

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept 8-9, 2018



First Reading — Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel — Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

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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

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:

We gather together today as a parish family to give thanks to Almighty God for all of the blessings He has imparted to us. It is important that as we come together to reflect upon and discern the future of our parish community; we do so first within the context of the celebration of the Mass. We know that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. It is the reason we worship and it is from this reality, first, that all other aspects of parish life find their proper perspective. I am grateful to the many people whose hard work and dedication have made this day possible: our celebration of the Eucharist and Town Hall Meeting following Mass. I realize that Sunday is an important day for families and others to spend together, so I am most grateful to you all for taking time to invest in and contribute to this important event in the life of Saint Matthias Parish.

In addition to reviewing the Parish Pastoral Plan promulgated three years ago, as Administrator I want to hear your voices, your concerns, your hopes and aspirations for the future. I firmly believe that if we are going to be a vibrant community, as many perspectives as possible should be heard so that our blueprint for the future is truly representative and reflective of all, and not just some of you. I say this in response to several parishioners who have spoken to me desiring a more inclusive dialogue.

I have received telephone calls and other correspondence related to items in the announcements and bulletins concerning the financial picture here at Saint Matthias. Some took exception to the tone and were insulted by it. As the Administrator, I sincerely apologize at any insinuation that we are not grateful for your generosity and financial investment in our parish. I will address this issue in my remarks during the Town Hall Meeting. Ultimately, I am responsible for what information is disseminated and I want to assure you that in the future I will approve all bulletin items and information related to, among other things, finances and our appeal for support from you!

Today's readings seem particularly fitting and appropriate in light of our gathering this morning. Isaiah, James and Mark each speak to the inestimable love of God and the joy and hope which naturally spring from that truth. Isaiah lays the foundation by inviting those who are fearful and brokenhearted not to lose hope and trust. His words conjure up a sense of liberation and freedom, clearly fulfilled in the encounter of Jesus and the man suffering from several maladies. People bring the man to Jesus imploring him to lay hands upon the sick man. This laying on or imposition of hands is a powerful symbol of invoking the power of the Spirit to make well those who are sick. Jesus instructs the people not to tell of this "mighty deed." However, quite naturally, they do not heed his instructions and "were exceedingly astonished...He has done all things well."

How do we, in our individual and collective lives, express our thanksgiving and gratitude for all of the healings taking place through the loving providence of God?

Fr. Tom

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, Sept 8th <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	5:00 pm	Paul Wang †	Fr. Tom
Sunday, Sept 9th <i>23rd Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	10:00 am	Norman Roos †	Fr. Tom
Monday, Sept 10th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Tom
Tuesday, Sept 11th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Edgardo
Wednesday, Sept 12th <i>Weekday</i>	NO MASS Due to Clergy Enrichment Day		
Thursday, Sept 13th <i>St. John Chrysotom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	5:30 pm	Al Piparo †	Fr. Ted
Saturday, Sept 15th <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	5:00 pm	Blake Bottarini †	Fr. Ted
Sunday, Sept 16th <i>24th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	8:00 am		Fr. Ted
	10:30 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Ted

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, 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.

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
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

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.

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 THIS 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 #6

Each parish in the Archdiocese is assessed 20% of its prior year's collection for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. This assessment is an obligation. Ideally, this goal would be met within the first quarter of each year, but we seem to always need the entire year to achieve this goal. Reflect upon the amount you've set aside for your Sunday offertory donations and consider giving 20% more for the Annual Appeal to help us meet our goal.

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 **Sam Hutkins**.



Sam (left), playing dominos with some of the men at Damien House in Guayaquil.

I was the male chaperone on the Pilgrimage from St. Matthias Church. Now, some might wonder if it is a sane decision to want to go and work alongside seven high school boys in the poor areas of Ecuador. Let me tell you, it was one of the greatest experiences of my life. The boys, who really are each young men in every positive meaning you can place on them, were eager, thorough, happy, and energetic in whatever was placed before them. In Guayaquil they washed windows and screens on all of the patients' windows in a residence and outpatient care hospital for patients with Hansen's Disease (leprosy). During breaks they would visit with patients, possibly talking with them, watching them work on their crafts, or, for the most part, playing dominoes with the men. Food was always Ecuadorian, and was always good. In Quito, the first task they gave us was, amusingly, cleaning windows. Subsequently, they painted over graffiti by the basketball courts, and painted in the pre-school area of classrooms. There also was time for learning about Ecuador: visiting homes, visiting the UNESCO site in

Quito, and just being good tourists.

Selfishly speaking, this was an amazing trip. I got to spend time with seven of the most remarkable, mature, deep thinking, responsible young Catholic men. Their perceptive insights were always amazing to me. I feel I made friends for life.

I came into this adventure with some trepidation, however. When I was young, I recall all those stories from the Bible about leprosy. It was further emphasized and discussed when Padre Damien of Molokai was made a saint. What would I do, being around people with oozing lesions and body parts falling off? If Sabrina Harper has done this before, then, I guessed, I could do it. If she has taken students before and they have not come down with the disease, then I guessed I should brave myself and just do it! Was I ever wrong in my fears. First off, Damien House was a clean, healthy place, caring for the patients with medical treatments, but also providing nutrition so they can fight off the effects of the disease. The patients are respected, provided with a clean place to live, and treated with dignity and value as individuals. They are taught productive skills with products they make. These are things they may not have experienced for years as those with leprosy are shunned by friends and families, left to survive or not, on the garbage heaps or worse. I, too, received nourishment, pride, and dignity from my experience at Damien House. I found Christ's command to "Love one another" especially included those so much less fortunate. I found the healthy patients with lost fingers, toes, feet, limbs provided selfless love and acceptance. I found that caring for those less fortunate without reservation gave me so much more comfort and satisfaction than I could ever imagine. Saint Mother Teresa once said, "I do not judge people because it does not give me a chance to love them."

Thank you to all involved who made this happen. I saw changes in the boys and in myself that are life changing. I wish I had had this opportunity when I was in high school!

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

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. This one-day event includes dynamic presentations, Mass celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Speakers include Dr. John & Mrs. Claire Grabowski, Rev. Joseph Illo, and Dr. Chris Stravitsch. 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.

AD PAGE

Parish & Preschool Events

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

<u>Sunday, September 9th</u> 23rd Sunday in Ord. Time	<u>Monday, Sept 10th</u> Weekday	<u>Tuesday, Sept 11th</u> Weekday	<u>Wednesday, Sept 12th</u> Weekday
10:00 am ONE SUNDAY MASS followed by the Town Hall Meeting	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 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul	7:00 pm Discovering Christ (Hall) NO Daily Mass due to Clergy Enrichment Day
Catechetical Sunday			
<u>Thursday, Sept 13th</u> St. John Chrysotom, Bishop	<u>Friday, Sept 14th</u> The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	<u>Saturday, September 15th</u> Our Lady of Sorrows	<u>Sunday, September 16th</u> 24th Sunday in Ord. Time
1:00 pm Staff Meeting (DR) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Finance Council (DR)	9:00 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	6:30 am Youth Meet for OnFire at Six Flags, Vallejo 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)

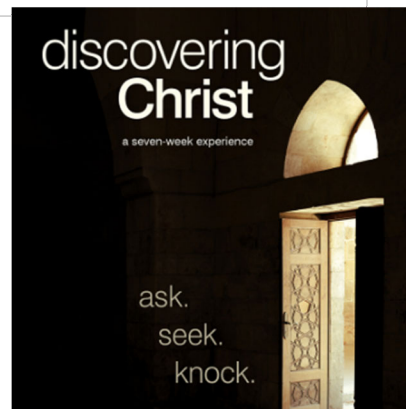
**Sept
15th
@ Six
Flags.**



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 at 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. 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.