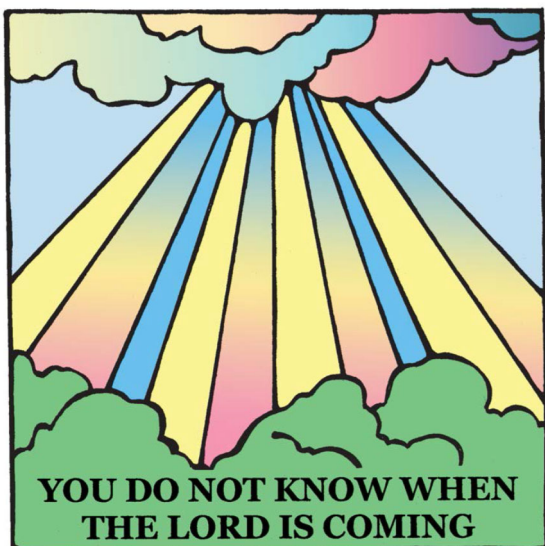


ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



1st Sunday of Advent December 2-3, 2017



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First Reading — We are the clay and you, O LORD, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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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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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

Our extensions have recently be updated!

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GIFT: Make Time for Advent in this Busy Season

The theme for our GIFT gatherings this month is “Make Time for Advent in this Busy Season.” So often we get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and forget about the nature of this season of reflection, contemplation and preparation for the arrival of our Savior as a little baby. This month’s GIFT gatherings will feature some reflective activities which can be continued at home throughout the month to help is observe this season. Gatherings will be held **Sunday, December 3rd from 11:30-1:30 pm** and repeated on **Wednesday, December 6th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm**. All are invited to attend.

Youth Ministry

On **Wednesday, December 13th from 6:00—8:00 pm** all 5-8th graders are invited to Fr. Lacey hall for dinner and activities related to Advent and Christmas.

On **Sunday, December 17th** all High School Youth are invited to Fr. Lacey Hall for dinner and an evening of “Christmas Carol Karaoke” from **5:00 – 7:00 pm**.

There are many service opportunities open for the youth of parish this month including; decorating for Advent, serving at Breakfast with Santa, helping to sort the Giving Tree gifts, acting in the Christmas Eve pageant, and decorating for Christmas. If interested in helping with any of these events, please email Sabrina to find out more.

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, Dec 2nd <i>Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Hedi Weber †	Fr. Nick Paloso
Sunday, Dec 3rd <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Nick Paloso
	10:30 am	Chastidy Ronan	Fr. Nick Paloso
Monday, Dec 4th <i>St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	5:30 pm	Intentions of the Blessed Mother	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Tuesday, Dec 5th <i>Advent Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Intentions of the Blessed Mother	Fr. Nick Paloso
Wednesday, Dec 6th <i>St. Nicholas, Bishop</i>	5:30 pm	Lawrence Tencer †	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Thursday, Dec 7th <i>Vigil of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7:00 pm*	Intentions of the Blessed Mother	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Saturday, Dec 9th <i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin</i>	5:00 pm	Ricardo Hizon †	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Sunday, Dec 10th <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 am	Hilda Aguilar †	Fr. Ted Magpayo
	10:30 am	People of St. Matthias	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*

Giving Tree for St. Francis Center—begins Friday, December 1, 2017

Each year, St. Francis Center in Redwood City ask local parishes to provide gifts for their client families. St. Matthias hosts the Giving Tree, decorated with gift tags. Take a tag and return an unwrapped gift for a child or teenager. St. Matthias youth sort and pack up the gifts for delivery to St. Francis Center. Contact Sabrina [Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto: Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org) for more information.

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 who will prepare dinner and enjoy a movie with the residents at this transitional housing complex. Many of the families served by this facility are first time homeless families. Space is limited to 12-14 volunteers. Families are welcome. More details to follow. Contact Pam Scannell to sign up psscannell@sbcglobal.net.

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.

GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).



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Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

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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

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>



State of the Parish: Our Call to Holiness

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis writes, “The Church which ‘goes forth’ is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, and who bear fruit and rejoice.”

According to our Pastoral Plan, *Shaping Our Future*, vibrant parish communities regularly socialize, enjoy each other's hospitality and celebrate accomplishments. Parishioners share joy together, have fun together and give thanks to God and each other.

Community building is one of seven themes in our Pastoral Plan. Recently, we enjoyed our annual Oktoberfest which included food, music, a car show, a petting zoo and lots of activities for the children. As we pause to celebrate Thanksgiving Day with family and friends, we reflect on all that we value. We thank God for all our gifts and for the opportunities to share our gifts with others, especially those in need.

We look forward to Advent, a time of preparation and further reflection, and Christmas when we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. In December, St. Matthias will offer a number of social and spiritual activities for our parish community:

Communal Penance Service, Breakfast with Santa, Crèche Display and Sing-along with Fr. Ted, Simbang Gabi Mass and Reception and Christmas Eve Pageant and Masses. Details about all of these events are found within.

It is easy to get caught up in the fast-moving pace of the holidays. More than most times of the year, we need reminders to recall how our ancestors waited for the Messiah; we need to hear the words of John the Baptist urging us all to “prepare the way of the Lord”; we need to admire the resolve and strength of Mary and Joseph as they journeyed to the town of Bethlehem; and we need to be a part of one or more St. Matthias events which enrich and deepen our faith community.

All our welcome to our Advent and Christmas activities and liturgies. In being a part of our social and spiritual St. Matthias Community, each of us can fully appreciate the words of the fourth Gospel, “this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:4-5)

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.

Christmas Eve Pageant

Our annual Christmas Eve Pageant will be on **Sunday, December 24th at 4:30 pm**, and Mass will follow. Our St. Matthias Preschool children are invited to be part of the assembly. Younger elementary and middle school aged children dress in costumes and process into the Church (they are not required to memorize lines). They help tell the Christmas story, the story of our Savior's birth, through their presence and with song. Two high school aged youth are the narrators of the story. Watch 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'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
Rec'd:	\$3,550
Needed:	\$8,985

Help us make up
the needed
amount!

Our Call to Prayer & Worship

Advent Communal Penance Service

The Catholic Churches of Redwood City—Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Matthias and St. Pius—invite you to an Advent Evening of Prayer and Reconciliation on Tuesday, December 5th from 7-8:30 pm at Mt. Carmel. Prepare your heart for Christ's coming! Individual confessions available.

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	

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24

- 8:00 am 4th Sunday of Advent Mass
- 10:30 am 4th Sunday of Advent Mass
- 4:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant and Mass
- 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

Monday, December 25

- 10:00 a.m. Christmas Mass

Parish Offices will be closed Tuesday, December 26th.

Monday, January 1

- 10:00 a.m. Mass for Solemnity of Mary

Parish Offices will be closed Tuesday, January 2nd.

AD PAGE

Parish & Preschool Events December 3-10, 2017

MR =Merry Room UR = Upper Room PS = Preschool

First Sunday of Advent			
Sunday, December 3rd <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	Monday, December 4th <i>St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	Tuesday, December 5th <i>Advent Weekday</i>	Wednesday, December 6th <i>Saint Nicholas, Bishop</i>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am GIFT Gathering (Hall)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm Advent Communal Penance Service (Mt. Carmel)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 6:00 pm GIFT Gathering (Hall)
		Second Sunday of Advent Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious Welcome Weekend	
Thursday, December 7th <i>St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	Friday, December 8th <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Saturday, December 9th <i>Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin</i>	Sunday, December 10th <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
7:00 pm Vigil for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception	8:30 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	10:00 am Breakfast with Santa (Hall) 5:00 pm Vigil Mass	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 9:15 am RCIA (Room 5) 10:30 am Sunday Mass Coffee with the Cops following 10:30 am Mass



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.

Second Collection:

On December 9-10 the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken. Your gift will help defray some of the costs needed to care for our elderly religious and relieve the genuine financial crisis in many religious congregations. Whatever you give will be greatly appreciated. Most importantly, please remember in your prayers the more than 500 women and men religious living and serving in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

Schedule Notes:

There will be no hospitality on Saturday, December 9th following the 5:00 pm Mass. Instead, this will be provided after the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, December 16th to coincide with the Crèche Display and Sing-along with Fr. Ted.

Welcome Weekend is December 9/10. Officers from the Redwood City Police Department will be here following the 10:30 am Mass to meet parishioners.