

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



First Sunday of Lent - March 8-9, 2019



First Reading — God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).

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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 & 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,

As the Church celebrates this First Sunday in Lent, the readings proclaimed today offer excellent opportunity for prayer and reflection as we continue this pilgrimage into the desert. In the first reading from Deuteronomy, we see quite explicitly how God always remains faithful to His people. We see described the very difficult experience of the Jewish people during their subjugation by the Egyptians. In the midst of great hardship, the people of Israel cried to the Lord and he delivered them from slavery. "...he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression." This experience of delivery is one theme we can contemplate during the Lenten Season. Each of us, as we reflect upon our own lives and histories, knows what it is like to not be free. We find ourselves in sometimes difficult situations and circumstances. We instinctively turn to the Lord in prayer and ask for healing and deliverance. In a beautiful way we are given an inheritance from the Jewish people whose faithfulness and reliance upon the Lord is an example and model for us.

Luke's Gospel speaks of Jesus being led into the desert for forty days to be tempted by the devil. The evil way tries to lure Jesus away from His relationship and fidelity to the Father. The evil one spreads before Jesus the allure and trappings of this world. He tells Jesus he will give him endless riches and worldly powers if he capitulates to one desire: to become the subject of Satan. There are many temptations which lead us away from healthiness and a right relationship with the Lord. We have to be vigilant in reading the signs of the times and not to be overwhelmed or enticed by things that inevitably separate us from God.

Throughout Christian history, one way companions of Jesus have meditated upon the duality of divine and human riches has been to go into the desert, away from the epicenter of activity and noise. We ourselves may not physically have the capacity to go into the literal desert. Yet, we are invited to enter into the spiritual desert, time spent apart from the busyness of life, to discern and reflect upon God's presence in our lives. This is a grace-filled and privileged time of renewal and refreshment. This is a beautiful invitation the Church offers to us. Let us be open and generous in receiving this gift over the next forty days and so dispose ourselves to appreciate most fully the meaning of the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

There are excellent resources available to enhance our Lenten experience. I invite our parish families of Saint Matthias and Saint Pius to join FORMED, a Catholic guide to books, movies, podcasts, articles, and other materials. To join, go to pius.formed.org. This is an invaluable resource made available to our parishioners. Spiritual reading is also a great tool to enhance our prayer and reflection. I am currently reading *The Living God* by the late Monsignor Romano Guardini. One particular thought seems poignant as we enter into this holy season: "A person who has been wounded is comforted when someone who loves him awakens the hidden energy within him so that it passes through the wound in a healing stream. A person who is spiritually dried up is comforted when someone who loves him releases the wave of life within and everything is revived. A person who has lost things of great value, who has had his work destroyed and his hopes dashed, is comforted when someone who loves him allies himself with something that lies at a deeper level, underneath the individual possession and the individual work; allies himself with the fundamental creative will, and rouses it to new activity; allies himself with that innermost soul that is above change and loss and is the eternal strength of the heart; admitting the loss that is lost in time, but winning it anew from the timelessness of faith in God."

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

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	Bob Lawrence †	Fr. Edgardo
	10:30 am	Frank Mena †	Fr. Ted
Monday, March 11th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Amalia & Alfredo Bon †	Fr. Ted
Weds., March 13th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Tito & Baby Boy Ora †	Fr. Edgardo
Saturday, March 16th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Joseph LoShiavo †	Fr. Edgardo
Sunday, March 17th <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Edgardo
	10:30 am	Charlie Stamschror †	Fr. Ted

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.

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, 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...

Patrick Boland
Bill Bulanti
Carlos Chavez
Kelly Corbett
Marian Deglioni
Cheryl DiTargiani
Pamela Foley
Georgia Graf
Andres Gutierrez
Gerard Kaz
Rose & Rich Marino
Marcia McAuliffe
Rosemary McHale
Ivica Milicevic
Severin Morger
Peggy Perez
Julie Polati
Adam Rak
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 **\$201,499.25**

Monthly Need **\$26,666**

February Sunday Collections **\$17,356.76**

+ Electronic Donations **\$4,155**

Total Offertory for February \$21,511.76

Difference (Monthly Need - Received) <\$5,154>

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.

Burgers with benefits.



Mention **St. Matthias Church** when you place your order* and Canyon Inn will donate 20% of your check to **St. Matthias Church**.

March 13th

after 5:00 pm

@ Canyon Inn

587 Canyon Rd

Redwood City

*dine in orders only



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.

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 meet Sunday during 10:30 am Mass.

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 Fridays 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

Tuesdays 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 in 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.

CRS Rice Bowl: Encounter Lent

Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 6th through April 30th | St. Matthias Church



Join our parish community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from around the baptismal font on March 9-10th. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

Mystery Photo

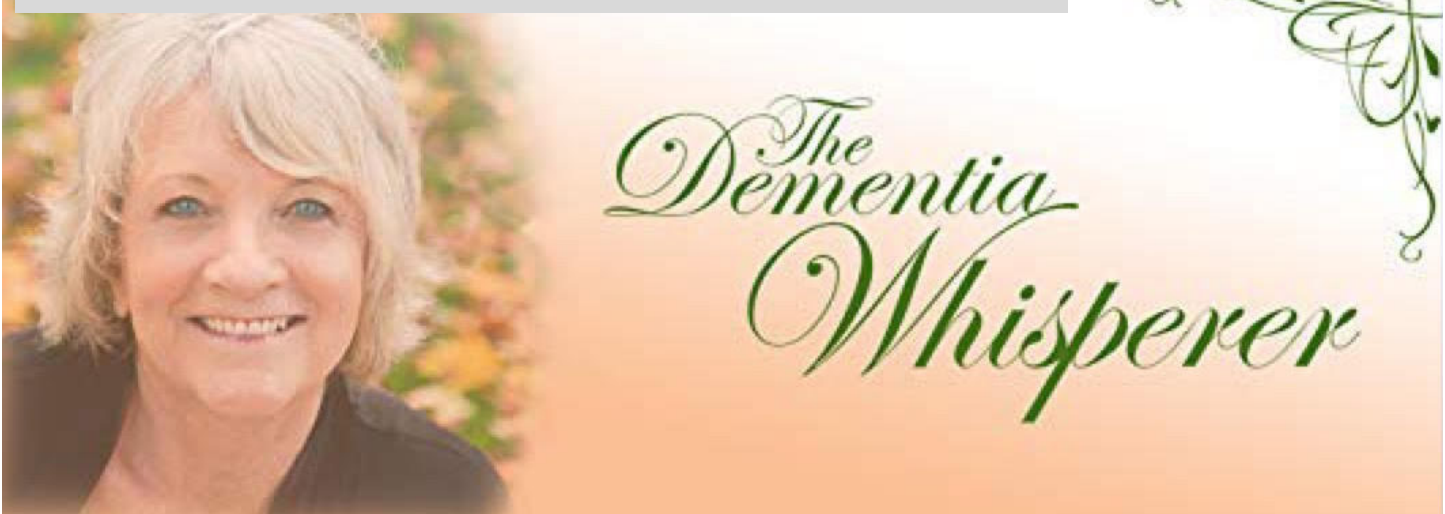
In the Feb 27th edition of the Palo Alto Daily Post, the mural on the side of our Preschool building was featured in the "Mystery Photo" section of the paper. Cindy Rosinski, Ryan Brouchoud and Phillip Schaffner identified it and their names were published the following day!

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This Week @ St. Matthias

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

Welcome Weekend			
<u>Sunday, March 10th</u>	<u>Monday, March 11th</u>	<u>Tuesday, March 12th</u>	<u>Wednesday, March 13th</u>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass/Rite of Sending 4:00 pm Rite of Election (St. Mary's Cathedral)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)	6:30 pm Preschool Advisory Board Meeting (Rm 5) 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (Hall)	5:00 pm Canyon Inn Fund-raiser 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Following Christ (DR)
St. Matthias Women's Retreat			
<u>Thursday, March 14th</u>	<u>Friday, March 15th</u>	<u>Saturday, March 16th</u>	<u>Sunday, March 17th</u>
1:00 pm Staff Meeting (DR) 7:00 pm Finance Council (DR)	9:15 am Rosary for Peace (MR) 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper (Hall)	5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Church)	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 12:30 pm Confirmation Meeting (UR)
<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.