

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29-30, 2018



First Reading — Moses said, "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Numbers 11:25-29).

Psalm — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19)

Second Reading — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (Jason 5:1-6).

Gospel — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

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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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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. Located in the Upper Rm of Lacey Hall.

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Father Tom's Column

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today's readings, most particularly the first reading from the Book of Numbers and the Gospel passage from Saint Mark, pose very real and human challenges for us. As I first read and prayed over these readings, I must honestly say I winced a little bit. These readings contain human features or characteristics of envy and jealousy, a sense of entitlement and superiority, and territorialism. When we exhibit these sentiments, it becomes evident at some point that these are not of God. Why is that? One way I answer this question in prayer is to posit this thought: Is God's Spirit exclusive, reserved only for few "chosen" ones? Is it God's initiative or our own that causes us to guard sometimes jealously "our" ministerial work, at the exclusion of others? Does our call to missionary discipleship become more about ourselves than about openly and freely sharing the Good News with others? These are difficult and searing questions, to be sure; yet they are also the key which, through an examination of conscience, unlock a deeper and more authentic encounter with the one whom we seek to serve: Jesus Christ.

In the first reading, we hear of the Lord taking some of the spirit that was given to Moses and spreading it around. It is understandable that the young man, clearly in awe of the prophetic mission of Moses, becomes rattled when he sees Elad and Me-dad preaching. Moses rebukes him, asking, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all." These words of Moses reflect a healthy self-possession and self-awareness. There is a true sense of liberation as Moses acknowledges the generosity of God's spirit. Because of his own intimate relationship with God, with its moments of serenity and others of anger and doubt, Moses wants others to experience and then share the intimacy of God's spirit. Saint Paul often affirms that although we as the Body of Christ have unique gifts and talents, challenges and aspirations, we are all fundamentally united by God's love, God's Spirit.

Jesus himself encounters this same inclination to covet from his own disciples. "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus knows the personalities of his disciples all too well and as the Good Shepherd he teaches them fundamental lessons of life. Not unlike the young man we read about in Numbers, the disciples at heart possess a good motivation. They want to watch out and protect their mentor, their leader. Yet this motivation is misguided. In their action of control, they are limiting and inhibiting the work of discipleship to flourish. Jesus tells them: "Whoever is not against us is for us." These are salient words as we continue to reflect honestly upon our own discipleship and ministerial service to the Church. What is it that truly motivates our service in whatever form or shape that takes? Is it the need to control and dominate, to do it our own way? As Jesus so compassionately taught his disciples, this disposition or attitude divides and poisons the Body of Christ. We pray for the grace to see that each of us plays a part in building up the Church. What helps to remember this truth is a deeper truth: it is God who wills us to the service to which we are called. This is indeed God's initiative, not ours. Our work is to respond to that call in freedom, generosity, and joy!

Fr. Tom

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, September 29th <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</i>	5:00 pm	Bill & Phyllis Panelli † Al & Janice Sahagun †	Fr. Tom
Sunday, September 30th <i>26th Sun. in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am	Virginia A. Mauleon †	Fr. Edgardo
	10:30 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Ted
Monday, October 1st <i>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i>	5:30 pm	Gudelia Flores †	
Tuesday, October 2nd <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	5:30 pm		
Weds., October 3rd <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Michael Stewart (Sp. Intention)	
Thursday, October 4th <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	5:30 pm	Alfredo Bon, Anita and Josefina Bon †	
Saturday, October 6th <i>Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	People of St. Matthias	
Sunday, October 7th <i>27th Sun. in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am	Dick Cesarin †	
	10:30 am	Jose Campos †	

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-

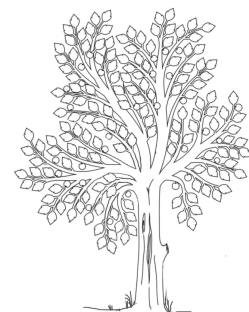
We pray for the sick in our community...

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

...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.



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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 our 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 The ConverGents 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 be tons of fun and there will be baked goods to win!

Raffle tickets were sent to you last 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!
- Sign up to volunteer for the day of the event or Friday set up, or both!
- Bake cookies, etc. for the bake booth. Make potato salad for the contest.

Sign ups for volunteering during the event, set up, bake booth and potato salad, etc. 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

SALT for Preschoolers and FISH for kindergarten—through 4th graders will NOT be meeting Sunday during 10:30 am Mass due to GIFT. Both programs will resume next Sunday, October 7th!

Our GIFT Program Begins Today

Sunday, September 30, 2018 from 11:30 -1:30 pm
| Fr. Lacey Hall

GIFT: Generations in Faith Together is our inter-generational, family based faith formation program. Gatherings are held once a month on Sundays from 11:30 - 1:30 pm. At each gathering, we enjoy a meal, opening prayer and introduction of the topic. Parents then guide children through topics and activities which are presented by the facilitators. Activities are presented in a way which empowers parents to share their faith with their children. GIFT is intended to complement liturgical events and other parish activities. All families with school-aged children are welcome to attend. Those families who have children preparing for sacraments are required to attend these gatherings. Even if you haven't pre-registered, you are welcome to attend. See Sabrina for registration information.

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 6th at 4:30 pm | St. Matthias Church Parking Lot

As autumn arrives, people in various places may notice something odd.

A procession of animals, everything from dogs and cats to hamsters and even horses, is led to churches for a special ceremony called the Blessing of Animals. This custom is conducted in remembrance of Saint Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures.

Francis, whose feast day is October 4th, loved the larks flying about his hilltop town. He and his early brothers, staying in a small hovel, allowed themselves to be displaced by a donkey.

Francis wrote a Canticle of the Creatures, an ode

to God's living things. "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." And there was testimony in the cause for Saint Clare of Assisi's canonization that referred to her little cat!

The Blessing of the Animals usually goes like this:

"Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."

All are invited to bring their pets for this special celebration!

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.

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This Week @ St. Matthias

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

2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul			
<u>Sunday, September 30th</u> <i>26th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	<u>Monday, Oct 1st</u> <i>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i>	<u>Tuesday, Oct 2nd</u> <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	<u>Wednesday, Oct 3rd</u> <i>Weekday</i>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am GIFT Gathering	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Bible Study (Hall)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm JCC: League of Women Voters presentation	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Discovering Christ (Hall)
2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul			
<u>Thursday, Oct 4th</u> <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	<u>Friday, Oct 5th</u> <i>Weekday</i>	<u>Saturday, Oct 6th</u> <i>Weekday</i>	<u>Sunday, Oct 7th</u> <i>27th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>
5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 6:00 pm Preschool Staff Meeting (Rm 5)	9:00 am Contemplative Rosary for Our Lady of the Rosary (MR)	11:30 am Baptism 4:30 pm Blessing of the Animals—Parking Lot 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 SALT & FISH Meet



share the warmth

St. Vincent de Paul— Share the Warmth Drive

October 20-21 | Fr. Lacey Hall

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be conducting a **Share the Warmth Drive** at all Masses,

the weekend of October 20th and 21st. We will be collecting clean blankets, clean adult coats and new socks for the rising number of adult clients at the SVDP Homeless Help Centers. These items will help protect the homeless from the cold during the upcoming winter months. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Justice and Charity Commission host the League of Women Voters

Tuesday, October 2nd at 7:00 pm | Fr. Lacey Hall

An Evening with the November 2018 California Propositions will be hosted by the Justice and Charity Commission, featuring a speaker from the non-partisan League of Women Voters education panel. Pros and cons of each proposition will be presented. Come—Listen—Reflect—and then, VOTE!

If you are unable to attend the presentation, you may find the discussions online at <https://cavotes.org/vote/elections/ballot-measures>