

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept 1-2, 2018

First Reading — For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us? (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalms — The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — Religion that is pure is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel — This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

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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-
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Fr. Tom's Column

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In today's first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, we hear the Lord inviting the people of Israel to embrace a new reality of the Law. The Lord is encouraging the Israelites to understand that His law of love leads to ultimate freedom. He has bequeathed to them an inheritance; in order to take possession of their role as God's Chosen People, they have to conform themselves to the Law of love of God and love of one another. He wants them to be a light to the nations; by their example of faithfulness and fidelity to the One who loved them first, they can be a beacon of hope and a source of emulation to others. This desire of the Lord is echoed in the simple yet profound reality echoed in the words of the Psalmist: "One who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord." This justice again, is predicated upon love of God and love of neighbor. The Psalmist offers practical ways in which we can live this prophetic justice: speaking the truth and avoiding slander; one who serves his neighbor in need and is not spiteful or vengeful; one who is not afraid to stand before the Lord in humility and awe.

The words of Deuteronomy are a foundation to the words of Saint James in the second reading. "All good giving and every perfect gift is from above." This sentiment is necessary for us as Christians to continually meditate upon as we discern our actions and motivations. God created us to praise, serve and reverence Him and we strive to do so by our comportment and Christian witness. "He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures." We know by faith that Jesus Christ himself is the firstfruits of the spirit of the Father's love by the sacrifice of his own passion and death and ultimately by his resurrection.

Thus, Jesus desires that we emulate his humility, generosity of total self-giving and so thereby be a source of light and communicators of the Good News to the world around us. "Be doers and not hearers only, caring for the widows and orphans (the most weak and vulnerable among us) in their affliction." I am reminded so often of the motto of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: "*Non Vox Sed Votum*", that is, "Not words but deeds." It is simply not enough to have faith and to know that Jesus Christ lives; we must also put that faith into action by good works. There are innumerable ways we do that as a community of faith here at Saint Matthias: our generous Saint Vincent de Paul Society; bringing Holy Communion to parishioners' homes; providing pastoral care to several local facilities; landscaping and beautification efforts; Bible study and faith enrichment, just to name a few!!! These many efforts bring to life our faith and tradition.

I am looking forward to our gathering together next Sunday to celebrate Mass and join together for a meal and discuss and share thoughts on the future direction of Saint Matthias Parish. I encourage as many of you as possible to help in discerning our present and future. I am excited, too, to introduce our new Parochial Vicar, Father Edgardo Rodriguez, to his new home!

Father Tom

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, Sept 1st <i>Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Joyce Morger †	
Sunday, Sept 2nd <i>22nd Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	People of St. Matthias	
Monday, Sept 3rd <i>St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i>	NO MASS due to Labor Day		
Tuesday, Sept 4th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		
Wednesday, Sept 5th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		
Thursday, Sept 6th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		
Saturday, Sept 8th <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	5:00 pm	Paul Wang †	
Sunday, Sept 9th <i>23rd Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	People of St. Matthias Norman Roos †	

Clergy assignments for Masses are subject to change.

Pray for the sick in our community...

Eric Alvarez
Patrick Boland
Bill Bulanti
Bobby Zavas
Carlos Chavez
Bart Coulter
Nancy Guass
Jean Kucic
Louise Leeper
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. 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



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 at the parish office for more information.

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 \$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 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 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 #5

St. Matthias' Finance Council have noted that summer offertory is low. This past June, collections were short \$2,500 for the month which is typical for summer months. Our fiscal year starts in July and by the time September comes we are already financially far behind. Giving electronically, through Vanco, can help this. Households can set up weekly, monthly or quarterly donations which are consistent.

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 Truby**. Ryan is a junior at Woodside High School and he and his family attend St. Pius.



Brendan P. Smith (above) and Ryan Truby (below)

Going to Ecuador on a mission trip was one of the best decisions I had ever made. Going into the trip I was nervous not knowing exactly what to expect and this trip being my first time out of the country without any of my family tagging along. Little did I know this would be a trip that completely changes my perspective on my life at home and how I view things around me. We vis-

ited two cities in Ecuador, Guayaquil and Quito. In Guayaquil we went to Casa Damien. At Casa Damien we talked to, played dominoes and chinese checkers, and did a spring cleaning for the patients there. The patients at Casa Damien were always insanely grateful to and for us, and repeatedly told us that we were part of their family even though we had only recently met them and hung out with them for about a week. We cleaned for three days at Casa Damien, mostly removing windows, cleaning them, dusting, and other spring cleaning like activities. After the second day of cleaning, the women at Casa Damien decided to cook for us to show how grateful they were for us leaving the United States and coming to Ecuador to service them. The women were so excited to have us for dinner and were interested to see if we liked what they prepared for us. They did not disappoint, all the food we had in Ecuador was amazing. I did not think I would like all the new food I tried, but everything we ate was delicious. The only food I was dying to try was guinea pig, but to my dismay we did not have the

time to visit the place that serves guinea pig. I expect to get over this tragedy in the upcoming days. Anyway, on our last day in Guayaquil the patients held a Despedida for us. They gave us handcrafted gifts, sang songs for us, and talked about how grateful they were for us visiting them. Also, in Guayaquil we went to two different towns, Samborondon and Duran. Samborondon is a rich town, with beautiful statues that have water running around them. To get to Duran from Samborondon you cross a bridge and are there. Duran is very poverty stricken. They have no running water, not many paved roads, and tons of stray animals. That blew my mind to see a town prospering, then you cross a bridge and the other town doesn't even have running water. And they are only separated by a bridge.

Then we were off to Quito, some people would say it is pretty high up. It's only a modest nine to ten thousand feet in altitude. Quito was just as amazing as Guayaquil. The living conditions were somewhat better in Quito due to the fact that Quito is the capital of Ecuador. In Quito we stayed at the Working Boys Center with three other groups from New Jersey, New York, and Arizona. It was cool staying with other people we did not know because it kind of forced us to go and talk to other kids around our age and socialize. The Working Boys Center helps families learn certain crafts and trades, so the people in the family can make a career and provide for their family. At the Working Boys Center, they have ten core values that they try and instill in the people who go there. Those ten values are loyalty, personal formation, family, religion, education, health, work, recreation, economy, and housing. The sense of community and everyone being so welcoming stood out to me at the Working Boys Center. In Quito we did a Minga, which is a work day in the Andes Mountains region. The family we did the Minga for goes to the Working Boys Center. For the Minga we had to clear out dirt, so the family could build an extension onto their house. We also toured around the city of Quito. It is a very beautiful city surrounded by mountains with a lot of pretty interesting history to it. Overall the mission trip to Ecuador was just amazing, I know I will not forgot all the memories, and experiences because this trip really helped me put a perspective on my life and the others around me.

Our Call to Catechesis

Faith Formation Registration is Open!

Families with school –aged children are invited to register for and 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

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.

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

Spiritual Care Service Volunteer Training at Stanford Hospital

Would you be interested in visiting Catholic patients at Stanford Hospital and offering them Communion as a Eucharistic Minister? If you are a compassionate listener, empathic, well grounded in your faith, and open to serving a couple of hours a week, then, becoming a Spiritual Care Service Volunteers at Stanford might be the right opportunity for you. Stanford Health Care is offering its next training class for new volunteers on Saturday, October 6th, at Stanford Hospital. To learn more about this special ministry and request an application, please contact Raksha Patel at 650-723-5101 or spiritual-care@standfordhealthcare.org. The deadline for submitting applications is Sept 22nd.

Prayer Tree Network

Our Prayer Tree Network is a very special group of people who regularly pray for the needs of the community. All may request prayer for a special need or intention for healing, grieving, discernment, strength, comfort or support by contacting our Prayer Tree Network. The members spend some time every day in prayer for the requests that are received. We are seeking more members to pray in this way. If you are interested in finding out more about this valuable ministry, please email Liz@stmatthiasparish.org or call 366-9544 x 2012.

Pauline Books and Media—Grand Opening Sept 8th from 10-5 pm

The new Pauline Books and Media Center located at 3250 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park is having a Grand Opening Celebration Sept 8th! There will be door prizes, raffles and food. All are invited!

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Parish & Preschool Events

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

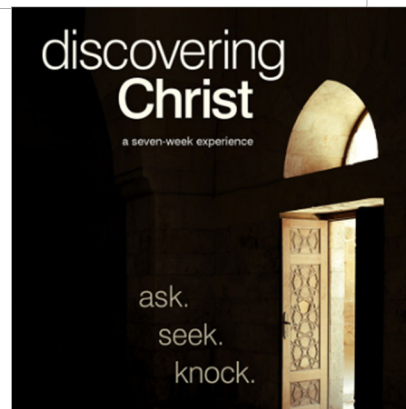
<u>Sunday, September 2nd</u> 22nd Sunday in Ord. Time	<u>Monday, Sept 3rd</u> St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	<u>Tuesday, Sept 4th</u> Weekday	<u>Wednesday, Sept 5th</u> Weekday
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass	Offices Closed & No Mass for Labor Day	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)
Welcome Weekend			
<u>Thursday, Sept 6th</u> Weekday	<u>Friday, Sept 7th</u> Weekday	<u>Saturday, September 8th</u> Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<u>Sunday, September 9th</u> 23rd Sunday in Ord. Time
5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)	9:00 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	10:00 am ONE SUNDAY MASS followed by the Town Hall Meeting

**Sept
15th
@ Six
Flags.**

Join youth
from St. Mat-
thias & St.

Charles for this all-day event which gathers youth
from parishes and schools all over northern Cali-
fornia 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 at Six Flags at 9:30 pm
for our return home. Purchase your tickets before
Sept 3rd for a discount. (General Admission tick-
ets 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 Har-
per sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org. Adults are
welcome to join us and serve as chaperones.



Discovering Christ

Discovering Christ is
an eight-week expe-
rience where anyone
and everyone, from
the baptized in the
pews to the unbap-
tized, is invited to

hear the Good News and personally encounter Je-
sus 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 teach-
ing and rich discussion with others who are seek-
ing 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.