

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 2-3, 2019

First Reading — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

Gospel — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

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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 & Wednesday 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's readings are a wonderful foundation for reflection as we enter in the holy season of Lent this next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time when the Church invites us to enter into the profound mystery of God's redemptive love for us. It is also a time of reflection and introspection. The words of Sirach posited in the first reading offers an excellent image of the renewal that is possible when we enter generously into the Lenten experience: "As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just." Lent is a time of purification, of being conformed more closely to the heart of Jesus Christ. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church expresses, "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning." [Hebrews 4:15]. By the solemn forty days of *Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.*"

Saint Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Corinthians that death has neither victory nor sting over those who remain faith-filled companions of Jesus. This reality has been made powerfully manifest over these past weeks as I have accompanied a family as a loved one journeyed from this earthly life to the promise of eternal life. I had the privilege of anointing a friend at Stanford Hospital who had been sick for a very short time yet was succumbing to aggressive cancer. As I anointed my friend, who was joined by his wife and one of his sons, I was struck by his serene demeanor. He had made peace with God's will. He was surrendering himself totally to God, not out of a sense of defeat and agony but rather as a response of love, gratitude, and thanksgiving for all the many blessings God had imparted upon him in life. At one point my friend said he wanted to go home. His doctor responded, "Oh, back to San Mateo?" My friend retorted, "No, I want to go home to the Lord." This sentiment expressed by my friend reveals a deep and abiding relationship with Jesus, a genuine and authentic understanding of the Lenten journey. It is a pilgrimage of surrender, of the desire to conform ourselves to the freedom to be who the Lord has authentically called us to be: people of gratitude, of integrity, of self-emptying in order to be filled with God's grace, God's image.

Luke's Gospel offers some challenging yet liberating reflections for us as well. For whatever reason, it is easy for human beings to be arrogant or presume to be superior to others. Jesus warns his disciples that "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." This is the call of authentic Christian maturity and discipleship: to learn at the feet of the Master, Jesus the Good Shepherd, and to communicate that learning to others. When we try our best to emulate the humility, modesty and generous capacity to forgive like Jesus, it makes it much easier for us to be less judgmental, hypocritical and superior to others.

May we, as we enter this holy season in the desert, renew in ourselves the desire to be good persons who, within the store of that very goodness, have hearts that produce good, the fruits of which are thanksgiving, gratitude, forgiveness, reconciliation, humility, and generosity. May God bless you abundantly with His love and His grace.

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, March 2nd <i>Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Coleman
Sunday, March 3rd <i>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am	Joseph LoSchiavo †	Fr. Ted
	10:30 am	Julie Polati (Sp. Int.)	Fr. Ted
Monday, March 4th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Andres Gutierrez (Sp. Int.)	Fr. Ted
Weds., March 6th <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7:00 pm	Marcia McAuliffe (Sp. Int.)	Fr. Ted
Saturday, March 9th <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	5:00 pm	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Tom
Sunday, March 10th <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	8:00 am		Fr. Edgardo
	10:30 am	Frank Mena †	Fr. Ted

Beginning February 1st, St. Matthias' daily Mass schedule will change. We will celebrate Mass on Monday and Wednesday. Our weekend Mass schedule remains the same.

Fasting and Abstinence During Lent

In the United States, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has declared that "the age of fasting is from the completion of the eighteenth year to the beginning of the sixtieth."

The USCCB also allows the substitution of some other form of penance for abstinence on all Fridays of the year, except for the Fridays of Lent. The rules for fasting and abstinence in the United States are:

- Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and every other Friday or Lent.
- Every person between the ages of 18 and 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting consists of one full meal per day, with two smaller meals that do not add up to a full meal, and no snacks.
- Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat on all other Fridays of the year unless he or she substitutes some other form of penance for abstinence.

We pray for the sick in our community...

Patrick Boland
Bill Bulanti
Carlos Chavez
Kelly Corbett
Marian Deglioni
Cheryl DiTargiani
Pamela Foley
Gerard Kaz
Rose & Rich Marino
Marcia McAuliffe
Rosemary McHale
Ivica Milicevic
Severin Morger
Peggy Perez
Julie Polati
Sharron Sala
Michael Stewart

...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.

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 visit.

Low Gluten Hosts

If you require low-gluten hosts, simply check in with Deacon Rich or David before Mass.

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 **\$179,987.50**

Monthly Need **\$26,666**

January Sunday Collections **\$24,019.75**

+ Electronic Donations **\$7,320.00**

Total Offertory for January \$31,339.75

Difference (Monthly Need - Received) \$4,674

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 2019—Called to Care & Share

The Annual Appeal is our one chance annually to join with Catholics throughout our Archdiocese and assist those who depend on us. Your generosity supports social justice ministries, our schools, seminarians and retired priests, to name just a few. On behalf of everyone who needs and utilizes our programs and services, I invite you to support this once-a-year Appeal. **Please forward your pledge envelope to either the parish office or to the Archdiocese.** Our assessment amount is \$65,273 and every dollar raised over that amount is returned to the parish community.

Parish Registration

All families who attend St. Matthias Church are asked to register in the parish. This helps us to know who our members are and to provide services that meet your needs. You may use the form to the right, or visit www.stmatthiasparish.org and register online.



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

St. Matthias' RCIA 2019

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process designed to guide, form and support those adults seeking full initiation into the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass.

The following individual has been meeting regularly to learn about our Catholic beliefs, our sacraments and deepen her faith in our loving Savior, Jesus Christ.

Catechumen: **Jessica Sanchez**

Sponsor: **Frank Sanchez**

We also have three individuals who have been Baptized and are candidates preparing to complete their full initiation into the Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Candidates

Jessica Talavera

Kathy Sweeney

Lisa Cox (Confirmation)

Sponsors

Ben Talavera

Ed Sweeney

Edward Cox

On the First Sunday of Lent, March 10th, at our 10:30 am Mass, we will celebrate the "Rite of Sending." There will be a brief introduction of the

catechumen/candidates and their sponsors. They will receive a blessing. All those present will be asked to pray for them as they continue their journey.

In addition, all parish RCIA teams from throughout the Archdiocese will convene at St. Mary's Cathedral at 4:00 pm on Sunday, March 10th. Archbishop Cordileone will preside over the Rite of Election. All sponsors will testify to the readiness of the catechumens and candidates. As a part of this ritual, each catechumen signs the "Book of the Elect" for their respective parish. Jessica Sanchez will sign the St. Matthias Book and Jessica, Kathy and Lisa will be blessed by the Archbishop. These rites of "sending" and "election" reflect the early days of the Church when local Church communities prepared, supported and celebrated initiating new members into God's Church.

Congratulations to all! We ask all members of the St. Matthias Catholic Community to keep our entire RCIA team in your prayers as they journey toward the Easter Vigil celebration.

Deacon Rich & Deacon David

Our Call to Build Community

Murder Mystery Silent Auction

May 11 | St. Matthias—Fr. Lacey Hall

We would like to take this opportunity to let you know about our upcoming fundraiser—St. Matthias' Murder Mystery Silent Auction & Dinner on Saturday, May 11th. In order to get the silent auction started, we would like it if you could please make a donation. It could be food items (like exotic olive oils), different wines and spirits, trips, summer homes, art, anything for the home, gift certificates for restaurants or spas (like massages and facials). Other ideas include dinner hosted in your home,



fun parties, something for the kids, sporting events and/or other events. If you have items that are needed to be made up in baskets, we can help you. We really would like to make this silent auction fabulous and with your help, we can!!

All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible.

Please contact Rosie Grelli
jazzirosie@comcast.net with any questions.
Donations can be dropped off to the Rectory during business hours.

Thank you, Rosie Grelli & Gloria Chamorro, Silent Auction Coordinators

Our Call to Prayer & Worship

SALT (Preschool) and FISH (K-4th) will NOT be meeting Sunday during 10:30 am Mass.

Ash Wednesday—March 6th

Lent is a time for penance and prayer. Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (March 6th) until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (April 18).

Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fasting and abstinence in the Church (see guidelines in this bulletin). St. Matthias will have one Mass on Ash Wednesday at 7:00 pm. During the Mass, ashes will be blessed and distributed through the tracing of the Sign of the Cross on the forehead while saying, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

Ashes are a sacramental symbol of penance in the spirit of humility and sacrifice. This ritual is a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with a repentant heart.

During this Lenten season, Catholics are asked to reflect on our loves, offer prayers for yourself and others, give to those in need, and seek God's forgiveness.

Lenten Stations of the Cross & Soup Suppers

Stations of the Cross is a traditional devotion focusing on the events of the passion and suffering of Jesus, Our Savior. Stations of the Cross consists of 14 stations, highlighting the events of Jesus' last day as a human being.

Stations of the Cross is a mini-pilgrimage. As the group moves from station to station, the scene is described. Followers hear about the event along the way of the cross, pray, sing and meditate. It is common practice to offer this devotion on the Friday's of Lent.

St. Matthias will offer the Stations of the Cross



each Friday during Lent at 6:00 pm followed by a simple soup supper. Each week, a different scriptural based text will be used. Leaders will provide booklets for participants to use as they pray the 14 stations.

All are welcome. We encourage parishioners to bring their own bowl and spoon. You may also choose to bring a vegetarian soup or bread and butter to share with the group. Drinks will be provided.

See the poster in the back of the Church for the schedule.

The Light is on for You

Tuesday's During Lent from 6-8 pm | St. Pius

This Lent, all parishes in the Archdiocese of San Francisco will undertake an initiative to encourage greater participation on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially among those who have not received this sacrament recently. "The Light is on for You" began in the Washington D.C. metro area and has spread across the country over the last decade. Archbishop Cordileone says, "Ultimately, the 'light being on' throughout the whole Archdiocese is a sign to our people of God's desire for reconciliation with them and His great delight in bestowing His mercy upon them."

The sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available at St. Matthias every Saturday at 3:45 pm.

St. Clare's Women's Silent Retreat

March 15-17, 2019 | St. Clare's Retreat Center, 2381 Laurel Glen Rd, Soquel, CA 95073

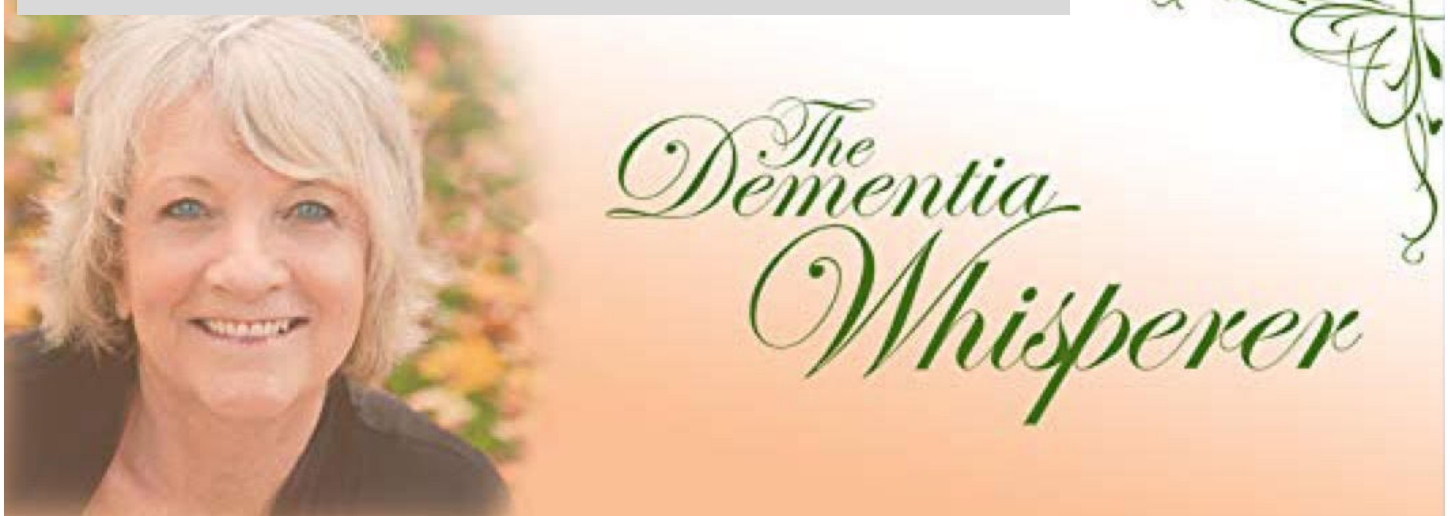
Please join us for our annual silent retreat in March! Private room and bath is \$215 or shared room and bath is \$170. Please register directly with the St. Clare's site to reserve your room (<http://stclareretreat.com>). Then email Kim Hartman (kimhartman55@gmail.com) so she knows who will be attending. Any questions, email Kim Hartman.

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This Week @ St. Matthias

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

ASH WEDNESDAY			
<u>Sunday, March 3rd</u>	<u>Monday, March 4th</u>	<u>Tuesday, March 5th</u>	<u>Wednesday, March 6th</u>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am GIFT Gathering	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)		6:30 am Ash Wednesday Mass (St. Pius) 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 12:10 pm Masses (St. Pius) 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Mass (St. Matthias)
Welcome Weekend			
<u>Thursday, March 7th</u>	<u>Friday, March 8th</u>	<u>Saturday, March 9th</u>	<u>Sunday, March 10th</u>
7:00 pm Prayer & Worship Commission Mtg (DR)	9:15 am Rosary for Peace (MR) 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper (Hall)	1:00 pm Funeral Mass: Don Gazzano 5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Church)	8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass/Rite of Sending 4:00 pm Rite of Election (St. Mary's Cathedral)
<p>SAVE THE DATE for our next restaurant fundraiser at Canyon Inn on March 13th after 5:00 pm. 20% of your receipt will be donated to St. Matthias. Please note: Lunch is not included in this event.</p>			



The Dementia Whisperer

Saturday, March 23, 2019 @ 6:15 pm | St. Matthias Church

Laura Wayman is an accomplished keynote speaker, author, trainer, and a dedicated Gerontologist (A.A. degree in Gerontology, Social Services Designee Certification). Ms. Wayman's mission as "The Dementia Whisperer" and as an internationally recognized dementia care expert is to change the world in the way in which all memory care services are provided to those who suffer from various memory care impairments.

She wants to give meaning and purpose to those diagnosed with dementia or memory impairment—as well as give families peace of mind and understanding which enhances quality of life for, as well as improved quality of relationships with, their loved ones.

Who should attend? Anyone who has a family member or friend with memory loss issues, caregivers, or anyone seeking a deeper understanding of memory loss and dementia.

Call Liz 650-366-9544 for more information or with questions.