

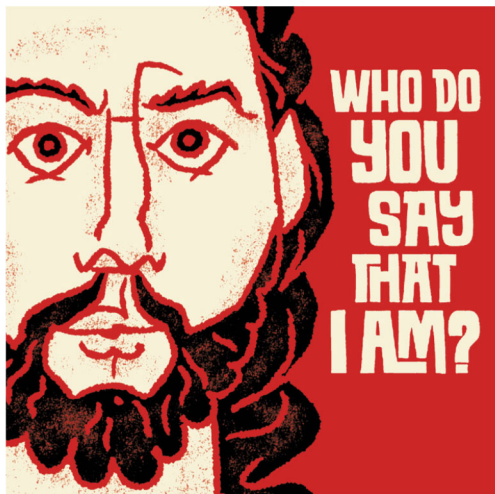
ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15-16, 2018



First Reading — The Lord God is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

Gospel — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).

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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 parish administrator 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

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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Father Tom's Column

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The eminent writer David Brooks, the New York Times columnist and author of *The Road of Character*, wrote: "Recently I've been thinking about the difference between the *resume* virtues and the eulogy virtues. The resume virtues are the ones you list on your *resume*, the skills that you bring to the job market and that contribute to external success. The eulogy virtues are deeper. They're the ones that get talked about at your funeral, the ones that exit at the core of your being—whether you are kind, brave, honest or faithful; what kind of relationships you formed." These words are particularly relevant as over the past two weeks we have come together as a community to grieve, support and love the family of Blake Bottarini. Blake, a senior at Junipero Serra High School, parishioner here at St. Matthias, son of Ross and Julie and twin brother of Evan, was tragically killed in a car accident on his way to school. It has been truly extraordinary to see how many people came together to show what it means to love and serve others. I am so proud and grateful to our parish staff as well as those of St. Pius whose generosity and care went a long way in helping to honor Blake and his family as we celebrated his Funeral Mass at St. Pius on September 6th.

I have the privilege of knowing many Serra families through my various ministries on the Peninsula. One of Blake's classmates spoke with me after the funeral. He said, "Father Tom, anybody but Blake. You don't understand. He was just so good, so kind, so giving...anybody but him." The emotional and spiritual pain showed so vividly in this young man's eyes. That image was expressed exponentially in the faces of the Serra students who came together to honor Blake. Yes, this is the natural fear and shock that conjures up doubt and anxiety...perhaps things are not so permanent after all. On a deeper level however, they came to honor the man who possessed the qualities about which David Brooks speaks: Kindness, bravery, honesty, faithfulness, the depth and quality of relationships.

Mark's Gospel today has Jesus posing this question to his disciples: "Who do people say that I am?" They respond, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." He then asks them, "But who do YOU say that I am?" This is a central question that defines who Jesus is to his disciples. He is introducing them to the reality that as the Son of God he will have to suffer, indeed lose his very self, in order to fulfill His Father's mission for him. Naturally, Peter and the others want Jesus to be the Christ without paying the cost. Jesus himself rebukes the disciples because not surrendering HIS WILL is contrary to the relationship between Jesus and His Father. Ironically, it is that very surrender that gives hope and encouragement. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." When we follow Jesus Christ, when we let go of our own egoism and self-preservation for service in the Kingdom, then we reflect in our lives what it means to be Christ-like.

Fr. Tom

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, September 15th <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	5:00 pm	Blake Bottarini †	Fr. Ted
Sunday, September 16th <i>24th Sun. in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am		Fr. Ted
	10:30 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Ted
Monday, September 17th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted
Tuesday, September 18th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Special Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Fr. Ted
Weds., September 19th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted
Thursday, September 20th <i>Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and martyrs</i>	5:30 pm	Special Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Fr. Ted
Saturday, September 22nd <i>Weekday</i>	5:00 pm		Fr. Edgardo
Sunday, September 23rd <i>25th Sun. in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Edgardo
	10:30 am	Yvonne Salinger †	Fr. Edgardo

Clergy assignments for Masses are subject to change.

What is a Mass Intention?

A Mass Intention is a special way to honor a beloved friend or family members, whether in death, for healing, in celebration of a special day, or simply for prayers and guidance. If you would like to request a Mass Intention, please email lisa@stmatthiasparish.org, call 366-9544, or stop by the office to schedule it for any of our weekday/weekend Masses. Please note that the calendar fills up quickly for the weekends, but weekday Masses are generally available. We can one take

ONE intention per Mass, so if you have a specific date in mind, it is a good idea to plan ahead. A \$10 donation is suggested.

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 re-

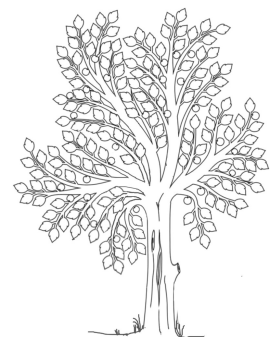
*We pray for the sick in
our community...*

Eric Alvarez
Patrick Boland
Bill Bulanti
Bobby Zavas
Carlos Chavez
Nancy Guass
Jean Kucic
Louise Leeper
Rose & Richard Marino
Marcia McAuliffe
Severin Morger
Robert Munn
Peggy Perez
Sharron Sala
Sharon Spry

*...that they may be
comforted by the love
of Jesus.*

To add or remove a name from this list, email lisa@stmatthiasparish.org. Please let us know when your friend or loved one's health has improved.

ceived. 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.



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 **\$41,859**

Monthly Need **\$26,666**

August Sunday Collections **\$17,881**

+ Electronic Donations **\$4930**

Total Offertory for August \$22,811

Difference (Monthly Need - Received) <\$3855>

2018 AAA Campaign Assessment \$67,319

We have received \$33,943 or 50% of our assessment as of 8/14/2018.



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 sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org with the dates you would like the announcement to be included.



CREATING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY

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.

Parish Registration

All families who regularly attend St. Matthias Church are asked to register in the parish. This helps us to know who are members are and to provide services that meet your needs. You may use the form below, or visit stmatthiasparish.org and register online.

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 _____

() new to the parish () change of address () would like information
() moving, remove from list () would like a visit

Kids' Carnival & Oktoberfest



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, and would also love to offer a stay 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.

We're busy planning for our Kid's Carnival and Oktoberfest! We've got the Elks' Club Band and another band (name will be announced soon), for music, the 4-H Club for the petting zoo, the Car Club booked, and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department and Fire Department will be making appearances. The Kids' Carnival will have tons of fun and their will be baked goods to win!

Raffle tickets will be sent to you next week, please watch for them and return in the mail, collection or drop off at the Rectory.

How can you help?

- Put up a lawn sign in your front yard or high traffic area in your neighborhood.
- Coordinate the potato salad contest!
- Coordinate and set up the Haunted House with youth volunteers.
- Sign up to volunteer for the day of the event or Friday set up, or both!
- Bake cookies for the bake booth. Make potato salad for the contest.

Signs up for volunteering during the event, set up, bake booth and potato salad will begin the weekend of Sept 29-30. Food tickets will be available for sale online that weekend as well.

Watch for an email blast about the event.

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 at sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org.

Confirmation Preparation Orientation

Our Confirmation Program is for all high school youth who are seeking to confirm their faith through this sacrament of initiation. Families register for our faith formation programs (above) and participate in specific events for Confirmation. Our Orientation for parents and youth will be on Sunday, September 23rd at 12:30 pm. Please register before so that we know to expect you!

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? Sessions will be on Monday's from 7-8:30 pm.

Santa Clara Faith Formation Conference

Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1, 2018 | Santa Clara Convention Center

Building Bridges of Hope is this year's theme for the Santa Clara Faith Formation Conference. This conference is not only for catechists, liturgists and lay ministers, but also for anyone interested in the church of today, in social justice issues, and just how to live our faith more deeply. Some examples of the sessions are:

Bishop Randolph Calvo *Women Deacons: Sources*

in Tradition and their Meaning Today

Ken Preston *God Walks with Us: The Catholic Church's Response to the Refugee Crisis*

Joe Paprocki *Practicing a Living Faith—5 Principles that Shape a Robust Catholic Vision*

Copies of the brochure are on the back table of church. Come and discover sharing faith with 3,000 other people from the Dioceses of San Jose, Monterey, San Francisco, Fresno, Oakland and Stockton. There are sessions in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Chinese.

Together in Holiness

Marriage Enrichment Conference

Saturday, September 29, 2018 | 8:45AM to 3:30PM
Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Belmont
The St. John Paul II Foundation presents the 3rd annual Together in Holiness conference, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of San Francisco Office of Marriage & Family Life. On-site childcare is available (5-12yrs), pre-registration required. Cost: \$59/couple or \$35/individual. Scholarships are also available. For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org or email conference coordinator Susie Lopez at susie@forlifeandfamily.org.

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 Volunteer 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@stanfordhealthcare.org. The deadline for submitting applications is Sept 22nd.

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This Week @ St. Matthias

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

Catechetical Sunday			
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8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass	Preschool Staff In-Service Day 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Bible Study (Hall)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 6:30 pm Preschool Back to School Night 7:00 pm Happy Disciples (UR)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Discovering Christ (Hall) 7:00 pm Prayer & Worship Commission (DR)
2nd Collection: Priests' Retirement Fund			
<u>Thursday, Sept 20th</u> <i>Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and martyrs</i>	<u>Friday, Sept 21st</u> <i>St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	<u>Saturday, September 22nd</u> <i>Weekday</i>	<u>Sunday, September 23rd</u> <i>25th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>
1:00 pm JCC Meeting (DR) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 6:00 pm MSYM (Hall)	9:00 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	11:00 am Baptismal Preparation 5:00 pm Vigil Mass	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass

Town Hall Meeting

Thank you to all who attended our Town Hall Meeting last Sunday. We had about 120 parishioners in attendance following one Sunday Mass which was celebrated at 10:00 am. We are grateful for your presence and engagement during the meeting. Thank you to all who helped with the event especially, Marti Engh, Lynda Allen, Mary Schorr, Carol Clarke, Bob and Joanne Thompson, Sandi Machado and Nick and Marcy Corea (and anyone else who helped out)! Several comment cards were collected and we will be responding to your comments, suggestions and ideas in the bulletin in the next several weeks beginning this weekend.



One comment received said the following: "Your bulletin is beautiful. I think you could reduce costs by encouraging online bulletin, use less expensive paper, eliminate repetitive items."

Thank you for the compliment! We work hard on the bulletin each week—to include timely and important information in an attractive manner so that people will be interested and engaged in what we have to offer. Our bulletin publishing company, J.S. Paluch prints and delivers the bulletins to us each week. They contract with advertisers on the back cover and through the support of our advertisers, our bulletin is free to the parish. In fact, we receive an annual rebate from J.S. Paluch of \$1,000! So, the bulletin doesn't cost St. Matthias anything, but rather helps our bottom line.

