

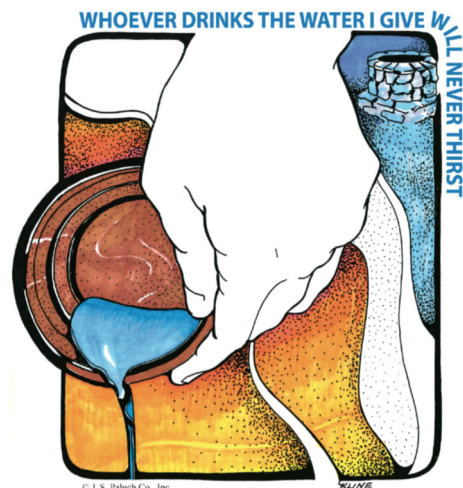
ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Third Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2017



First Reading — When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel — Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

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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 pastor 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.

St. Matthias Catholic Church

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Website:

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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.

Our Call to Catechesis & Evangelization

Staff Directory

*please take note of our new email addresses!

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Lenten Regulations

The following regulations are in place for Abstaining and Fasting in the Archdiocese of San Francisco:

Abstinence: Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on ASH WEDNESDAY, the FRIDAYS of Lent, and GOOD FRIDAY.

Fast: Everyone eighteen years of age and older but under the age of sixty is also bound to fast on ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY. On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Note on St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17: The Feast of St. Patrick is a Solemnity within the Archdiocese of San Francisco (since Patrick is the Principal Co-Patron of the Archdiocese). March 17, 2017, is a Friday. While normally Lenten observance requires abstinence from meat on the Fridays of Lent, canon law includes the exception: "unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday" (Canon 1251); therefore, within the bounds of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, the faithful are not required to abstain from meat on March 17, 2017.

Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers for Lent

During Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross every Friday, at 6:00 pm starting March 3rd through April 7th. A Soup Supper in the Hall will follow the Stations. A different Station will be said each week including The Stations of the Cross with John Paul II: On the path of ecological conversion; The Stations of the Cross for the Poor; Mary's Way of the Cross and Walk with Me the Way of the Cross. All attendees are encouraged to bring bowls and spoons from home for environmental reasons. Please contact Liz Vugrinecz, (650)366-9544 Ext. 12 if you have any questions.

See the Lenten Schedule Flyer for both St. Pius and St. Matthias in the pews for all the Lenten events offered at both parishes this season. Flyers will be located in the pews this weekend.

Youth Ministry News

Our High School Youth will meet on Sunday, March 19th from 5-7 pm for dinner and a game of "Life-Sized Clue". All youth are invited and friends are welcome. Questions? Contact Sabrina Harper via email: sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org.



Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

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| Saturday, March 18th <i>Lenten Weekday</i> | 5:00 pm | People of St. Matthias | Fr. Tom Martin |
| Sunday, March 19th <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i> | 8:00 am | Rita Fanucchi † | Fr. Ted Magpayo |
| | 10:30 am | Lillian Magee † | Fr. Ted Magpayo |
| Monday, March 20th <i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the</i> | 5:30 pm | | Fr. Paul Rossi |
| Tuesday, March 21st <i>Lenten Weekday</i> | 5:30 pm | | Fr. Ted Magpayo |
| Wednesday, March 22nd <i>Lenten Weekday</i> | 5:30 pm | Doris Magee † | Fr. Tom Martin |
| Thursday, March 23rd <i>Lenten Weekday</i> | 5:30 pm | | Fr. Tom Martin |
| Saturday, March 25th <i>The Annunciation of Our Lord</i> | 5:00 pm | Bill & Phyllis Panelli and Janice Sahagun † | Fr. Paul Rossi |
| Sunday, March 26th <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> | 8:00 am | People of St. Matthias | Fr. Paul Rossi |
| | 10:30 am | | Fr. Paul Rossi |

LENT BEGAN ON MARCH 1st!
See Lenten Regulations on the previous page.

Spiritual Direction @ St. Matthias

St. Matthias parish has a commitment to helping its parishioners deepen their spirituality. As part of our pastoral plan, Shaping the Future, one of the stated objectives is to “develop a resource for those who are seeking Spiritual Direction.”

Spiritual Direction at its best entirely focuses on helping the directee to become attentive to the presence, action, and movements of God in ordinary human experiences, and on noticing the directee’s own responses to these movements of the Holy. These sessions are usually an hour long and take place once a month at the St. Matthias rectory. A parishioner, Tim Valderrama, is

a spiritual director who completed his studies at one of the most respected schools in this field, Mercy Center, Burlingame. Anyone interested in finding out more about Spiritual Direction or scheduling an initial session may contact Tim Valderrama directly at spiritualdirection.tim@gmail.com.

Family Support Group

Members of this group provide support to the parish community in many ways including funeral planning, emotional support and prayers. Call the parish office to find out more.

Prayer Tree Network

Please contact our Prayer Phone Tree if you have someone who needs prayers for healing, grieving, loss, discernment, strength, comfort or support. Call Marilynn Donnelly at 365-5192 or Carol McAdams at 369-4365.

Pray for the sick in our community...

Patrick Boland
Kathy Cissell
Dolores Eggert
Steve Dei Rossi
Mike Felix
Matt Giannattasio
Douglas & Nancy Haylock
Richard Marino
Bill McAfee
Frank Mena
Joyce Morger
Chastidy Ronan
Ruby Vasquez
Jon Vanoncini
Kirk Vorsatz

...that they may be comforted by the love of Jesus.

To add or remove a name from this list, please call 366-9544 or email info@stmatthiasparish.org.

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.



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

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| July 2016– June 2017 (income needed to balance budget) | \$282,000.00 |
| Vanco (Electronic Giving) Donations (February) | \$3,700.00 |
| July 2016 –March 12, 2017 (actual year-to-date) | \$224,329.99 |
| Weekly Need | \$5,500.00 |
| Sunday Collection—March 12, 2017 | \$4,278.00 |
| <i>77 Offertory Envelopes Received = \$3,104 vs. Loose Donations \$1,174</i> | |
| Difference | \$1,222.00 |
| 2017 AAA Campaign Assessment | \$59,420 |

Thank you for your generosity Feb 25/26 when we kicked off our 2017 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal! As of 3/13/17 we have received in donations or pledges — \$20,145 — 34% of our goal!

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.

St. Matthias’ Wish List

Due to many generous parishioners, many of our wish list requests have been fulfilled. We have a new 65” smart TV and cart, the old TV was hauled away, and we have window coverings in the Hall and Upper Room. There are still a few items that we would love to receive from parishioners: For the Upper Room—a sturdy TV cart with wheels, a flat screen smart TV and a new, free standing white board on wheels.

There are a few maintenance needs required for the Rectory including removal of wall paper in the Conference Room, Dining Room, Living Room, and Butler’s Pantry. Repair and paint. And there are several trees behind the Rectory which need to be trimmed. There are also two trees in front of the Preschool which need to be removed due to disease.

Thank you for your Building Fund donations, Monies received will be used to reseal and restripe the Rectory and Church parking lots once the weather clears up. We appreciate your dedication to the parish and welcome any help that you can offer by donating goods or services.

If you have a skill that you’d like to share, please contact Sabrina at sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org to help!

Registration Verification

Thank you to all who stopped by the tables last weekend to verify the information we have on file for your household. If you missed it, you can email us at info@stmatthiasparish.org. Please include the names of all those in your household, address, phone number and email address and any other notes you have for us. Thank you!



Photo & Announcement Deadline

Announcements and photos for the St. Matthias bulletin must be submitted by Monday at 10:00 am for the following Sunday’s bulletin.

Please email announcements and photos to Sabrina Harper at info@stmatthiasparish.org with the dates you would like the announcement to be included.

Upcoming Events

Pastoral Council Nominees

Our **St. Matthias Pastoral Council Bylaws** state the following:

4.4.1. On the first Saturday in March, parishioners will be invited to apply or nominate other parishioners for Council positions. Nominations are due by the first weekend of April and existing Council members will consider those nominated for membership at the April Council meeting. This year, there are two open seats. New members' terms begin July 1st and serve for a three year term (renewable once). If interested in serving the parish in this way, or if you know someone who is, please email Deacon Rich at rich@stmatthiasparish.org or Sabrina at sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org.

Save the Date: St. Matthias' First PaintNite

PaintNite is a fun-filled evening where you create your own painting with instructions from a PaintNite artist. The fee covers a canvas, paint, smock and everything an aspiring Picasso may need over the course of about two hours. The artist explains in an easy step-by-step process how to create your painting from start to finish. You don't need any experience! The artist is amazing and you will be proud of the end result. You will also enjoy many delicious snacks and desserts so you won't go away hungry. Our PaintNite is scheduled for **Saturday, March 25th from 6-9:30 pm**. Must be over 21 to attend. This fundraiser will benefit St. Matthias Church. Cost is \$45 per person <https://www.paintnite.com/events/1158059>. Please visit this website to sign up and pay by credit card. Or make check payable to St. Matthias Church and mail to Barbara Hollenkamp at: 1761 Alameda, San Carlos, CA 94070. Your entrance ticket and food/beverage tickets will be available at the door of Fr. Lacey Hall the night of the event. If anyone has any questions, they can feel free to contact Barbara at 650 366-5930 (home) or 415 298-6305 (cell).

St. Matthias Preschool Registration

St. Matthias Preschool is hosting Registration Meetings and Tours for our 2017-2018 year which begins in July and runs through June. The Preschool accepts children 2 1/2 to 5 years old and offers a Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum that fully prepares children to enter Kindergarten. If you are interested in enrollment for your child or know someone who has a child ready for Preschool, please call (650) 367-1320 for further information.

St. Matthias 40th Anniversary—2017

Our St. Matthias Preschool is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. The celebration will kick off at the **10:30 am Mass on Sunday, March 26th** with a special Children's Mass followed by a reception hosted by the Preschool Staff in Fr. Lacey Hall. Preschool children, parents and teachers will be participating in various parts of the Mass.

Following the Mass, all week long, the children at the preschool will enjoy special activities for the anniversary celebration.

On **Saturday, April 1st at 6:00 pm**, the Preschool will host a dinner and silent auction in celebration. All parishioners, alumni and current families are invited to attend. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Please mark your calendars!

Tickets will be on sale following all the Masses beginning this weekend. More information and tickets can be purchased online—<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-matthias-preschool-40th-anniversary-celebration-dinner-tickets-32102720100>

Citrus Fruit for St. Francis Center

Are your citrus fruit trees providing more oranges, grapefruit and lemons than your family can consume? If so, please consider sharing them with St. Francis Center. You can drop them off to the center between the hours of 8:00 am—3:00 pm Monday through Friday. St. Francis Center is located at 151 Buckingham Avenue, Redwood City.

IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA: Soldier, Sinner, Saint

On Monday, March 27, 2017 at 7:00 pm, Century Redwood Downtown 20, we will be showing the powerful film, Ignatius of Loyola: Soldier, Sinner, Saint, an epic new motion picture based on true events in the life of the founder of the Jesuits, Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Filmed in English, on location in Spain with an extremely talented cast of Spanish actors, and an incredibly beautiful musical score, the story of Ignatius of Loyola, his tumultuous life, passions, sinfulness, conversion and untimely virtuous life bursts onto the screen and into the minds and hearts of the viewers illuminating the life of St. Ignatius like never before.

*Ignatius Press rates the movie as PG13. Ticket price: \$15. For more information or to purchase tickets contact: Pauline Books and Media (650) 369-4230. Proceeds will benefit Daughters of St. Paul Building Fund of new location in Menlo Park.

Our Call to Community Building

State of the Parish Next Steps 2.0

Our Pastoral Plan, *Shaping Our Future*, identifies goals in each of seven areas of parish effectiveness: Prayer and Worship, Justice and Charity, Community Building, Catechesis, Stewardship, Family and Pastoral Care and Evangelization.

During this current year, the Justice and Charity Commission is implementing a series of presentations and activities reflecting our parish priorities of affordable housing, homelessness, poverty and hunger. GIFT, Youth Ministry, Bible Study and Presentations on faith-related topics highlight our Pastoral Plan's themes of Catechesis along with Family and Pastoral Care.

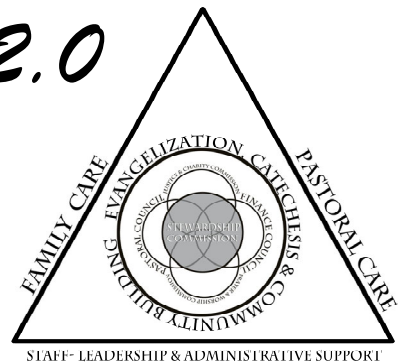
Action plans are developed and reviewed each year to define strategies, programs and services to guide the parish leadership and the parish as a whole toward these goals and our overall mission.

Action plans are being developed for 2017-18 in the areas of Stewardship and Community Building. The recently formed Stewardship Commission is addressing the goal of updating our parish membership list. During the next few months, parishioners will be invited to help us verify accurate contact information as well as preferred ways to be involved in parish life.

By updating our list and ensuring accurate contact information for each parish family, the parish staff can more effectively communicate with our parishioners. The ultimate goal is to engage all parish members in giving of their time, talent and treasure through personal and communal commitment to the care and well-being of the parish as intentional disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Pastoral Council is beginning a process to develop an action plan to deepen our sense of community. The Council supports the efforts of the Stewardship Commission as well as examining strategies to provide social events, enhance our welcoming spirit and build the capacity of current and future parish leaders.

We will keep you informed of upcoming events and our action plans for 2017-18. Please keep St. Matthias Parish in your prayers as we are *Shaping Our Future*.



Youth Volunteers Needed— 2017 St Matthias Youth Passion Play

St Matthias will show a presentation of the **Passion Play on Good Friday, April 14, 7:00 pm, at St Matthias Church**. This will be performed as an actual play by **high school youth and middle school youth**. It will use costumes, props and music. Much of the music is performed by our parish adults. Our parish conducted a Passion Play around 8 years ago and it was very successful. It was a rewarding experience for our performers and our church. We hope to be able to renew this event.

SCHEDULE CHANGE: We will schedule rehearsals on **Sunday nights at 7:00 pm** beginning March 5th. We are hoping that more will be able to attend with this new schedule. We encourage you to try and attend all rehearsals, but sometimes school work may be a burden. We need a cast of at least 20 individuals. There are speaking roles and non-speaking roles. Characters such as Christ, Pilate, Peter and priests are active. We use a large crowd in much of the play. They yell a lot. A narrator has a big part. We have used girls and boys in many of the roles. We need two big Guards who have moderate, non-speaking roles.

Youth from any church are welcome to participate. Please bring in your friends. Even ones who have not attended our church, but have an interest. From experience, we can proudly state that our cast members will feel very proud and happy that they were involved.

Please contact me with questions or to join us.

Steve McCreddin email: macsoccer@sbcglobal.net phone: 650 364 2786



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Our Call to Justice & Charity

Third Week of Lent

Hungering for a Season of Hope

The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation, Niger, where we're reminded that life's joys and challenges are often seasonal. This week we pray for people who struggle to feed their families during the hungry season— when food is in short supply—and we commit to acting for the common good.

CRS Rice Bowls are available (at the Baptismal font) for you take home to use to save money for Catholic Relief Services' annual Rice Bowl collection. CRS is the international charitable arm of the Catholic church which provides first responder services around the world.

Included in the box is a poster with more information about CRS and the work they do.



Weekly Events

3rd Weekend of Lent

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| Sat 3/18 | Baptismal Prep | 11:00am Merry Rm |
| | Maple St Shelter Dinner | 2:30 pm Off Site |
| | Vigil Mass | 5:00 pm Church |
| Sun 3/19 | Sunday Mass | 8:00 am Church |
| | Breaking Open the Word | 9:00 am Merry Rm |
| | Sunday Mass | 10:30 am Church |
| | High School Youth | 5:00 pm Hall |
| | Passion Play Rehearsal | 7:00 pm Church |
| Mon 3/20 | Daily Mass | 5:30 pm Merry Rm |
| | Preschool Parent Meeting | 6:30 pm Hall |
| Tues 3/21 | Daily Mass | 5:30 pm Merry Rm |
| | AFF/Happy Disciples | 7:00 pm Upper Rm |
| Wed 3/22 | Daily Mass | 5:30 pm Merry Rm |
| Thur 3/23 | Daily Mass | 5:30 pm Merry Rm |
| Fri 3/24 | Rosary Prayer Group | 8:45 am Merry Rm |
| | Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper | 6:00 pm Hall |

4th Weekend of Lent

2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

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| Sat 3/25 | Vigil Mass | 5:00 pm Church |
| | PaintNite | 6:30 pm Hall |
| Sun 3/26 | Sunday Mass | 8:00 am Church |
| | Breaking Open the Word | 9:00 am Merry Rm |
| | Sunday Mass/Preschool | 10:30 am Church |
| | 40th Anniversary Mass | |
| | Conf L1 Meeting | 3:00 pm Rectory |
| | Passion Play Rehearsal | 7:00 pm Church |

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

() moving, remove from list () would like a visit