

# ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

## St. Matthias



### *The Epiphany of the Lord | January 5-6, 2019*



**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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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](http://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 continue our celebration of this Christmas Season, today we commemorate the Feast of the Epiphany, the visitation of the Three Wise Men to the newborn king, the Messiah. Matthew's Gospel records that "magi from the East arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.'" Throughout history since the time of Jesus's birth, the Epiphany has been shrouded in mystery. Who were these men, what do we know about them and what was their motivation for traveling a far distance from home to have this encounter with the newborn king?

Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI offers an interesting insight in his book Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives. He writes, "From all that has been said, we can obtain some sense of the outlook and the knowledge that prompted these men to set off in search of the newborn 'king of the Jews.' We could well say that they represent the religions moving toward Christ, as well as the self-transcendence of science toward him. In a way they are the successors of Abraham, who set off on a journey in response to God's call. In a sense, these figures are forerunners, preparers of the way, seekers after truth, such as we find in every age.

The key point is this: the wise men from the east are a new beginning. They represent the journeying of humanity toward Christ. They initiate a procession that continues throughout history. Not only do they represent the people who have found the way to Christ: they represent the inner aspiration of the human spirit, the dynamism of religions and human reason toward him."

The idea of the Magi representing the inner aspiration of the human spirit is a sentiment each of us can identify with us on our individual and communitarian spiritual journey. We can appreciate the desire of the Magi to get outside of themselves and reach for something and someone transcending their workaday world. We gather that they were men of substantial knowledge. Should this not have been sufficient to satisfy their ambition and thirst for knowledge? That they realized that they had not yet found the truth they were seeking was a stance of profound humility. They recognized that what they had was insufficient, only a part of the sum total. This would be complete in their encounter with Jesus Christ, to whom they paid homage on bended knee. In Him, they came to know the fullness of knowledge for the first time. That is the Christian experience—having a personal encounter with the Lord and being irrevocably changed because of such grace.

My prayer for each of us this new year is that we continue ardently seeking the truth, the truth which expresses the fullness of love; the truth which sets free all who are imprisoned and alienated; a truth that binds up wounds; a truth that brings forgiveness and reconciliation; a truth so inexpressible in its joy that we want to spread that Good News to all whom we encounter.

# Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

## Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

<b>Saturday, January 5th</b> <i>St. John Neumann, Bishop</i>	5:00 pm	Paul Wang †	
<b>Sunday, January 6th</b> <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	
	10:30 am	Victor & Alma Balocco †	
<b>Monday, January 7th</b> <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		
<b>Tuesday, January 8th</b> <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		
<b>Weds., January 9th</b> <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		
<b>Thursday, January 10th</b> <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		
<b>Saturday, January 12th</b> <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Harriet Dixon †	
<b>Sunday, January 13th</b> <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	
	10:30 am	Mr. Lynn Fairbairn †	

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

### 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 pro-

#### 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

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

Chicco Adamo  
Jim Aveggio  
Eric Alvarez  
Patrick Boland  
Bill Bulanti  
Carlos Chavez  
Nancy Guass  
Kirk Knostman  
Marcia McAuliffe  
Rosemary McHale  
Severin Morger  
Robert Munn  
Peggy Perez  
Sharron Sala  
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](mailto:lisa@stmatthiasparish.org). Please let us know when your friend or loved one's health has improved.

vide services that meet your needs. You may use the form below, or visit [www.stmatthiasparish.org](http://www.stmatthiasparish.org) and register online.

### Tax Letters

We invite all parishioners who desire a tax letter for their donations during 2018 to contact Lisa [lisa@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:lisa@stmatthiasparish.org) in the parish office to request a letter.

# 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](http://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](http://stmatthiasparish.org) and click on "Support Us" then "Online Donation" to sign up.

## Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Challenge Pledge!

As of December 20th, we have received just 97% 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 \$1,893 to meet our goal.

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

**The 97% above includes the \$8,000 challenge pledge, plus the \$8,155 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: \$49,271

+

Challenge Pledge: \$8,000

+

Received toward challenge: \$8,155

= \$65,426

**Needed by Dec 31st: \$1,893**

## Recycling in Fr. Lacey Hall

We have discontinued our recycling program for light bulbs, batteries and printer cartridges in Fr. Lacey Hall. Residents in Redwood City and San Carlos can recycle light bulbs and batteries through their weekly garbage/recycling pick up. Printer cartridges can be recycled at local office supply stores. We will continue to recycle paper, cans, bottles and plastic.

# Prayer and Worship

## UNDERSTANDING THE MASS

The Second Vatican Council described the Catholic Mass as the “source and summit of our Christian life.” The St. Matthias Prayer and Worship Commission has designed opportunities for parishioners to learn more about the Mass.

While all of us go to Mass and participate in prayer and singing, do we fully understand each part of the liturgy, the movements and gestures of the priest, the role of the deacon and why those in the pews stand, kneel or sit? We hope these and other questions will be answered during these upcoming presentations.

Our next GIFT session, on January 6th from 11:30-1:30 pm will be titled, “Eucharist: Source and Summit” and will highlight for families attending the importance and significance of the Mass.

### *Thank you to Crippen & Flynn!*

On Sunday, December 23rd following the 10:30 am Mass the members of the Liturgical Environment Committee assisted by members of the St. Matthias Youth Group worked to put away the Advent decorations and set the worship environment for the Christmas season. For all those who helped, thank you!

All of the poinsettias are annually donated by Crippen and Flynn, and we are so appreciative of their thoughtful support.



There is a beautiful Nativity scene set up behind the altar. Before or after Mass, you are welcome to view it up close. It is a set from Italy that has been in the parish for many years. Please enjoy!



During each Mass on the weekend of January 12th and 13th, the reader will share the purposes and meanings of each part of our Mass. It is hoped that each one of us will deepen our understanding of the Mass.

For those who would like to learn more and have questions about the Mass, please come to a special session presented by Deacon Rich on Sunday, January 20th at 9:30 a.m. and repeated at 11:45 a.m. in the parish hall. These 45-minute sessions will include a brief video by Bishop Robert Barron as well as an opportunity to pose questions.

### Learn more about the Mass by--

1. Attending GIFT on January 6th
2. Attending Mass on January 12 or 13th
3. Attending a Presentation by Deacon Rich entitled, “The Mass: A Privileged Encounter: (Sunday, January 20th, 9:30 a.m. and repeated at 11:45 a.m. in Father Lacey Hall)

# Our Call to Catechesis

SALT & FISH will be meeting today.

## *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](http://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](mailto:financialpeace@pius.org) to register or for more information.

## *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 Jan 9, 16, 23, and 30 to read about, discuss and pray the Rosary together. Contact Sabrina at [sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org) with questions.

## *First Reconciliation*

Saturday, January 12th at 3:00 pm | St. Matthias

Seven children and their families have been preparing since November to receive the healing sacrament of Reconciliation. They have been participating in a program called "Blessed" by Dynamic Catholic which features videos, stories and activi-

ties in order to help them know how much God loves them and wants to be a part of their lives. They will gather on Saturday, January 12th at 3:00 pm in the Church to celebrate the sacrament for the first time with their parents and siblings. As a parish community, please keep **Zoya Klein, Justin Hoppe, Alessandra Atalik, Elizabeth Madden, Taylor and Cody Cox** and **Nathan Brouchoud** in your prayers as they prayerfully conclude the preparation process.

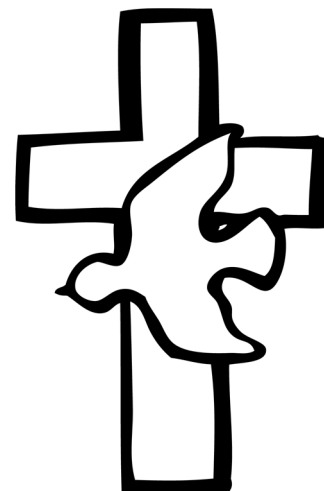
Their preparation journey will continue in February as they begin preparing for their First Holy Communion.

## *Confirmation Meeting*

Sunday, January 13th at 12:30 pm | St. Matthias

Four young people and their parents and sponsors will gather on Sunday, January 13th for their next Confirmation meeting. Our program seeks to involve the influential people in a young persons life as they prepare for this sacrament so that they feel supported and affirmed in their journey.

At this gathering, they will be learning more about the Mass, along with the parish community, during the month of January (see "Understanding the Mass").



'Let us learn from the visit of God to his people. Be present to others, be close, feel compassion, sow hope.'

-Pope Francis

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# This Week @ St. Matthias

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

<u>Sunday, Jan 6th</u>	<u>Monday, Jan 7th</u>	<u>Tuesday, Jan 8th</u>	<u>Wednesday, Jan 9th</u>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass SALT and FISH Meet 11:30 am GIFT Gathering	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 6:30 pm Preschool Advisory Board (Rm 5) 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (Hall)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Why the Rosary, Why Now? Group (UR)
<b>Welcome Weekend / Understanding the Mass</b>			
<u>Thursday, Jan 10th</u>	<u>Friday, Jan 11th</u>	<u>Saturday, Jan 12th</u>	<u>Sunday, Jan 13th</u>
1:00 pm Staff Meeting (DR) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Finance Council (CR) 7:00 pm Prayer & Worship (DR)	9:15 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	3:00 pm First Reconciliation (Church) 5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Church)	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass SALT and FISH Meet 12:30 pm Confirmation Candidate, Parent & Sponsor



January 6-12 | Building Communities

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) have designated January 6-12th as National Migration Week. This initiative has been observed for nearly half a century by the Church in the United States to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, refugees, trafficked humans, and displaced persons, and to take action on their behalf. The theme for National Migration Week 2019 is "Building Communities of Welcome." How do we engage migrants as community members, neighbors, and friends? Visit [justiceforimmigrants.org/take-action/national-migration-week](http://justiceforimmigrants.org/take-action/national-migration-week) for more information.

**MLK Jr. Multi-faith Day of Service**

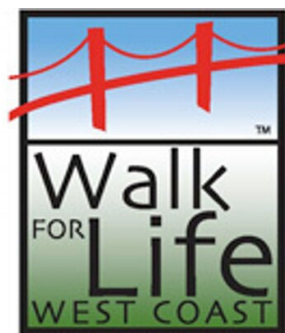
Monday, January 21 |



<https://pmcmlk2019.eventbrite.com>

Please plan to join us for this unique opportunity to work side by side with those of other faiths and cultures to benefit our local community. The day begins with an inspiring welcome from faith leaders at our volunteer breakfast. After breakfast, groups of volunteers work together on 20+ family friendly projects. Register by January 13 at <https://pmcmlk2019.eventbrite.com>

**Walk for Life West Coast 2019**



Saturday, January 26 | San Francisco

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 15th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 26, 2019. There will be Mass at 9:30 am celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30 pm in San Francisco's Civic Plaza, and the Walk down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30 pm. Last year's walk drew 50,000+ people. For complete information about the event, visit [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com) or call 415-658-1793.