

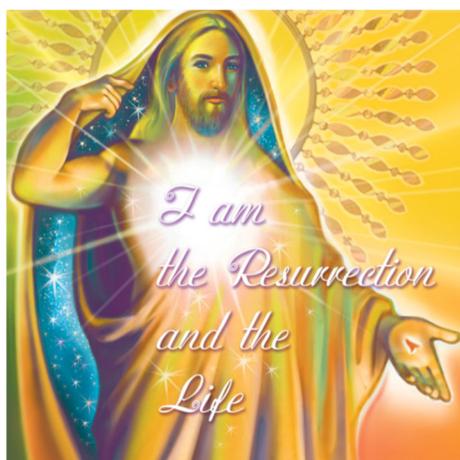
ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 2, 2017



First Reading — Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalms — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-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 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.

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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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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.

Bible Study with Deacon Rich: Acts of the Apostles

Have you wondered what happened after Jesus ascended into Heaven? How did the early Church not only survive, but grow? What role did Peter and Paul play in the foundation and formation of the Body of Christ, His Church? The book of the "Acts of the Apostles" provides answers to these and other questions.

Acts is a story of hope. It is a story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. Weekly readings, presentations and discussions, along with some video clips, will enrich your faith and rekindle your love for Christ as you relive the lives of his first disciples during this Easter time.

Beginning **Monday, April 24th**, Deacon Rich will lead an eight-week Bible Study series on "Acts of the Apostles." Sessions will be held in Fr. Lacy Hall from 7 – 8:30 p.m. each Monday from April 24th through June 19th (no session on Memorial Day). Please bring your Bible, notepad and pen. While any Catholic Bible will work, the preferred Bibles are the *New Revised Standard Version* and *The New American Bible*. *Please join us for any or all of the sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Rich.*

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.

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, April 1st <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Gail Lillian Boyd †	Fr. Paul Rossi
Sunday, April 2nd <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Paul Rossi
	10:30 am	Helen Marie Clausing †	Fr. Paul Rossi
Monday, April 3rd <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Paul Rossi
Tuesday, April 4th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Tom Martin
Wednesday, April 5th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Thursday, April 6th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	NO MASS	All Clergy at Chrism Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco	
Saturday, April 8th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:00 pm		Fr. Tom Martin
Sunday, April 9th <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	8:00 am	Mary Pacumio †	Fr. Tom Martin
	10:30 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Tom Martin

Spiritual Direction @ St. Matthias

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 Spirit. These sessions are usually an hour long. There are several Spiritual Directors whose contact information is listed on our bulletin board Fr. Lacey Hall. They are:

Vivian Clausing, vclaus100@gmail.com (650) 619-6433

Sr. Dee Myers, dmyersbvm@comcast.net (650) 274-4923

Sharon Erro, who prefers initial contact by email at sharonerro@gmail.com and Tim Valderrama, spiritualdirection.tim@gmail.com.

Vivian and Tim are St. Matthias parishioners and Sharon was a parishioner. Tim holds his meetings at St. Matthias by appointment. All are wonderful and all have studied Spiritual Direction at Mercy Center, Burlingame, one of the most respected programs in this field. If interested in Spiritual Direction, it is suggested that you interview at least three people before you decide who best fits your needs. Anyone interested in finding out more about Spiritual Direction, please contact Liz Vugrinecz at 650-366-9544 Ext. 12 or at liz@stmatthiasparish.org

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.

Pray for the sick in our community...

Patrick Boland
Kathy Cissell
Dolores Eggert
Leon Dei Rossi
Mike Felix
Matt Giannattasio
Douglas & Nancy Haylock
Richard Marino
Bill McAfee
Frank Mena
Joyce Morger
Chastidy Ronan
Yvonne Salinger
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.

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 Marilyn Donnelly at 365-5192 or Carol McAdams at 369-4365.

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 Muri 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

July 2016– June 2017 (income needed to balance budget) **\$282,000.00**

Vanco (Electronic Giving) Donations (February) \$3,700.00

July 2016 –March 26, 2017 (actual year-to-date) \$234,450.99

Weekly Need \$5,500.00

Sunday Collection—March 26, 2017 \$5,353.00

76 Offertory Envelopes Received = \$2,854 vs. Loose Donations \$2,499

Difference \$147

2017 AAA Campaign Assessment \$59,420

Thank you for your generosity to our 2017 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal! As of 3/22/2017 we have received in donations or pledges — \$25,685 — 43% 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.

Building Fund Collection—April 8/9

Our parish Rectory and preschool recently had some plumbing issues. Both building have aging infrastructure. The preschool building was built in the 1960's and we estimate the Rectory to have been built in the 1930's; both have original plumbing. We work closely with a plumber to try to mitigate the issues and stay on top of them, but clogged sewer drains are expensive and taxing to our building fund.



Although functioning properly at the moment, both buildings need additional plumbing attention. The Preschool building needs an extra clean out installed and the Rectory needs 10' of pipe dug up and replaced to remedy the current problems.

Next weekend is our Building Fund collection. Although we have some funds on reserve, these repairs will be costly and the reserve was being held for the parking lot resealing/restripping. Please consider a generous donation to help with these needed repairs.

Special Collection for our St. Matthias Preschool

In honor of our preschool's 40th anniversary, we are taking up a special second collection this week-end. For 40 years the preschool has served families in Redwood City, San Carlos and beyond, by providing a quality early childhood education. Many of our St. Matthias parishioners attended the preschool and many have children in attendance now. Please give generously to support the preschool!



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.

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.

St. Pius Hog 'n' Heat Rib and Chili Competition

St. Pius Hog 'n' Heat Rib and Chili Competition **Saturday, April**

8, 11:00 am -- 4:00 pm St.

Pius Parish, 1100 Woodside

Rd., Redwood City Jessica

Wayne hognheat@gmail.com

This is a fun family day and a

chance to support the St. Pius Parish Youth Ministry while eating competition-style ribs and chili. More than 40 cooking teams, professional and amateur, are competing for prizes. Official judging is by certified judges; and the People's Choice Awards are voted by the customers. Tickets are \$1 each, and pricing is 1 rib = 2 tickets, a two-ounce serving of chili = 2 tickets, a two-ounce serving of coleslaw = 2 tickets, and a piece of cornbread = 1 ticket. Water, soda, beer, and wine are also available for purchase. The more you spend, the more People's Choice Award votes you get. And funds raised go to support the parish Youth Ministry. It's real fun, and a real BBQ competition.



Triduum

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are:

- Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday)
- Good Friday of the Lord's Passion (Good Friday Liturgy)
- Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Vigil)

Seder Supper and Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday

A special part of our Holy Week celebration is the Seder Supper that we will celebrate this year on April 13th. The Seder Supper will begin at 6:00 pm followed by Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:15 pm. Join us and celebrate this very special meal and liturgy where we honor our Jewish roots, the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood. Sign-up sheets are available in the Hall. If anyone would like to help prepare the food or help with setup for the Seder Supper, please contact Liz Vugrinecz at 366-9544 x. 12 or liz@stmatthiasparish.org.

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper, there will be the washing of the feet of "12 disciples" after which the community will be invited to come up and have their feet washed by one of those 12 people. In turn, those who had their feet washed are invited to serve others by washing the foot of those who follow. It is a very profound and humbling experience as we recreate this act of service instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper.

The final act of the liturgy is the procession to the Altar of repose. Fr. Tom will lead (our celebrant for the Triduum) this procession into the Hall and Merry Room where adoration will take place. The Merry Room will be open for prayer and adoration until 9:30 pm.

Our Call to Community Building

State of the Parish Next Steps 3.0

Our Call to Stewardship is one of the key components of our Pastoral Plan, Shaping Our Future. Our plan states that, "To be Christian stewards of all God's gifts to us includes more than a generous giving of time, talent and treasure."

Pope Francis writes that, "Any Church community, if it thinks it can comfortably go its own way without creative concern and effective cooperation in helping the poor to live with dignity and reaching out to everyone, will also risk breaking down, however much it may talk about social issues or criticize governments. It will easily drift into spiritual worldliness, camouflaged by religious practices, unproductive meetings and empty talk."

Our newly formed Stewardship Commission is developing an action plan for 2017-18 beginning with our Verification Sundays which enable us to update our parish database. In the near future, the Commission will be surveying parishioners about their talents and ways to become or continue to be an active steward in our parish community. Our April GIFT session will focus on the spiritual aspects of stewardship and is open to all parishioners.

As we approach the great celebration of Easter, we are reminded of the importance of our Baptismal promises. The practice of renewing Baptismal promises at Easter is essential of all of us who are stewards of our faith. Stewardship is our response to Jesus invitation to "follow him." We follow Jesus by proclaiming the Gospel in word and deed, helping to build up our parish community and sharing the peace of Christ with one another.

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.

2017 St Matthias Youth Passion Play

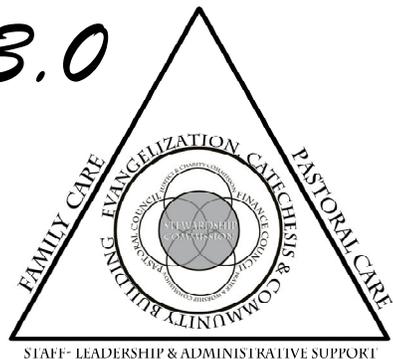
St Matthias will show a presentation of the **Passion Play on Good Friday, April 14, 7:00 pm, at St Matthias Church**. This will be performed as an actual play by **high school youth and middle school youth**. It will use costumes, props and music. Much of the music is performed by our parish adults. 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

Maple Street Shelter Dinner!

The residents at Maple Street Shelter are grateful for the 25 parishioners who brought food, for those who delivered to the shelter and for the youth and adult chaperones who stayed to serve, eat and play bingo with them. We had plenty of food with extras for the rest of the week. Our bingo game was especially successful as many gift cards were shared as prizes. The Justice and Charity Commission appreciates the support of the parish community.



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.



Weekly Events

5th Weekend of Lent

2nd Collection: St. Matthias Preschool

Sat 4/1	Vigil Mass	5:00 pm Church
	40th Anniversary of the Preschool Dinner	6:00 pm Hall
Sun 4/2	Sunday Mass	8:00 am Church
	Breaking Open the Word	9:00 am Merry Rm
	Sunday Mass	10:30 am Church
	GIFT: Our Call Stewardship	11:30 am Hall
	Passion Play Rehearsal	7:00 pm Church
Mon 4/3	Daily Mass	5:30 pm Merry Rm
Tues 4/4	Daily Mass	5:30 pm Merry Rm
Wed 4/5	Daily Mass	5:30 pm Merry Rm
	GIFT: Our Call to Stewardship	6:00 pm Hall
Thur 4/6	No MASS at St. Matthias. All clergy at St. Mary's Cathedral for Chrism Mass.	
Fri 4/7	Rosary Prayer Group	8:45 am Merry Rm
	Stations of the Cross	6:00 pm Hall

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord—Gather on Front Steps of Cordilleras Road

2nd Collection: Building Fund

Welcome Weekend

Sat 4/8	Vigil Mass	5:00 pm Church
Sun 4/9	Sunday Mass	8:00 am Church
	Breaking Open the Word	9:00 am Merry Rm
	Sunday Mass	10:30 am Church
	Conf Level II Meeting	2:30 pm Hall
	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