

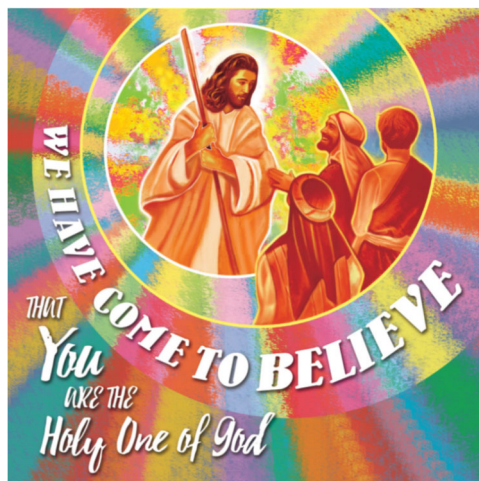
# ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

## St. Matthias



### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25-26, 2018



**First Reading** — The LORD, our God, protected us along our entire journey (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

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

**Second Reading** — Christ nourishes and cherishes the church because we are members of his body (Ephesians 5:21-32 [5:2a, 25-32]).

**Gospel** — We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God (John 6:60-69).

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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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Archdiocese of San Francisco  
[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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## A Letter from Archbishop Cordileone

August 17, 2018

My Dear People of the Archdiocese of San Francisco,

The recent reports of episcopal negligence and malfeasance in the face of clerical sexual abuse, coupled with some reports of bishops themselves guilty of sexual predation, have reopened old wounds and inflicted new ones on victims, their families, the Catholic faithful at large, and indeed, the larger society. This has been further fueled by a spirit of raw ambition on the part of some, who will stop at nothing to advance their careers and climb the ecclesial corporate ladder over investing themselves in serving the people of God. Such behavior on the part of Church leaders is despicable, reprehensible, and absolutely unbecoming of a man of God.

I have emphasized this point to the seminarians of our Archdiocese in my recent summer meetings with them, and made it very clear that their vocation as diocesan priests is to serve God's people where they are most needed in our local church. This was not difficult to do. I am inspired by their purity of motivation, their great love for Christ and his Church, and their desire to be faithful servant leaders.

I have been in conversation with the administration at St. Patrick Seminary, who have conducted a review of their policies on issues involving sexual abuse and harassment. While the policies are thorough, I intend to discuss with the Seminary and its Board of Trustees ideas on how to more effectively implement these policies and ensure that they are followed. I intend to do the same with regard to the policies of the Archdiocese with my Cabinet at the Pastoral Center. These policies, and information on how to report abuse, are available on our Archdiocesan website (<https://sfarchdiocese.org/protecting-children>).

While attending to policies and procedures is necessary, by itself it is really superficial. What is called for at this time is penance in reparation for sins against faith and morals. This is how we keep the righteous indignation that so many of us feel at this time from becoming an anger that divides the Body of Christ.

Last year, in response to a request from some of the faithful of our Archdiocese, I consecrated the Archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This was on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of our Lady at Fatima. At that time, I asked our people to live this consecration by observing what our Blessed Mother asked of us there. I now ask our priests and people to engage in prayer, penance and adoration as an act of reparation for sins against chastity and the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, in accordance with our Lady's wishes.

I repeat here what I asked of you then, and implore you even more earnestly to join me in: Praying the rosary daily – and for families, to pray the rosary as a family at least once a week; Practicing Friday penance by abstaining from eating meat and one other additional act of fasting (e.g., another form of food or drink, or skipping a meal); Spending one hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament at least once a week.

After consulting with the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese and my Cabinet, moreover, I will designate a day when together we will make an act of reparation, and how that will be conducted. While I pledge to attend to policies and their observance, we all must be engaged at this time on the spiritual level. Without prayer, penance and adoration in reparation for the horrendous sins rampant in our Church for very many years now, any efforts of the temporal order will be meaningless.

In the meantime, I ask you, our people to stay close to your parish priest. Our priests make great sacrifices to serve their people with generosity and compassion. They are there for you, attentive to providing you pastoral care. I am grateful to them for their labors in the Lord's vineyard, and pray that the divine assistance may be with them as they minister to you during this time of crisis.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone  
Archbishop of San Francisco

# Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

## Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

<b>Saturday, Aug 25th</b> <i>Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	<b>Bill &amp; Phyllis Panelli † and Al &amp; Janice Sahagun †</b>	Fr. Edgardo
<b>Sunday, Aug 26th</b> <i>21st Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	8:00 am	<b>People of St. Matthias</b>	Fr. Ted
	10:30 am	<b>William Pacumio †</b>	Fr. Coleman
<b>Monday, Aug 27th</b> <i>St. Monica</i>	5:30 pm	<b>Marc Gonzales †</b>	Fr. Ted
<b>Tuesday, Aug 28th</b> <i>St. Augustine, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Edgardo
<b>Wednesday, Aug 29th</b> <i>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted
<b>Thursday, Aug 30th</b> <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted
<b>Saturday, Sept 1st</b>	5:00 pm	<b>Joyce Morger †</b>	
<b>Sunday, Sept 2nd</b> <i>22nd Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	8:00 am		
	10:30 am	<b>People of St. Matthias</b>	

*Clergy assignments for Masses are subject to change.*



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Kids' Carnival & Oktoberfest will be on Saturday, October 27th from 11-3 pm.**

Our annual Kids' Carnival & Oktoberfest will be held this year on SATURDAY (not Sunday) October 27th from 11:00-3:00 pm.

**This is our one major fundraiser for the year, and we would like to ask for your support.** *We will be offering a cash prize for the raffle but would love to also offer time at a time share home, a vacation home or tickets to sporting or theater events. Do you own a business? Could you offer services or gift cards - or, make a donation to sponsor the event?*

*If so, please contact Sabrina Harper [sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org) at the parish office for more information.*

## Pray for the sick in our community...

Eric Alvarez  
Patrick Boland  
Bill Bulanti  
Bobby Zavas  
Carlos Chavez  
Bart Coulter  
Nancy Guass  
Rose & Richard Marino  
Marcia McAuliffe  
Severin Morger  
Robert Munn  
Peggy Perez  
Sharron Sala  
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](mailto:info@stmatthiasparish.org). Please let us know when your friend or loved one's health has improved.

## 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**

**Reception to follow in Monsignor Fitzsimon Center**

# 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 #4

**Remember that St. Matthias is fully funded by YOU. We do not receive money from the Archdiocese or St. Matthias Preschool. We do not have meaningful savings to draw upon. We have not had endowments of real estate or sizable stock donations. Everything is made possible by your weekly contributions, Christmas and Easter contributions, Building Fund donations and fundraisers, like Oktoberfest.**

## 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 paper received from **Ryan McAfee**. Ryan will also be a sophomore at Sequoia High School in the fall.

There were two things that shocked me greatly throughout my time in Ecuador. The first one is the contrast that plagues the country in what I feel can only be described as a negative way. In Guayaquil, one had to drive for only ten minutes before the luxurious gated communities turned into crumbling concrete houses. Fifteen minutes to arrive at shacks made of cane, surrounded by trash, next to a heavily polluted canal. In Quito, people with all of the world's modern amenities could be neighbors with people who had no bathroom or five people sleeping in one room. It was terrifying. On a happier note, the second thing that shocked me was the hospitality and the undying joy of all the families and people we met. I don't think I've ever seen people with such positivity living in such poor conditions.

First, more about the contrast. I wasn't kidding when I described the scale of it. More people in Ecuador live in poverty than I ever could have imagined. For all the wealth I saw, there was ALWAYS more poverty. It's made worse by the fact that poverty is a much different meaning in the U.S.. Here, if someone wants to break the cycle of poverty, there are ways to get a good education, ways to be able to provide for your family, and support whenever you ask for it. In Ecuador, many of the good and safe schools cost too much money, most of the available jobs are minimum wage and dangerous, and there are very few places (Centro de Muchachos Trabajador being one of them) to get help in a time of need.

Second, I want to talk about the hospitality and joy I experienced in Ecuador. On our first day in Guayaquil, we met the patients at Casa Damian. When we walked through the door to both the women's section and the men's section, we were greeted with smiling faces, laughing, and a bright "Buenas Dias!". Even though they didn't even know us, they still welcomed us into their home and made it clear throughout the week that it was our home too. Whether it was through Dominoes with the men or through talking with the women, it became clear to me that they were genuinely happy to have us with them.

When the time came for us to leave, they threw us a good-bye party and everybody smiled the whole time. We then left with a ciao rather than with a Adios (to God) because we knew we would see each other again.

Finally, I want to address how these experiences matter to everyone reading this. Poverty isn't just bad, it's terrifying for both those who see it, and those who experience it. We can help people around the world by using the hand that we were dealt to help make lives better. I know from experience that in Ecuador, a donated dollar goes a long way. Also, we should let them help us with our attitude. By looking at their culture, it is clear to see that everybody, even strangers, are treated as family. I feel very strongly that if everybody treated everybody that way, as a loved one, then maybe the world would become a bit of a better place. By you doing both these things the world will be a better place.



Ryan McAfee with one of the patients at Damien House.

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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

## **Faith Formation Registration is Open!**

Families with school –aged children are invited to register for an participate in our Faith Formation programs. We have faith formation programs available for preschoolers—high schoolers including sacramental preparation for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. If you would like information about our programs, please email Sabrina

sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org

## **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.

## **Bible Study—Paul's Letter to the Romans**

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 developments 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?

Beginning on **Monday, September 10th**  
for 6 weeks on Paul's Letter to the Romans.  
Sessions will be held in Fr. Lacey Hall  
from 7-8:30 pm

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# Parish & Preschool Events

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

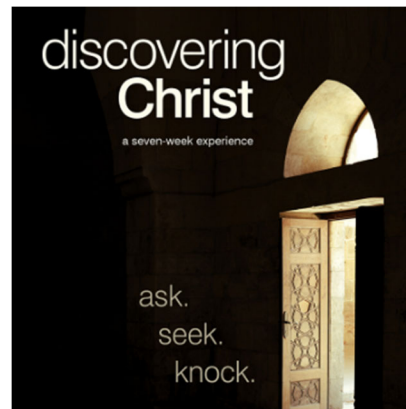
Sunday, August 26th <i>21st Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	Monday, August 27th <i>St. Monica</i>	Tuesday, August 28th <i>St. Augustine, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>	Wednesday, August 29th <i>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass/SALT Kickoff/Donuts	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)
Thursday, August 30th <i>Weekday</i>	Friday, August 31st <i>Weekday</i>	Saturday, September 1st <i>Weekday</i>	Sunday, September 2nd <i>22nd Sunday in Ord. Time</i>
5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 6:00 pm Preschool Staff Meeting (Room 5)	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

## 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.