

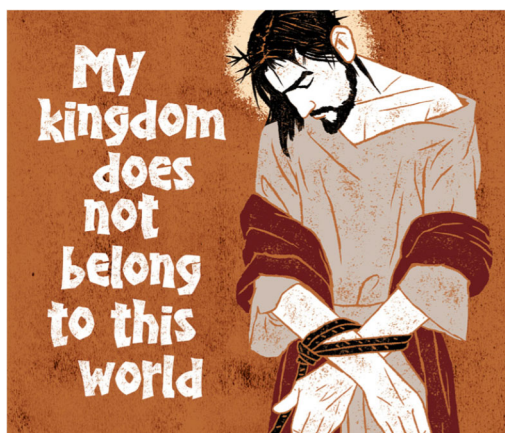
ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 24-25, 2018



First Reading — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

Psalm — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

Second Reading — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

Gospel — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-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 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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Fr. Tom's Column

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, S.J., was born on January 31, 1891 in Guadalupe, Mexico. He was one of eleven children. He studied at the Jesuit novitiate in Michoacan and was ordained a priest. During a time of great persecution of the Church in Mexico amidst civil and social unrest, President Calles instituted a campaign against the Church. Like many others, Father Pro was arrested. It is said that his disposition before his death was one of joy and serenity. When an army officer escorted Father Pro to his place of execution, Pro said to him, "***Not only do I pardon you, but I am grateful to you, and I shall pray for you.***" *Imagine! On November 23, 1917, this thirty-six year old Jesuit priest was executed, but not before uttering the words, "Viva Cristo Rey!" (Long live Jesus Christ the King!).*

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This marks the end of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar as we prepare for the holy season of waiting and expectation, Advent. The life and heroic discipleship of Blessed Miguel Pro is a powerful example of what the kingship of Jesus Christ is all about: the joyful willingness to lay down our lives for the faith, to be merciful and forgiving even in the most difficult of circumstances. This profound humility points us to what true kingship in the Lord is all about. We often, and rightly so, look to the heroic virtues of the saints and blessed as examples of how we should live holy and righteous lives. It is important, however, to reflect on how we can emulate the kingship of Jesus in our own lives. We will not always be called to the heroic acts as portrayed by the lives of the saints; however, each day the Lord invites us to heroic action as we try to be loving, forgiving, and compassionate in the time and place the Lord has called us to be.

In so many ways, as a community of faith, we have innumerable examples of quiet heroism. We have parishioners who are caring for sick parents; mentoring and navigating children and young people in these sometimes ambiguous and challenging times; couples trying to understand and grow together; seniors who are facing daunting medical difficulties; others who give unassumingly of their time and treasure to help those in our community who are facing economic hardship. Each of these examples, in their own unique way, models the kingship of Jesus Christ. It is a kingship predicated upon humility and service, a surrendering of oneself for another. It is a self-sacrificial loving and giving; it is unconditional and seeks nothing in return. In the second reading from Revelation, it is said that "Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth." We know from our own relationship to Jesus that he is indeed faithful, he is indeed the witness to the fidelity and obedience to his Father.

As we celebrate the kingship of Jesus Christ, let us ask the Father to help us, through His grace and the Holy Spirit, to be faithful witnesses of the Father's love. May we be willing to surrender the defenses of our own comfort zone and capitulate to the will of the One who loved us first and who invites us, day by day, to love Him in return.

Fr. Tom

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

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| Saturday, November 24th <i>St. Andrew Dung-Lac</i> | 5:00 pm | Paul M. Wang † | Fr. Edgardo |
| Sunday, November 25th <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i> | 8:00 am | Charles Keyser † | Fr. Edgardo |
| | 10:30 am | People of St. Matthias | Fr. Coleman |
| Monday, November 26th <i>Weekday</i> | 5:00 pm | Ramona English † | Fr. Ted |
| Tuesday, November 27th <i>Weekday</i> | 5:30 pm | | Fr. Edgardo |
| Weds., November 28th <i>Weekday</i> | 5:30 pm | Paradise Area Fire | Fr. Ted |
| Thursday, November 29th <i>Weekday</i> | 5:30 pm | | Fr. Ted |
| Saturday, December 1st <i>Weekday</i> | 5:00 pm | People of St. Matthias | |
| Sunday, December 2nd <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> | 8:00 am | Leo Hollenkamp † | |
| | 10:30 am | Alison Catalli † | |

Clergy assignments for Masses are subject to change.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Do you know a parishioner ill at home, homebound, or in a care facility who would like to receive Communion or anointing? Call the parish office, and we will arrange to have a priest or deacon visit. For a priest at Kaiser or Sequoia hospital, contact Fr. Martin Muruli through the nurse's station at either hospital.

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, com-

fort 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.

Caring for Ourselves

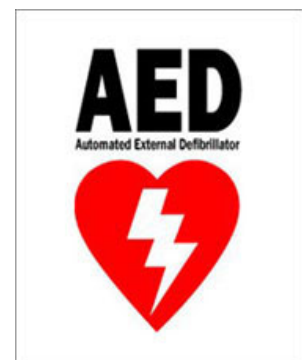
We have an AED, "Automated External Defibrillator", located in Fr. Lacey Hall. It is to be used for a cardiac emergency of heart attack and it is to be accompanied by an immediate call to 911. Please familiarize

We pray for the sick in our community...

Chicco Adamo
Eric Alvarez
Patrick Boland
Bill Bulanti
Carlos Chavez
Candy Gray
Nancy Guass
Jean Kucic
Rose & Richard Marino
Marcia McAuliffe
Rosemary McHale
Severin Morger
Robert Munn
Peggy Perez
Sharron Sala
Sharon Spry
Michael Stewart
Jeannine Tavernier
...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.

yourself with its location. Use of an AED has significantly improved the outcomes of people suffering from a heart attack.



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 **\$89,403.25**

Monthly Need **\$26,666**

October Sunday Collections **\$17,421.50**

+ Electronic Donations **\$4,465.00**

Total Offertory for October \$21,886.50

Difference (Monthly Need - Received) <\$4,780>

2018 AAA Campaign Assessment \$67,319

We have received \$45,593 or 68% of our assessment as of 10/31/2018.

2nd Collection Next Weekend Building Fund Collection— December 1-2nd

Next weekend, we will conduct a special collection for the St. Matthias Building Fund. The monies donated help to provide funds for repairs and maintenance to our Church and Rectory buildings and the grounds. Please consider a generous donation to help keep our parish buildings and grounds functional and well maintained.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Challenge Pledge!

As of November 12th, we have received just 72% of the total needed to fulfill our parish obligation to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal which is \$67,319 for this year. We still need to collect \$17,535.

We've received a generous offer - \$5,000 as a challenge pledge to the parish community.

If you haven't already made your donation to the AAA, please consider doing so now. If you've already donated, and can give more, we would appreciate it. Your donations help us meet our obligation. Any amount received over what we owe will remain in the parish for our local needs.

Assessment: \$67,319

Received to Date: \$48,466

Challenge Pledge: \$5,000

Needed: \$13,853

**Help us make up
the needed
amount!**



**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.

Prayer and Worship

Rejoice! Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 1, 2018 from **1:30—4:30 pm**
| Fr. Lacey Hall



Our Advent Retreat this year will feature a special guest, Sam Kauffman. Sam will lead the retreat which is designed to help

us to celebrate our preparation for Christmas, remembering the birth of Jesus with moving stories, inspirational songs and Scripture that focus on the themes of Advent: waiting, being ready, joy, light in the darkness and preparing a place in our hearts for Jesus to be re-born. Come start the Advent season with this wonderful journey and invite your friends to come along with you!

Special Guest Performance:

Bethlehem AD Angels

Sunday, December 9 at 10:30 am Mass | Church

Let your spirit rejoice as we prepare for the coming of Christ's birth with a special performance. On Sunday, December 9th, during the 10:30 am Mass, the Bethlehem AD manger angels will present a short preview of their dance following communion! Bethlehem AD is held in downtown Redwood City from December 22-24th.

A Blessed Special Event:

Sacred Relics Exposition

A Very Special Vatican Collection of Over 150 First Class Relics of Saints

Monday, December 10 at 6:30 pm | St. Bruno's, San Bruno

Thursday, December 13 at 6:30 pm | St. Francis of Assisi, East Palo Alto

Friday, December 14 at 7:00 pm | Church of the Epiphany, San Francisco

Some of the unique treasures that will be on display

are one of the largest pieces left of Christ's True Cross, a portion of the veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary, relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska.

In the Church's history, many miracles and healings have happened in the presence of these sacred relics and many have been healed through this worldwide ministry.

You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion such as rosaries, holy cards, etc. and pictures of ill family members and friends which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

Giving Tree for St. Francis Center

Our annual Giving Tree will be set up November 24th. Unwrapped gifts will be collected for children of all ages. This is a lovely way to share our many blessings with our neighbors in need. More details to follow.



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 8 at 10:00 am | Fr. Lacey Hall

Our annual parish Christmas celebration will be held on Saturday, December 9th from 10-12 noon.

Children will be able to have their photos taken with Santa Claus and breakfast will be served by St. Matthias' very own elves—the youth of the parish! The event is free, however; we ask all to register so that we can plan for seating and food. More details to follow.



Our Call to Catechesis

SALT for Preschoolers and FISH for kindergarten—through 4th graders will meet during 10:30 am Mass

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*

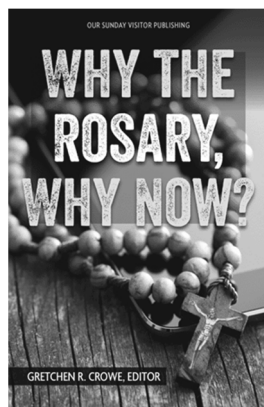
Joe Paprocki *Practicing a Living Faith—5 Principles that Shape a Robust Catholic Vision*

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.

Why the Rosary, Why Now?

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm | St. Matthias Upper Room—Please feel welcome to begin attending at any time! See remaining meeting dates below

Join Sabrina for a series about the Rosary using the recently published book, "Why the Rosary, Why Now?" from Our Sunday Visitor Publishing. We'll be meeting on Dec 5, 12, 19 and Jan 9, 16, 23, and 30 to read about, discuss and pray the Rosary together. Purchase the book from the Pauline Book Center at 3250 Middlefield Road, Redwood City.



Each chapter seeks to answer the question, "Why the Rosary? Why Now?" and features material composed by men and women who experienced the power and many benefits of the Rosary in their own lifetimes.

Contact Sabrina at sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org with questions.

Christmas Eve Pageant

Monday, December 24th at 4:30 pm | Church

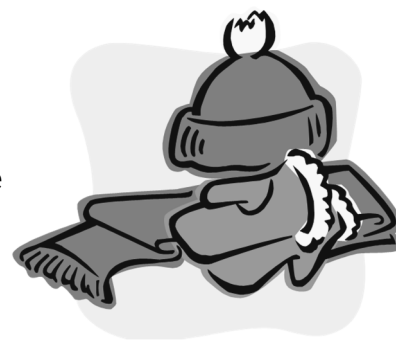
Our annual Christmas Eve Pageant will be on Monday, December 24th at 4:30 pm, and Mass will follow. Our St. Matthias Preschool children are invited to be part of the assembly. Younger elementary and middle school aged children dress in costumes and process into the Church (they are not required to memorize lines). They help tell the Christmas story, the story of our Savior's birth, through their presence and with song. Two high school aged youth are the narrators of the story. Watch for more details.

Hats and Scarves for the Homeless

December 8 | Church

It's that time of year again to pick up your needles. Whether you knit or crochet, please help us by donating handmade hats and scarves for the homeless. We need scarves

in dark or neutral colors for men, as well as hats for men, women and children by December 8th. There is a container at the back of Church near the double doors on the parking lot side for your donations. Contact Liz via email at liz@stmatthiasparish.org for more information.



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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 RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass SALT & FISH Meet Coffee & Donuts after 10:30 am Mass! | 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) | 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) | 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) |
| Faith Formation Conference—Santa Clara Convention Center | | | 2nd Collection: Building Fund Collection |
| <u>Thursday, Nov 29th</u> <i>Weekday</i> | <u>Friday, Nov 30th</u> <i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i> | <u>Saturday, Dec 1st</u> <i>Weekday</i> | <u>Sunday, Dec 2nd</u> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> |
| 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) | 9:00 am Rosary for Peace (MR) Liturgical Environment Committee Advent Setup | 1:30 pm Rejoice! Advent Retreat (Hall) 5:00 pm Vigil Mass/ Rite of Welcome for RCIA and Confirmation Candidates | 8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am GIFT Gathering (Hall) |

Camp Fire in Paradise

Bishop Jaime Soto has released a statement and words of consolation following the Camp Fire. You can read his statement by visiting the Diocese of Sacramento's website at: www.scd.org

St. Thomas More Parish in paradise was in the direct line of the fire. Reports indicate that parishioners have evacuated the area, though many have lost their homes. The Diocese has confirmed that St. Thomas More Church and school buildings have survived the fire. However, the new rectory, old rectory and parish hall were destroyed.

If you would like to donate money to assist those in need, you may do so in the following ways:

Donate by mail: Send checks to Diocese of Sacramento Fire Assistance Fund, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818

Donate by phone: Call The Catholic Foundation at (916) 733-0266

Donate online: Visit www.scd.org/donate and choose the Fire Assistance Fund.

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