug 23rd</b><br><i>Weekday</i>                                     | 5:30 pm             |   | Fr. Ted                |
| <b>Saturday, Aug 25th</b><br><i>Weekday</i>                                     | 5:00 pm             | Bill & Phyllis Panelli † and<br>Al & Janice Sahagun † | Fr. Edgardo            |
| <b>Sunday, Aug 26th</b><br><i>21st Sunday in Ord. Time</i>                      | 8:00 am<br>10:30 am | People of St. Matthias<br>William Pacumio †           | Fr. Ted<br>Fr. Coleman |

*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  
Patrick Boland  
Bill Bulanti  
Bobby Zavas  
Carlos Chavez  
Bart Coulter  
Nancy Guass  
Louise Leeper  
Rose & Richard Marino  
Severin Morger  
Robert Munn  
Peggy Perez  
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](http://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 \$33,943 or 50% of our assessment as of 8/14/2018.

## Online Giving

Online giving is *safe, secure and easy*. Start giving online today! Visit our website at [stmatthiasparish.org](http://stmatthiasparish.org) and click on "Support Us" then "Online Donation" to sign up.



## 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](mailto:info@stmatthiasparish.org) with the dates you would like the announcement to be included.



## 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 #3

Each week we collect about **100 trackable donations (money given by check, in offertory envelopes or via electronic donations)** which represents about  $\frac{1}{5}$  of registered parishioners. With so few contributing financially, this prevents us from offering more programs and making needed improvements. If **5 additional families** began making weekly financial contributions, it would help lighten the load for those 100 families.

## 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 **Chicco Adamo**. Chicco will also be a sophomore at Woodside High School in the fall.

The Ecuadorian Pilgrimage trip was a life changing experience for me because it showed me a wonderful yet struggling world I could have never imagined, and also gave me the chance to meet some of the kindest and happiest people I have ever met. The patients at Casa Damian and the people we visited in Quito welcomed us and shared their customs and cultures with us.

If I had to choose one event that really touched me, I would have to say that it was the dinner we had with the women at Casa Damien. After cleaning their windows, they invited all of us over for a delicious dinner. Apparently we were the first group that they ever invited to a dinner like that, and that alone really makes me feel like we did something that truly benefited the people there. Knowing that they took time out of their really busy lives in order to host a bunch of gringos they just met really touched me. Everytime we were inside of their living area I felt so welcomed, as if I were to have walked back into my house after a long vacation. During the dinner, we sat next to the patients, but even though it was hard to converse with them the fact that they wanted us to spend time with them made it actually feel easier to. It sounds a bit crazy but I swear that night was the easiest time I could understand the patients, and it almost seemed like a force inside of me nudged me on and gave me the right words to reply to them. As a result, that night was the most magical for me and will always hold onto the memories I shared with the patients at

Casa Damian and the rest of the Ecuadorian Pilgrimage group.

This trip was honestly so much fun and heart warming, and the most important reason I would go back to Ecuador would be to see all of the people we have met there and to see how they are doing. The people down there don't have nearly as good living conditions as we do in California, but they are still so happy with what they have. I feel like that is a phenomenon that can only really be understood by creating friendships with these wonderful people.



Chicco—washing windows at Damien House, Guayaquil, Ecuador

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### Information for Tenants from our Justice and Charity Commission

Evie Dwyer, a member of our Justice and Charity Commission, recently attended a meeting sponsored by "Fair Rents of Redwood City" led by Diana Reddy.

The main speaker had organized tenants in her apartment building on Clinton Street. She called her talk "Due Diligence 101" and offered the following advice: 1) Keep a detailed communications log concerning your landlord and maintenance issues. 2) Follow up verbal communication with email to confirm the details of the conversation. 3) Take photos and/or videos of maintenance or security issues. 4) Document, document, document every time you call or write to someone about the issues at hand. 5) Send your rent certified mail, return receipt to avoid late fees.

# Our Call to Catechesis

**Welcome** to Mary Beth and Will Hambley, and baby Axel Francis to our parish. Axel will be welcomed into this community of faith through the sacrament of Baptism at the 10:30 am Mass Sunday.

## 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 Sabri-

na@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!** 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](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org) for more information.

## 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 be-

gins 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](mailto:rich@stmatthiasparish.org).

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# Parish & Preschool Events

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

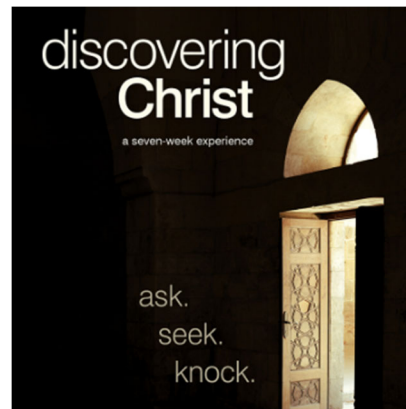
| Sunday, August 19th<br><i>20th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>                             | Monday, August 20th<br><i>St. Bernard, Abbot &amp; Doctor of the Church</i> | Tuesday, August 21st<br><i>St. Pius X, Pope</i>                                    | Wednesday, August 22nd<br><i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>                              |
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| 8:00 am Sunday Mass<br>9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR)<br>10:30 am Sunday Mass | 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)   | 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)  | 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)<br>7:00 pm Prayer & Worship Commission Meeting (DR)                        |
| Thursday, August 23rd<br><i>Weekday</i>  | Friday, August 24th<br><i>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i>                      | Saturday, August 25th<br><i>Weekday</i>  | Sunday, August 26th<br><i>21st Sunday in Ord. Time</i>   |
| 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)  | 9:00 am Rosary for Peace (MR)   | 9:00 am Share Jesus: Faith Formation Day at St. Denis Church<br>5:00 pm Vigil Mass | 8:00 am Sunday Mass<br>9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR)<br>10:30 am Sunday Mass/SALT Kickoff/Donuts |

## Sept 15th @ Six Flags.

Join youth from St. Matthias & St.

Charles for this all-day event which gathers youth from parishes and schools all over northern California and Nevada!

The day features music, Mass, rides, speakers, all you can eat lunch, friends and inspiration. For more information and to purchase tickets visit: <http://onfirenorcal.com>. We have chartered a CYO bus for this event. The bus will meet us at St. Matthias at 6:30 am on September 15th to take us to the event and pick us up Six Flags at 9:30 pm for our return home. Purchase your tickets before Sept 3rd for a discount. (General Admission tickets are \$52 including all-you-can-eat lunch or Deluxe tickets are \$72 which includes lunch and dinner). Make sure to purchase "OnFire" tickets using link above. Please RSVP to reserve your space on the bus to Sabrina Harper [sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org). Adults are welcome to join us and serve as chaperones.



## Discovering Christ

Discovering Christ is an eight-week experience where anyone and everyone, from the baptized in the pews to the unbaptized, is invited to

hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ. Discovering Christ helps people enter into or renew a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experience the love of God the Father, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as God's children.

**St. Matthias will offer Discovering Christ on Wednesday evenings beginning on Sept 12th from 7:00—9:00 pm.**

This series features a meal, prayer, a video teaching and rich discussion with others who are seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus. This is ideal for parents as it provides support for them as they seek to pass on their faith to their children.