

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 18-19, 2017



First Reading — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

Psalms — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

Gospel — To all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

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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. Located in the Upper Rm of Lacey Hall.

Our Call to Catechesis & Evangelization

Staff Directory

Our extensions have recently be updated!

Administrator—Fr. Paul Rossi

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Pilgrimage to Ecuador (Mission Trip)

Every other year, since 2010, Sabrina Harper and Maria Cornell have been leading a group of youth from St. Pius and St. Matthias parishes on a pilgrimage to Ecuador.

The group visits and works at Damien House, a home for patients with Hansen's disease in Guayaquil, Ecuador. There, they accompany Sr. Annie Credidio, BVM as she ministers to the elderly who are afflicted with this debilitating disease.

Also part of the trip is time spent at the Working Boys' Center: A Family of Families in Quito, Ecuador. Founded over 60 years ago by Jesuit priest Fr. John Halligan, SJ and operated by Sr. Cindy Sullivan and Sr. Miguel, members of the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Center provides educational and vocational training for the poorest of the poor in and around Quito.

We are beginning to recruit for next summer's trip!

It will be at the end of June for about 2 weeks. If your son/daughter is interested (they must have completed their freshman year of high school at the time of the trip) plan to attend the Information Meeting which will be held on **Monday, November 27th at 7:00 pm in Fr. Lacey Hall** at St. Matthias, or contact Sabrina, 366-9544 x 21 or sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org.

Youth who have attended this trip will be at the meeting to share their experiences and answer questions.



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



Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, Nov 18th <i>The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles</i>	5:00 pm	Leo Hollenkamp ✠	Fr. Nick Paloso
Sunday, Nov 19th <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	Laura Prout ✠ People of St. Matthias	Fr. Nick Paloso Fr. Nick Paloso
Monday, Nov 20th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Tuesday, Nov 21st <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Nick Paloso
Wednesday, Nov 22nd <i>St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr</i>	5:30 pm	Mimi Piparo ✠	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Thursday, Nov 23rd* <i>Weekday—Thanksgiving</i>	10:00 am	Alma & Victor Balocco ✠	Fr. Nick Paloso
Saturday, Nov 25th <i>Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Bill & Phyllis Panelli and Al & Janice Sahagun ✠	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Sunday, Nov 26th <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Ted Magpayo Fr. Ted Magpayo

Mass Clergy Assignments are subject to change.

Pray for the sick in our community...

Eric Alvarez
Terry Azofeifa
Patrick Boland
Elwood Boutyer
John Carr
Carlos Chavez
Nancy Guass
Bill Henry
Richard Marino
Robert Munn
Sr. Susan Ostrowski
Fr. Paul Rossi
Yvonne Salinger
Ruby Vasquez
Kirk Vorsatz
Jennifer Yuhas

**...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.

Our Call to Justice & Charity: The Two Feet of Love *in Action*

Another Activity from our Menu of Opportunities:

Street Life Ministries—Serve Dinner to the Homeless on Wednesday, November 29, 2017

Street Life Ministries ("SLM") is different than many "feeding ministries." Hot, home cooked meals transported to outdoor venues are less threatening to those in need, fostering an environment for relational connections to develop between servers and friends on the streets. These connections become the groundwork for guiding friends toward healthier decisions, medical assistance, detox, rehab, housing, mentorship and counseling—all contributing to a deep sense of meaning and purpose for those willing to invest. Each week we serve over 500 meals to men, women and children.

Meet at St. Matthias at 6:00 pm. Carpool to downtown RWC to

serve dinner to the homeless with the crew from SLM. Limited to 10 volunteers. Appropriate for high-school aged youth and adults. **RSVP by November 24th.** Contact Nancy Galli nancga@hotmail.com to sign up.

First Step for Families (LifeMoves) - Saturday, January 27, 2018

Join us for a community building event at First Step for Families, located at 325 Villa Terrace San Mateo, CA 94401. Join a group of volunteers from St. Matthias for dinner and a movie night at this transitional housing complex for first time homeless families. Limited to 12-14 volunteers. Families are welcome. More details to follow. Contact Sabrina Harper to sign up sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org

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**

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 (as of Oct 31st) **\$90,496.00**

Monthly Need **\$25,000.00**

October Sunday Collections **\$20,119.00**

+ Electronic Donations **\$4,625.00**

Total Offertory for October \$24,744.00

Difference (Need-Received) <-\$256.00>

2017 AAA Campaign Assessment \$59,420

See update on page 6.

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.

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.

The annual collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)** will be held the weekend of **November 18-19**, on the celebration of the First World Day of the Poor instituted by Pope Francis. In his statement establishing the World Day of the Poor on the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Pope Francis called for Christian communities to mark the occasion with "moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance" with people living in poverty. CCHD is the official domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic bishops. This national collection is the primary source of funding for CCHD's community and economic development grants and education programs aimed at fostering a culture of life and hope in communities across the nation. Twenty-five percent of funds collected remain in each diocese to support local anti-poverty projects.



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

DISCOVERING CHRIST

Please join us for the next session of Discovering Christ. It is a powerful series of gatherings where we will get together for social time and enjoy refreshments, listen/watch a dynamic teaching and join in a small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. We will offer it once a month on Wednesday nights: **November 29**, December 20, January 24, February 28, April 25 and May 16th. There is a special retreat which will be held on Saturday, March 10th from 10:00 am—4:00 pm. Childcare will be provided for families if needed. Email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org for more information.

Thanksgiving Mass

Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23rd at 10 am**. We gather together to give thanks for our many blessings and share with the community. A special collection will be taken for our St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

The Thanksgiving Potluck which was scheduled for November 21st has been cancelled.

St. Matthias' Advent Retreat

Christmas is a great miracle and a special time in our liturgical year. We should not rush to get there. The Church offers us four weeks of Advent, the first season of a new liturgical year, a precious time of preparation and recollection, when we can relive the course of salvation history, ponder the Virgin Mary's epochal "yes" to God, prepare ourselves to meet Christ, and look at ourselves and our relationships, to see if we are living in Christ's love. This is why we offer Advent Retreat at the start of Advent, on **Saturday, December 2nd from 1:30—4:30 pm** in Fr. Lacey Hall. Sr. Dee will be giving the Advent Retreat; join us as we wait for God's greatest gift to us.

Giving Tree for St. Francis Center

Our annual Giving Tree will be set up December 2nd. Unwrapped gifts will be collected for children of all ages. The gift drop off deadline will be Wednesday, December 13th following the 10:30 am Mass. This is a lovely way to share our many blessings with our neighbors in need. More details to follow.



Breakfast with Santa



Our annual parish Christmas celebration will be held on **Saturday, December 9th from 10-12 noon**. Children will be able to have their photos taken with Santa Claus and breakfast will be served by St. Matthias'

very own elves—the youth of the parish! The event is free, however; we ask all to register so that we can plan for seating and food. Please visit EventBrite to sign up <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/breakfast-with-santa-tickets-39889880707>

Crèche Display & Sing-A-Long with Fr. Ted

As done in year's past, we will be asking parishioners to loan us their Crèche Displays (Nativity Sets) for the weekend of December 16/17th. These will be on display in the back of Church starting **Saturday, December 16th through Tuesday, December 19th**. More details will follow. A new addition for this year, is our Christmas Sing-A-Long with Fr. Ted on **Saturday, December 16th following the 5:00 pm Mass**. It's Welcome Weekend so there will be refreshments served as well. Stay tuned for more details.



Our Call to Stewardship

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Challenge Pledge!

As of November 9th, we have received just 70% of the total needed to fulfill our parish obligation to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal which is \$59,420 for this year. We still need to collect \$17,535.

We've received a generous offer - \$5,000 as a challenge pledge to the parish community.

If you haven't already made your donation to the AAA, please consider doing so now. If you've already donated, and can give more, we would appreciate it. Your donations help us meet our obligation. Any amount received over what we owe will remain in the parish for our local needs.

Goal: \$59,420
Received to Date: \$41,885
Challenge Pledge: \$5,000
Needed: \$12,535

**Help us make up
the needed
amount!**

Our Call to Prayer & Worship

Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Friday, December 8th. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. St. Matthias will be celebrating with a Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 pm. All are invited to honor the Holy Mother with us that day.

Blessing of the Table of the Dead

Lighting of a votive candle is one way to express our remembrance of those who have died. Another way is with our Dio de los Muertos or Table of the Dead. This is a tradition handed down by indigenous people of Mexico who believed that death is a part of the cycle of life. Symbols reflect the elements of wind, water, fire and earth. Flowers, incense, candles and a crucifix or cross are meant to attract souls to our remembrance celebration.

The table honors those who have died—our relatives and friends. Pictures and artifacts of the deceased are displayed. Our memories are stirred. Our prayers are invited to be offered throughout the month of November.

We invite you add to our Table of the Dead with photos

or artifacts—and of course, please pray for our faithful departed throughout the month ahead.

Simbang Gabi Advent Novena of Masses

Simbang Gabi is being hosted in six parishes this year as listed in the following schedule. The novena of Masses begins on December 15 and culminates on December 23. Those who will be going from church to church to complete the nine-day celebration of Masses are encouraged to return to their home parish for Christmas Masses. Through Simbang Gabi, the deanery hopes to offer a deeper spiritual experience leading to a more meaningful Christmas season for all. This celebration of faith also hopes to strengthen the bonds between cultures and between parishes, thereby strengthening fellowship and family life in our community and deanery. We will be hosting this celebration on Monday, December 18th.

12/15—St. Pius @ 7pm	12/20—Nativity @ 7pm
12/16—Mt. Carmel @ 5pm	12/21—St. Raymond @ 7pm
12/17—St. Charles @ 5pm	12/22—St. Charles @ 7pm
12/18—St. Matthias @ 7pm	12/23—St. Pius @ 5pm
12/19—St. Charles @ 7pm	

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Parish & Preschool Events November 19-26, 2017

MR =Merry Room UR = Upper Room PS = Preschool

2nd Collection: Campaign for Human Development			
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8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 9:15 am RCIA (Room 5) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 12:00 pm First Reconciliation Retreat 5:00 pm HSYM "Soup & Service"	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Meeting (MR)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)
Parish and Preschool Closed		Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	
Thursday, November 23rd <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Friday, November 24th <i>St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs</i>	Saturday, November 25th <i>Weekday</i>	Sunday, November 26th <i>Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>
10:00 am Thanksgiving Day Mass		5:00 pm Vigil Mass	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, we thank you
for the goodness of our people
and for the spirit of justice
that fills this nation.

We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the
land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest,
for one another, and for our homes.

We thank you, Lord:
accept our thanksgiving on this day.

We pray and give
thanks through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

—from [*Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers.*](#)



Assisted Listening System

For anyone wanting to improve their ability to more clearly hear during Mass: A parishioner has donated and installed a new low-power 200 foot range FM transmitter on 88 MHZ. The transmitter is only on during Mass and can be used for those who wish to receive a clear, personal reception during Mass. All that is needed is a small FM pocket radio with headphone jack and earphones. Contact Sabrina for more information.