

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



First Sunday of Advent | December 1-2, 2018



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First Reading — The days are coming when the Lord will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel — Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

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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:

As we embark upon this holy season of Advent, we are invited by the Church to reflect upon and ponder the mystery and the expectation of the Incarnation of Jesus coming into the world. The late eminent Jesuit theologian and preacher, Father Walter J. Burghardt, S.J., offered this reflection: “Advent, the ‘coming’ of Christ, is not simply a season, four weeks out of your year — just as Christmas, the birthday of Christ, is not confined to a single day. From contemplation to action — this is Christian living, 365 days a year. You must face up to a fact at once harrowing and heartening: God is ceaselessly speaking to you. Not too often through an angel; more often through human events. Not only through ten commandments etched in stone, but in a law of justice and love written into your flesh and spirit.” These words are a powerful reminder to us that God is seamlessly working in and through us. We are called to articulate for ourselves and those around us that the Good News is operative and real in our lives.

Someone once asked me why, if Jesus Christ is already present to us, we celebrate Advent. It doesn't make sense to wait for an expect someone to come who is already here. From a purely analytical perspective, this is a fair question. Yet, through the lens of the Christian experience, we celebrate liturgical seasons in order to re-orient ourselves to the unfolding of the dramas of salvation history. In a particular way during this season of Advent, we refer back to the Sacred Scriptures in the Old Testament which speak to us of God's covenantal bond forged on the heart of Abraham and his descendants and which is realized in the Incarnation. The prophet Jeremiah echoes the hope of a promise made to the People of Israel and just how that promise will be made manifest to us. The Messiah promised and sent is “The Lord our justice.” Jesus becomes that root which seeks to configure human nature more closely to God. As we reflected upon last Sunday on the Feast of Christ the King, the kingship of Jesus is fundamentally one of justice, mercy, reconciliation and love.

This season invites us to try an emulate the words of Saint Paul in his letter to the Thessalonians: “May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts.” Advent is a time of renewal, of taking time in silence and reflection to ask why it is so important to have Jesus in our lives. What are we waiting for in the particular circumstances of our lives and what expectations do we have of Jesus transforming our lives anew. This is an excellent time to take to heart the need for prayer and reflection, to be aware that something wholly extravagant comes to us in the Incarnation. Saint Luke warns us not to be bogged down and mired in the anxiety of daily life. It is easy to become overwhelmed by the complexities and challenges of this modern age. We believe, however, that we do not walk this journey alone. The indwelling of Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come is a constant reminder that God is with us! May the light of this truth guide us on our pilgrim's way, and this prepare us to celebrate with the fullness of God's love and grace the coming of Jesus into our lives.

Fr. Tom

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

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 †	
Monday, December 3rd <i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i>	5:00 pm	Geraldine Mitchell †	
Tuesday, December 4th <i>Advent Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Alfredo & Amalia Bon †	
Weds., December 5th <i>Advent Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Anita & Josefina Bon †	
Thursday, December 6th <i>Advent Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Tito & Baby Ora †	
Friday, December 7th <i>Vigil for Immaculate Conception</i>	7:00 pm*		
Saturday, December 8th <i>Immaculate Conception of the BVM</i>	5:00 pm	Bruno Sciandri †	
Sunday, December 9th <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 am	Hilda Aguilar †	
	10:30 am	Alison Catalli †	

We will celebrate the Holy Day of Obligation for the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday, December 7th at 7:00 pm.

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 re-

quest 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 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.

We pray for the sick in our community...

Chicco Adamo
Eric Alvarez
Patrick Boland
Bill Bulanti
Carlos Chavez
Candy Gray
Nancy Guass
Kirk Knostman
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.

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 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 This Weekend Building Fund Collection— December 1-2nd

This 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 \$10,853.

UPDATE: We've received a generous offer - \$8,000 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: \$8,000
Needed: \$10,853

Help us make up
the needed
amount!

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!

Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, December 8—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Church

December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin which is a Holy Day of Obligation. St. Matthias will celebrate a special Vigil Mass on Friday, December 7th at 7:00 pm. The 5:00 pm evening Mass on Saturday, December 9th is the Vigil for the Second Sunday of Advent. Attendance at that Mass does not fulfill the obligation for the Solemnity.

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.

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!



Breakfast with Santa

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



All St. Matthias families and parishioners are invited to bring their friends and family members to enjoy our annual Breakfast with Santa. Santa will visit and be available for photos between 10:45 am - 11:15 am so choose the seating time which works best for your family (10-11 am or 11 -12 pm). Breakfast will be served by St. Matthias middle and high school youth.

We Ho, Ho, Hope you can join us!

Visit Eventbrite to purchase your tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/breakfast-with-santa-tickets-52853662728>

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.

Our Call to Catechesis

SALT & FISH will NOT be meeting today.

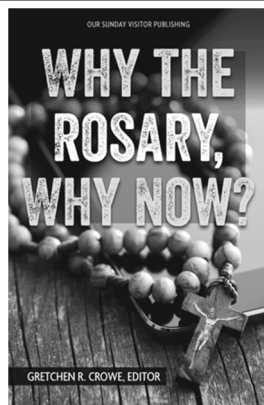
Why the Rosary, Why Now?

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.

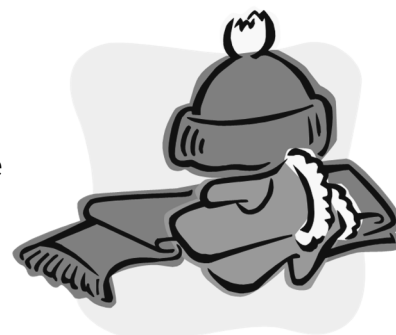


through their presence and with song. Two high school aged youth are the narrators of the story. Watch for more details.

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.



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.

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,

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This Week @ St. Matthias

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

2nd Collection: Building Fund Collection			
<u>Sunday, Dec 2nd</u> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	<u>Monday, Dec 3rd</u> <i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i>	<u>Tuesday, Dec 4th</u> <i>Advent Weekday</i>	<u>Wednesday, Dec 5th</u> <i>Advent Weekday</i>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am GIFT Gathering (Hall)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)	10:00 am Deanery Meeting (Vallombrosa) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Why the Rosary,
2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious			
<u>Thursday, Dec 6th</u> <i>Advent Weekday</i>	<u>Friday, Dec 7th</u> <i>St. Ambrose, Bishop</i>	<u>Saturday, Dec 8th</u> <i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<u>Sunday, Dec 9th</u> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)	9:00 am Rosary for Peace (MR) 7:00 pm Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the BVM	10:00 am Breakfast with Santa 5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Church)	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass SALT and FISH Meets

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