

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Third Sunday of Advent | December 15-16, 2018



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First Reading — Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).

Second Reading — Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

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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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Fr. Tom's Column

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today the Church celebrates “Gaudete Sunday” which in Latin means “rejoicing”. This day marks the reality that we are drawing ever more closely to the fullness of truth and light, the birth of Jesus Christ. The Collect for this Sunday expresses the liturgical sequence of this Advent season: “O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord’s Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing!” These words articulate our grace-filled journey of walking in the desert, listening to the harkening of John the Baptist, and then walking inexorably to Bethlehem. We pray that we walk eagerly and joyfully, pondering what the Incarnation might mean for us and how the promise of the Messiah can draw us more closely in communion with the heart of Jesus. We echo with joy the words of Zephaniah: “The Lord, your God...will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you...” Imagine! That is how much God loves US!

Often during the Advent season, I refer to a book entitled The Promise. It was written by the late Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger, once cardinal-archbishop of Paris. His life story was quite remarkable. He was born the son of Polish Jewish parents who had emigrated to France. In 1940, during the German occupation of France, his parents moved Jean-Marie to live with a Catholic family in Orlean. He was subsequently baptized and in 1954 was ordained a priest. He then served as a bishop and then archbishop of Paris. He was a very powerful witness to the Jewish roots of Christian identity and always referred to himself as a Jew. When he died in 2007, at his funeral at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, the funeral Mass began with the Kaddish, the ancient prayer of mourning so sacred to the Jewish people.

In reflecting on the Incarnation, of Jesus “to be the savior of all,” Lustiger writes: “Jesus is both what he represents and what will be engendered in him. Jesus, the child, is both Israel and his people, the totality of his people. By that very fact, he is the Savior of all. We believe that in Jesus the totality of mankind, loved by God, receives, in hope, the gift which God wishes to give them. We believe that in Jesus is given for all, in hope, the communion of salvation and that all, in some way, are present in him and already receive, in him, the beginning of the accomplishment that God destined for all mankind.”

Indeed, the Lord of history comes to bind us to himself, to bring us peace and to heal us. As Saint Paul says to the Philippians, “The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” Following the example of John the Baptist, may we ask for the grace to be humble in our service as proclaimers of the Good News, pointing always to one greater than ourselves who will come to bring glad tidings, console the broken-hearted, and give his own life as ransom for many. *Fr. Tom*

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, December 15th <i>Advent Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	People of St. Matthias †	Fr. Coleman
Sunday, December 16th <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 am	Dick Broderick †	Fr. Ted
	10:30 am	Alison Catalli †	Fr. Ted
Monday, December 17th <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	7:00 pm*	Simbang Gabi Mass	Fr. Ted
Tuesday, December 18th	5:30 pm		Fr. Edgardo
Weds., December 19th <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted
Thursday, December 20th <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Mimi Piparo †	Fr. Ted
Saturday, December 22nd <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	People of St. Matthias †	Fr. Ted
Sunday, December 23rd <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 am	Dolores & Paul Falzon †	Fr. Ted
	10:30 am	Alison Catalli †	Fr. Ted

***Clergy assignments are subject to change.
Thank you for your patience and understanding.***

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, griev-

ing, 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 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

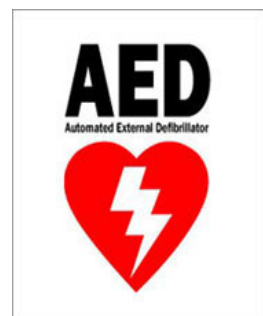
We have an AED, "Automated External Defibrillator", located in Fr. Lacey Hall. It is to be used for a cardiac emergency of heart attack and it is to be ac-

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

Chicco Adamo
Jim Aveggio
Eric Alvarez
Bill Bulanti
Carlos Chavez
Candy Gray
Nancy Guass
Kirk Knostman
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.

accompanied by an immediate call to 911. Please familiarize 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 **\$113,714.25**

Monthly Need **\$26,666**

November Sunday Collections **\$20,066.00**

+ Electronic Donations **\$4,245.00**

Total Offertory for November \$24,311.00

Difference (Monthly Need - Received) <\$2,355>

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.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Challenge Pledge!

As of December 10th, we have received just 94% of the total needed to fulfil our parish obligation to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal which is \$67,319 for this year. We still need to collect \$3,888 to meet our goal.

UPDATE: We've received a generous offer - \$8,000 as a challenge pledge to the parish community.

The 94% above includes the \$8,000 challenge pledge, plus the \$6,160 received towards the challenge. Please donate before the end of the year to help us meet our goal.

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: \$55,431

+

Challenge Pledge: \$8,000

+

Received toward challenge: \$6,160

= \$63,431.00

Needed by Dec 31st: \$3,888

Thank you, again to all who supported our parish fundraising efforts by participating, attending, volunteering, etc. at our annual Kids' Carnival and Oktoberfest. Here is a brief financial statement so you can see how we did!

Oktoberfest Financial Report

	2017	2018
Income	\$ 16,610.70	\$16,175.23
Expenses	\$ 4,047.32	\$3,936.50
Total Proceeds	\$ 12,563.38	\$ 12,238.73

Prayer and Worship

Thank you to all who brought items for the Table of the Dead. All of your photos and memorabilia are on a table in the Hall for you to pick up!

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 12, 19 and Jan 9, 16, 23, and 30 to read about, discuss and pray the Rosary together. Contact Sabrina at sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org with questions.

SALT: Sharing and Learning Together

A group of parents have proposed a new program for our preschool-aged children during the 10:30 am Mass. SALT: Sharing and Learning Together will be led by a rotating team of parents in Room 1 of the Preschool Building. Parents will be invited to drop off their children before Mass begins. Children will engage in a brief catechetical session (10-15 minutes) and play time. Here are some photos from recent SALT sessions:



Simbang Gabi

Novena of Masses begins Saturday, Dec 15th

Our Deanery wide Simbang Gabi celebration will begin at St. Pius. St. Matthias will host on Monday, December 17th at 7:00 pm. There are sign up forms in the back of the Church for you to volunteer to bring food for the celebration which follows the Mass. Here is the schedule and location of host parishes:

12/15 5:00 pm	St. Pius
12/16 5:00 pm	Vallombrosa
12/17 7:00 pm	St. Matthias
12/18 7:00 pm	Nativity Church
12/19 7:00 pm	St. Charles
12/20 7:00 pm	St. Denis
12/21 7:00 pm	St. Raymond
12/22 5:00 pm	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
12/23 5:00 pm	St. Charles



Our Call to Catechesis

SALT & FISH will be meeting today.

The Best 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. We will have two rehearsals for this; Sunday, Dec 16th at 11:30 am and Tuesday, Dec 18th at 6:30 pm. Please contact Sabrina if your son/daughter is interested in participating in the annual Pageant.

Giving Tree for St. Francis Center

Our annual Giving Tree is up! Gifts brought will be shared at St. Francis Center's Holiday Toy Program. 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. Take a gift tag off the tree and bring back an unwrapped gift. Gifts can be left up until Sunday, December 16th at 11:30 am. Gifts requested this year include: Big dolls, remote control cars, Lego sets, art supplies, science kits and slime!

Opportunities for Help with Holiday Grief

Contact Sr. Toni Lynn Gallagher, RSM at 415-681-6153

Help is available throughout the Archdiocese; please visit sfarch.org for resources such as those listed below. And remember that our cemeteries have a monthly Mass for the deceased, where those who have died, whether long ago or recently, are prayed for. All are welcome to the following gatherings:

Wednesdays now through Jan 9 from 7-9 pm 1670

S. Amphlett Blvd, San Mateo.

Monday, December 3 from 7-8:30 pm St. Pius X Parish Center No RSVP Required—Sr. Toni Lynn Gallagher, RSM Facilitator.

Did you know...

Each week we provide a special Mass aide just for our younger Mass-goers? MagnifiKid is a fun and colorful booklet published weekly to give young readers their own way to follow along with the prayers and readings of the Mass. It includes cartoons, prayers and activities to do at home, definition of unfamiliar words and suggestions for families.

While the use of a missal may not be something familiar to many children today, following along with MagnifiKid can truly add to their understanding of the parts of the Mass and the Scriptures. Look for MagnifiKid on the rolling rack at the back of the church. Copies from previous weeks may also be found in the children's book cart near the parking lot-side doors.

Financial Peace Courses

Begins Tuesday, January 8, 2019 | St. Pius Church Parish Center Conference Room

The St. Pius Stewardship Commission is sponsoring a nine-week course on personal and family financial planning. This course, which is from Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, will help educate and support participants in becoming better stewards of their wealth. The course is designed for everyone: individuals and families, for those struggling with finances and those who are financially stable. Check out www.daveramsey.com for more information.

Classes will start on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 and will be held in the St. Pius Parish Center Conference Room from 7:00— 9:00 pm. Please call Cathy Yee at the Parish Center or email financialpeace@pius.org to register or 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 and FISH Meets 11:30 Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal 6:00 pm High School Youth	7:00 pm Simbang Gabi Mass & Hospitality NO 5:30 pm Daily Mass	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 6:30 pm Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal (Church)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Why the Rosary, Why Now? Group (UR)
<u>Thursday, Dec 20th</u> <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	<u>Friday, Dec 21st</u> <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	<u>Saturday, Dec 22nd</u> <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	<u>Sunday, Dec 23rd</u> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
1:00 pm JCC Meeting (DR) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 6:00 pm Middle School Youth Ministry (UR)	9:00 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Church)	8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass SALT and FISH Meet Donuts following the 10:30 am Mass

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: 4:30 pm Pageant followed by Mass | 9:00 pm Mass

Christmas Day: 10:00 am | Parish Offices will be Closed Dec 24-28th

Post Christmas Recital | December 29th at 7:00 pm

Jacqueline Victoria Kerns will be returning to St. Matthias Church in Redwood City, CA to perform a recital on Saturday, December 29th. The program will include art songs and arias written by composers such as Mozart, Rossini and Offenbach, and musical theater songs by Rodgers and Hammerstein and Andrew Lippa.

Mezzo-soprano Jacqueline Kerns, is a senior at Northwestern University. She studies Voice with Sunny Joy Langton and History in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. She has performed the roles of Didymus in Handel's Theodora (Northwestern University Opera Theater), Barbarina in The Marriage of Figaro (Notre Dame De Namur University), and Hansel in Hansel and Gretel (NDNU, cover). Jacqueline was an Emerging Artist at Seagle Music Colony (2018) and a studio artist at SongFest (2015). She made her professional debut as a guest soloist for the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra (2016) and is a regular recitalist in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Jacqueline will be accompanied by her mom, Louise Costigan-Kerns, on the piano.

Date: **Saturday, December 29th**

Time: **7:00 PM**

Location: **Saint Matthias Church**

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Tickets: Suggested donation of \$5 to \$10 per person will be

collected at the door or through Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jacqueline-victoria-kerns-recital-tickets-53567070550> for the Saint Matthias Music Ministry program