

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2-3, 2017



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First Reading — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).

Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

Gospel — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

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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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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
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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. Located 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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Bible Study with Deacon Rich: St. Paul's Letters

According to theologian Fr. Raymond Brown, "Next to Jesus, Paul has been the most influential figure in the history of Christianity." Although Paul was not one of the twelve Apostles, he called himself "The Apostle to the Gentiles." In his letters, St. Paul describes the implications of Jesus's ministry and his teachings for particular communities of believers.

Since Paul's letters are a part of the New Testament and proclaimed at most Masses, no Christian has been unaffected by what he has written. Paul's letters provide further context and insights into the developments within the early Church as described in Acts of the Apostles. What can we learn from Paul's writings that will help each one of us to deepen our belief in a loving God and guide us to more fully live our Catholic Christian faith?

Beginning **Monday, September 11th**, Deacon Rich will lead a seven week Bible Study series on Paul's "First Letter to the Thessalonians" and "Letter to the Galatians." Sessions will be held in Fr. Lacy Hall from 7 – 8:30 p.m. each Monday from September 11th through October 23rd. 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.

Joint St. Pius & St. Matthias Confirmation Program

Confirmation is the last of three sacraments of initiation that one receives. The sacrament is closely linked to Baptism in that it confirms one's faith and bestows the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Starting in 2017-2018, our Confirmation preparation will be combined with St. Pius parish. Sabrina will coordinate this program with volunteers and staff from both parishes. Visit this website for registration information. <http://mailchi.mp/47f7f8a55228/sts-pius-matthias-confirmation-program-registration> If you have questions, email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org.

GIFT: Generations in Faith Together

Our family faith formation program, GIFT: Generations in Faith Together, will continue in the Fall. All families who have young people preparing for sacraments are required to register and attend. All those who were enrolled in GIFT last year are encouraged to continue attending GIFT as this is our life-long faith formation program. We believe that faith development is continuous; it does not end after the reception of a sacrament. Registration information was sent to all families who participated in the program last year. If you missed the email or would like to be added to the list, visit this website to subscribe to updates: <http://mailchi.mp/a4dbeaf2bca0/register-for-gift-youth-ministry-fish-first-communion-etc>

If you have any questions about the program, or would like more information, please email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org



Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, Sept 2nd <i>Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Brian Doyle †	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Sunday, Sept 3rd <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	People of St. Matthias Thomas Savasta †	Fr. Ted Magpayo Fr. Ted Magpayo
Monday, Sept 4th <i>Weekday</i>	NO MASS In Observance of Labor Day		
Tuesday, Sept 5th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Nick Paloso
Wednesday, Sept 6th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Thursday, Sept 7th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Saturday, Sept 9th <i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i>	5:00 pm	Bill Poznanski †	Fr. Nick Paloso
Sunday, Sept 10th <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	People of St. Matthias Joseph Nano †	Fr. Nick Paloso Fr. Nick Paloso

Pray for the sick in our community...

Terry Azofeifa
Patrick Boland
Nancy Guass
Camille Hammer
Bill Henry
Chuck Keyser
Richard Marino
Joyce Morger
Robert Munn
Yvonne Salinger
Ruby Vasquez
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.

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 in 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. 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.

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.

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

July 2017– June 2018 (income needed to balance budget)	\$300,000.00
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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.

Monthly Need	\$25,000.00
July Sunday Collections	\$20,039.00
+ Electronic Donations	\$4,095.00
Difference	<\$866.00>

2017 AAA Campaign Assessment	\$59,420
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Thank you for your generosity to our 2017 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal! As of 7/11/2017 we have received in donations or pledges — \$39,140 — 66% 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

We are so grateful to parishioners who step up to make needed repairs regularly.

Recently, we've noticed a couple of areas around the property that need some TLC! One area of border fencing has rotted and the gate to the back yard of the rectory could use some help.

If you have the skills, tools, know-how, and time to help with these repairs, please contact

Sabrina and

she'll be

happy to point you in the right direction!



We appreciate your dedication to the parish and welcome any help that you can offer by donating goods or services.

Please contact Sabrina at sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org to help!

Lost & Found

Jackets, umbrellas, and glasses, oh my!

Our Lost and Found box is overflowing with items. Please come by the Hall to see if you've misplaced anything.



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.

Our Call to Catechesis & Evangelization



Becoming Catholic –

RCIA

Do you know someone who has thought about becoming Catholic or, for whatever reason, has been baptized but has not been confirmed or received Holy Communion?

The Roman Catholic Church has a process for adults who desire to become Catholic or to complete the Sacraments of Initiation for those already Baptized (Confirmation, Eucharist).

This process is called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). The RCIA process provides weekly sessions on the fundamental beliefs of our faith as well as an understanding of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist (Mass). In addition, the process emphasizes prayer, discernment and spiritual formation as each candidate responds to his or her call to become followers of Jesus through the Catholic Church.

This year RCIA will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the rectory. The first RCIA gathering will be held on Sunday, September 17th. Parishioners who would like to participate as an RCIA team member and support our candidates are welcome.

Deacon Rich and Deacon David will lead and facilitate RCIA. If you have any questions, know of someone who would like to discuss joining RCIA, are considering being a team member, or would just like to experience the RCIA process, please contact Deacon Rich before or after Mass or email him at rich@stmatthiasparish.org.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit calls individuals to seek a deeper relationship with Almighty God through His Church.

St. Matthias Parish & Preschool Website

www.stmatthiasparish.org has been redesigned by parishioner, Michael Aronson. It will "go live" sometime this week! Please take a look and send any comments to info@stmatthiasparish.org.

Altar Servers Needed

All children, after receiving their First Communion, are eligible to become Altar Servers. The Altar Server provides a very important ministry at each Mass. Servers assist the priest and deacon in the procession to the altar, holding the Roman Missal for prayers, helping to set the table and leading the recession at the conclusion of Mass.



Altar Servers

Being a server is also a spiritual and prayerful experience for a young girl or boy. This ministry helps our children grow in their faith. It also involves them in our St. Matthias Community in the practice of our faith through Mass.

Deacon Rich provides training for new servers. A guidebook will also be provided to parents so they can be supportive. New servers will be paired with experienced servers during the first year of this ministry.

If you would like to schedule a time for training, please contact Deacon Rich. A new schedule begins in October. We need more altar servers to help us ensure that we have Altar Servers at all of our weekend Masses. Adults who are interested in serving at Mass are also invited to serve and should contact Deacon Rich.

Strong Catholic Families Sessions— Sept 6, 13, 20, 27

During the month of September we are offering parent-only workshops, called Strong Catholic Families, as an orientation to our philosophy regarding faith formation. Parents are encouraged to attend the session to learn more about our parish mission to build and support Strong Catholic Families. Sessions are designed to give parents support in raising their children in the Catholic faith.

Sessions will be held on Wednesdays, Sept 6, 13, 20 and 27th from 7-8:30 pm in the Upper Room of Fr. Lacey Hall. More information about topics to be discussed will follow. Please mark your calendar.

Our Call to Community Building

Shaping Our Future ~ Justice & Charity for 2017-18

Our Pastoral Plan, *Shaping Our Future*, is our guide to continuous improvement for the St. Matthias Parish Community. Long term goals in each of the areas of parish effectiveness contribute to developing a culture of caring, belonging and service to one another. One of the areas of parish life is Justice and Charity.

As a part of our new model of leadership, we have established councils and commissions. The Justice and Charity Commission (JCC) provides leadership and coordination in this area of our parish plan. JCC members include: Evie Dwyer, Mariano Degang, Nancy Galli, Bob Thompson, Deacon David Rolandelli, Liz Vugrinecz, Sabrina Harper, Deacon George Salinger and Deacon Rich Foley.

As a result of a parish survey in the spring of 2016, parishioners identified four priorities: poverty, hunger, affordable housing and homelessness. During 2016-2017, the Justice and Charity Commission (JCC) presented a series of presentations and panel discussions on these topics. Representatives from local social justice and charitable agencies (e.g. St. Vincent de Paul) shared information and stories about the good work going on in our community. They also shared about the continuing need for donations, and, more importantly, volunteers.

During the 2017-2018 year, our JSS has planned a number of service opportunities to actively engage parishioners. Our year began with the annual clothing drive for St. Francis Center. The response from so many parishioners has an impact on the lives of many being served at St. Francis Center. Our thanks to Laura and Anna Granucci for coordinating this initiative.

In the next few weeks the JCC will publish a calendar or menu of opportunities. These opportunities include family as well as individual activities. The list also includes some St. Matthias traditions (e.g. The Giving Tree, Preschool Toy Drive and the annual Maple Street Shelter Dinner).

Please consider having you or your family participate in one or more justice and charity activities this year.

Deacon Rich

Moving Through the Loss of a Loved One:

The Next Step is a focused support group being offered by the St. Pius Grief Ministry this fall. This session is intended for those who have previously attending a Grief Support group session and/or would like to participate in a support group focused on progressing through their personal grief journey. The session will be held on Monday evenings at St. Pius for 8 consecutive weeks beginning Monday, Sept 28th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. For more information or to register, please contact the Grief Ministry at (650)361-0655 or griefministry@pius.org.

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

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Parish & Preschool Events Sept 3-10, 2017

MR =Merry Room UR = Upper Room

<u>Sunday, September 3rd</u> 22nd Sun in Ord Time	<u>Monday, September 4th</u> Weekday	<u>Tuesday, September 5th</u> Weekday	<u>Wednesday, September 6th</u> Weekday
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:00 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass	Parish and Preschool Offices Closed in Observance of Labor Day. No daily Mass.	1st Day of Preschool 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm Strong Catholic Families (Hall)
		Welcome Weekend Day of Prayer for Peace and Racial Justice	
<u>Thursday, September 7th</u> Weekday	<u>Friday, September 8th</u> The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<u>Saturday, September 9th</u> St. Peter Claver, Priest	<u>Sunday, September 10th</u> 23rd Sun in Ordinary Time
5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)	8:45 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	11:00 am Baptismal Preparation (MR) 5:00 pm Vigil Mass	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:00 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am FISH Catechist Training 1:00 pm Confirmation Team Training (UR)

Adoration

A Holy Hour is a time the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and available for people to pray and spend time in adoration. St. Matthias will no longer offer Adoration on the first Thursday of the month. The Prayer and Worship Commission will be considering opportunities for Adoration during Advent and Lent. However, there are neighboring parishes which offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. They are as follows:

- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 1st Friday after the 8:15 am Mass; St. Pius, 1st Friday after the 8 am Mass; St. Charles, 1st Friday, 9– 10 am, Parish Center Chapel; Church of the Nativity, Menlo Park, 24 hours a day



Hospitality Ministry 2018 ... Join Us!

NEW NEXT YEAR! Starting in January, we are planning to provide hospitality twice a month after the 10:30 mass. It would be held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month. With regards to the 4th Sunday, ministers would need to arrive at 10:00 to set up the hall since hospitality would not be provided after the 8:00 mass on those Sundays. But to make this all happen, more "hands" are needed! Please consider joining this ministry! It's a great time of fellowship and service, and commitment is minimal...possibly three or four times during the year.

Hospitality will also continue on the 2nd Sunday of every month after the 8:00 mass as well as after the 5:00 mass on the 2nd Saturday. If you would like to help during these times, we'd love to have you aboard. Also, we are looking for someone to coordinate hospitality on Saturdays after the 5:00 mass.

If you would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry on Sundays, give Lynda Allen a call at (650) 363-1139 or email her at bljcfamily@sbcglobal.net. If you would like to help with hospitality on Saturdays or be interested in coordinating it, email Liz Vugrinecz at liz@stmatthiasparish.org. And if you and your family would like to sign up as a team after any of these masses, this would be fun opportunity for all!

Your response by September 15 is greatly appreciated...thank you!

