

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6-7, 2018



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First Reading — The man said, "This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman' " (Genesis 2:18-24).

Psalm — May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).

Gospel — Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]).

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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. Lo-
cated in the Upper Rm of Lacey Hall.

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Father Tom's Column

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today's Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 128) offers the following prayer: "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives." These words are a beautiful reminder to us that every good thing and all good gifts come from the Father. To ask the Lord to bless us each day is an acknowledgment of our own finiteness and limitations. We know, within the deep recesses of our hearts, that we are utterly dependent upon God for sustenance and substance. Asking the Lord to bless us is an invitation to have him enter intimately into our human experience. There is a sense of interdependence and mutuality between ourselves and God. The definition of relationship, whose origin first comes from God's love for us, is then manifested in our relationships with others. The first reading from Genesis expresses this in dramatic fashion with the unfolding story of creation. Something is taken from the man and is fashioned into his wife. While there is certainly a physiological and biologic dimension to this narrative, there is another truth unfolding here. On a superficial level the man loses something of himself. Yet, in that loss comes the mystery of God's love. In losing something of himself, the man gives life to another. There is nothing denied the man; indeed, he is enhanced by the sacrifice of himself that breathes life and love into another.

The very words of the psalmist suggest a caring for another. The prayer doesn't say, "May the Lord bless ME all the days of my life." Rather, there is an expression of collaboration in the drama of salvation history. We rely on one another as a reflection of our reliance upon God. God did not create us to be solitary creatures without relationships. On the contrary, he desires that our relationships be a reflection of his love for each of us. In order to have balanced and healthy relationships, there must necessarily be an element of surrender, suffering, of letting go. The Letter to the Hebrews expresses it well: "He 'for a little while' was made 'lower than the angels,' that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone." It is in the suffering, poverty and humility of Jesus Christ that God is exalted and that each of us is bound together and thus called "brothers."

In these challenging and difficult times for the Church and the broader community, it is important for us to meditate upon the meaning of Christian discipleship and its implications for our lives. As a Catholic community, we can be examples to others of how to build a community reflected by mutual respect, self-sacrifice, and service to others without cost or calculation. This is not easy to do on our own; that is why we are drawn to the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith and the foundation of all we aspire to do and be. As we learn all too well, there is no substitute. We can truthfully say that we are brothers and sisters because we share the Eucharist.

Let us resolve, myself included, to living a life that is a little less selfish and self-serving and more open and generous and therefore giving credibility when we say the words: You are my brother, you are my sister!

Fr. Tom

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, October 6th <i>Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Edgardo
Sunday, October 7th <i>27th Sun. in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am	Dick Cesarin †	Fr. Tom
	10:30 am	Jose Campos †	Fr. Ted
Monday, October 8th <i>Weekday</i>	NO MASS—Offices Closed for Columbus Day		
Tuesday, October 9th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Kirk Vorsatz †	Fr. Edgardo
Weds., October 10th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Special Intentions of the BVM	Fr. Ted
Thursday, October 11th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Al Piparo †	Fr. Ted
Saturday, October 13th <i>Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Vern Berta †	Fr. Coleman
Sunday, October 14th <i>28th Sun. in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Ted
	10:30 am	Sam Masci †	Fr. Ted

Daily Masses will not be celebrated from Oct 16-18th because of Clergy Study Days. 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-

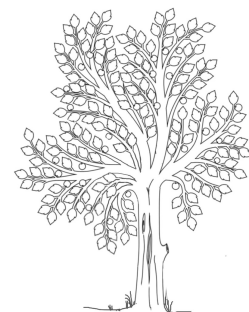
We pray for the sick in our community...

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 **\$67,516.75**

Monthly Need **\$26,666**

September Sunday Collections **\$21,498.00**

+ Electronic Donations **\$4,160.00**

Total Offertory for September \$25,658.00

Difference (Monthly Need - Received) <\$1,008>

2018 AAA Campaign Assessment \$67,319

We have received \$44,477 or 66% of our assessment as of 9/26/2018.



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. Lawn signs are in the Hall!
- 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.

Food and raffle tickets are available for purchase online through the email blast and will be available after Masses beginning Oct 13-14. Volunteer signups are also available online.

Visit <http://www.stmatthiasparish.org/support-us/oktoberfest/> to access ticket sales and volunteer sign up!

Our Call to Catechesis

**SALT for Preschoolers and FISH for kindergarten—
through 4th graders will be meeting Sunday during 10:30
am Mass!**

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.

Bishop Oscar Romero Canonization

Sunday, October 14th | The Vatican

Oscar Romero, who will become the first Salvadoran saint, was born on August 15, 1917. He was gunned down during Mass in a hospital chapel March 24, 1980, a day after telling an army made up largely of peasants that they were killing their own people.

"No soldier is obliged to obey an order that is contrary to the will of God," he said.

He was shot through the heart by gunmen linked to a right-wing death squad while celebrating Mass, after saying, "one must not love oneself so much as to avoid getting involved in the risks of life that history demands of us, and those who fend off danger will lose their lives." Romero was outspoken against military oppression during his country's bloody civil war in the 1980s, and also of the role the United

States played in it.

In a letter he sent to U.S. president Jimmy Carter in February of 1980, he urged America not to send military aid to El Salvador: "You say that you are Christian. If you are really Christian, please stop sending military aid to the military here, because they use it only to kill my people."

His death is considered by the Catholic Church to have been in "*odium ideii*," meaning in hatred of the faith.

Romero was beatified in San Salvador on May 23, 2015, in a ceremony that drew an estimated 250,000 people, believed to have been the largest religious gathering ever held in Central America.

Fr. Edgardo, who is from El Salvador, will be attending the canonization. He will be in Rome from Oct 10-19, 2018.

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

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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 SALT & FISH Meet 5:00 pm Archbishop Cordileone Listening Session @ St. Matthew Church, San Mateo	NO DAILY MASS Parish and Preschool Closed for Columbus Day 7:00 pm Bible Study (Hall)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (Hall)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Discovering Christ (Hall)
Welcome Weekend & Oktoberfest Ticket Sales			
<u>Thursday, Oct 11th</u> <i>Weekday</i>	<u>Friday, Oct 12th</u> <i>Weekday</i>	<u>Saturday, Oct 13th</u> <i>Weekday</i>	<u>Sunday, Oct 14th</u> <i>28th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>
1:00 pm Staff Mtg (DR) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Stewardship Commission (DR)	9:00 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	10:00 am Discovering Christ Retreat (Hall) 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 -Baptism: Fairbairn 11:30 am Finance Council



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*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.

Share Your Sewing Talent with Catherine Center

Parishioners, Claire Felong and Angie Sullivan spent many Fridays from 3-5 pm at Catherine Center, a safe house in Menlo Park, sharing sewing skills with the women who live there. We are seeking another sewer or two to become part of our group as it is good for us to have a core of 4-5 so that 2-3 can always be there on a given Friday. All the women have been incarcerated at some point in their lives,. All are recovering from addiction, all are happy to have this second chance to bring their lives together with concerted caring from counselors and therapists, spiritual directors and guidance from the community in areas including finance, health and beauty, nutrition and food prep among others. If interested, contact Claire Felong — Claire@redwoodhouse.com or 722-0366.