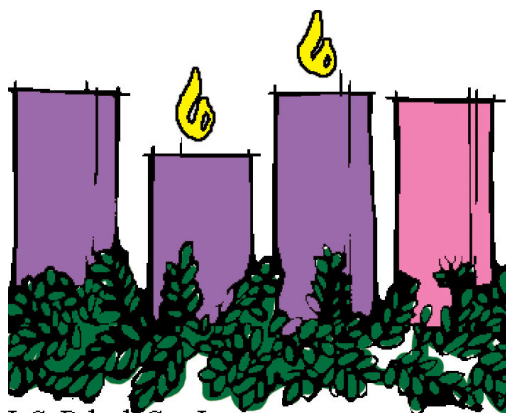


ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Second Sunday of Advent | December 8-9, 2018



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First Reading — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

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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:

The message of Baruch in today's first reading rouses the human condition from sorrow and rejection to hope and faith. It propels us to a hopeful future, the very essence of what this time of preparation before the Incarnation is about. Baruch's message is uplifting as it points to hope in the providential love of God. It offers a symmetry and alignment with God's desire for the human family. This parallels a central tenet of Advent, that "God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company." Baruch speaks with great credibility of one who has suffered greatly but still points to hopeful expectation. He was regarded as a close friend and "secretary" to the prophet Jeremiah. He witnessed catastrophic sorrow for the people of Israel, including the turbulent end of the kingdom of Judah, the Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem and exile in Egypt. Imagine having such faith after witnessing all of this hardship!

The maxim of evolving and becoming, annunciated in Baruch's summons to the people of Israel to shed their old ways for new, finds confirmation in Paul's Letter to the Philippians. "I am confident of this, that the one who has begun a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." The completion of God's work comes after the history of salvation is played out, beginning with Adam and Eve, marching through the history of the Jewish people, manifested in the challenges and excitement of the early Christian communities, down to our very own day and generation and culminating in the End Times. In every generation, God speaks to us through prophetic voices calling us to reconciliation and a conversion of heart. From Isaiah to Jeremiah to John the Baptist, the Lord continually invites us to push on and move forward to our being ultimately united forever and all time with the God of history.

The theme of hope expressed by Baruch and Saint Paul continues in the prophetic call of John the Baptist in Luke's gospel. It is an awesome reflection to see how God speaks to us through the most unlikely circumstances. Remember that John the Baptist was the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth. They had tried for many years to bear a child, and Zechariah, a priest of the Temple, went time and again to pray for this gift. It was realized in old age in the person of John the Baptist, who is called to be the herald of the good news that the Messiah is coming into the world. That is the mastery as well as the mystery of how God's grace works! It is important to recognize the context into which John's prophetic call is heard. The Jewish people were living under Roman political and military occupation; they were held captive in their own home. This was a dangerous time and place; and yet, it is within this dynamic that God chooses to bring His Son into the world.

This reality makes all the more remarkable God's love for us and His continual desire to draw us to Himself in the midst of life's sometimes challenging and difficult circumstances. The word of God, spoken through the voice of John, beckons the human family to repentance and the forgiveness of sins. May we continue in this season of light and hope to encourage ourselves and one another to a spirit and realization of a conversion of heart and mutual forgiveness!

Fr. Tom

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, December 8th <i>Immaculate Conception of the BVM</i>	5:00 pm	Bruno Sciandri †	Fr. Edgardo
Sunday, December 9th <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 am	Hilda Aguilar †	Fr. Edgardo
	10:30 am	Alison Catalli †	Fr. Edgardo
Monday, December 10th <i>Advent Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Dino del Pavero †	Fr. Tom
Tuesday, December 11th <i>Advent Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Tom
Weds., December 12th <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	5:30 pm	People of St. Matthias †	Fr. Ted
Thursday, December 13th <i>St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted
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

***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

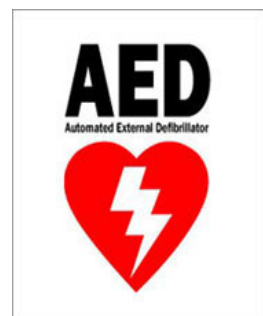
We have an AED, "Automated External Defibrillator", located in Fr. Lacey Hall. It is to be used for a cardiac emergency of heart attack and it is to be ac-

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

Chicco Adamo
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>

2018 AAA Campaign Assessment \$67,319

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



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

To donate:
National Religious Retirement Office
3211 Fourth Street NE
Washington DC 20017-1194
Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.
Or give at your local parish.

retiredreligious.org

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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!

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 21-23th.

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.

Creche Display

Welcome Weekend | December 8-9th

This weekend, we will be hosting a "modified" Creche Display during hospitality after all the weekend Masses. There will be nativity sets displayed on the tables in Fr. Lacey Hall. We hope that you will enjoy this modified version of the display.

Welcome Weekend

This is *Welcome Weekend*. Name tags will be available for all upon entering the Church. Any new or returning parishioners will be invited to stand for a special blessing and welcome by the community. Then, following Masses, all are invited to join together in Fr. Lacey Hall for hospitality. Please come and enjoy coffee and donuts with the community.

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 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 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.

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. Watch for more details.

RCIA and Confirmation

At last Saturday’s Vigil Mass, the St. Matthias community welcomed candidates preparing for sacraments. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process which helps adults learn about our faith and prepare for sacraments through study, discussion and prayer. The RCIA team includes Deacon Rich, Deacon David, Liz Vugrinecz, Sandy Hobart and Kate Severin. The RCIA candidates and team meet each Sunday between our two Masses. Candidates are preparing to receive one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil Mass.

The following candidates and their sponsors were

presented to the community:

Jessica Sanchez (Catechumen, preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Jessica’s sponsor is her husband, Frank Sanchez.

Kathy Sweeney (Candidate, preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist). Kathy’s sponsor is her husband, Edward Sweeney.

Jessica Contreras (Candidate, preparing for Confirmation and Eucharist). Jessica’s sponsor is her fiancé, Ben Talavera.

Lisa Cox (Candidate, preparing for Confirmation). Lisa’s sponsor is her husband, Ed Cox.

In addition, our youth candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation were presented to the community by their sponsors. Confirmation is the third and last Sacrament of Initiation for those Baptized as infants. This sacrament involves a laying on of hands and anointing with oil by the Bishop and imparts the Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Right Judgement, Courage, Reverence, and Wonder and Awe.

Sabrina coordinates the preparation process and the annual retreat. During the preparation process, young people and their sponsors reflect on these gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they can be more fully aware of, and present to, the gift of faith that God has freely given them.

The following candidates and their sponsors were presented to the community:

Mia Padilla and her sponsor, Molly Thompson-Erney

Mika Bamford and her sponsor, Felice Bamford

Dario Salazar and his sponsor, Victor Salazar

Mary Jane Hartman and her sponsor, Mary Jane Dempsey

We ask all members of the St. Matthias Community to keep our catechumen and these candidates along with their sponsors in your prayers.

AD PAGE

This Week @ St. Matthias

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

2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious			
<u>Sunday, Dec 9th</u> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	<u>Monday, Dec 10th</u> <i>Advent Weekday</i>	<u>Tuesday, Dec 11th</u> <i>Advent Weekday</i>	<u>Wednesday, Dec 12th</u> <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass SALT and FISH Meets	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm PS Family Christmas Celebration	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Why the Rosary, Why Now? Group (UR)
<u>Thursday, Dec 13th</u> <i>St. Lucy, Virgin and Marytr</i>	<u>Friday, Dec 14th</u> <i>St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	<u>Saturday, Dec 15th</u> <i>Advent Weekday</i>	<u>Sunday, Dec 16th</u> <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>
1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Stewardship Commission Meeting (DR)	9:00 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	11:00 am Baptismal Prep (MR) 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 11:30 Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal

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