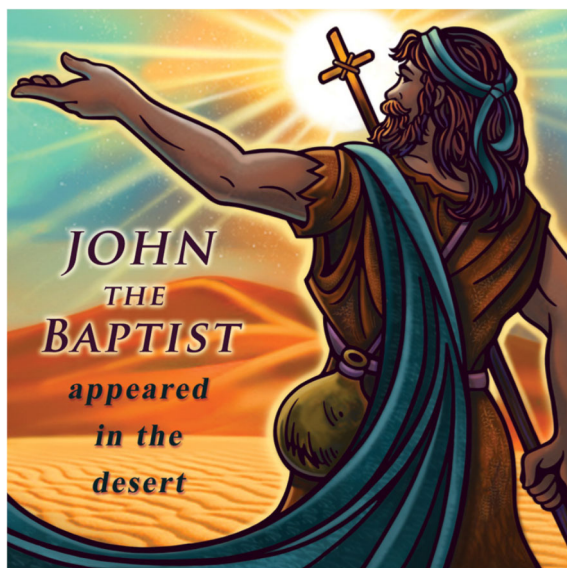


ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Second Sunday of Advent

December 9-10, 2017

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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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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www.stmatthiasparish.org

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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

Our extensions have recently be updated!

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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 Christmas Party. 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 the parish this month including; 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.

Annual Christmas Eve Pageant

Our annual Christmas Eve Pageant will be on Saturday, 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) and 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.

We have two rehearsals scheduled: **1) Sunday, Dec 17th at 11:30 am and 2) Tuesday, Dec 19th at 6:00 pm**. Children and at least one parent/guardian are required to attend at least one of the rehearsals, however, attendance at both is best. Please visit <http://signup.com/go/nihbPdu> to sign up. All the parts are listed and children can self-select the part they would like to play (please pay attention to the grade level listed as this corresponds to costume sizes). If you have any questions, please email Sabrina Harper at sabrina@stmatthiasparish.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 () would like information

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, Dec 9th <i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</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
Monday, Dec 11th <i>Advent Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Tuesday, Dec 12th <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	5:30 pm	Elena Godin <i>(special intention)</i>	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Wednesday, Dec 13th <i>St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Thursday, Dec 14th <i>St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Saturday, Dec 16th <i>Advent Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Sunday, Dec 17th <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 am		Fr. Ted Magpayo
	10:30 am	Blessed Mother's Intention	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. Some popular gift suggestions according to the children at St. Francis Center include: JoJoBows (for your hair), Jewelry, Books, Pokémon Cards, Spinners, Legos, Roller Skates, and Dolls. St. Matthias youth sort and pack up the gifts for delivery to St. Francis Center. Contact Sabrina 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. Volunteer to help 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. 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 Nov 30th) **\$115,224.00**

Monthly Need **\$25,000.00**

October Sunday Collections **\$20,528.00**

+ Electronic Donations **\$4,200.00**

Total Offertory for November \$24,728.00

Difference (Need-Received) <-\$272.00>

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.

Assisted Listening System

All that is needed is a small FM pocket radio with headphone jack and earphones. Turn in to 88 on the FM dial.

NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.



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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

Crèche Display & Sing-Along with Fr. Ted



As done in years 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**. Please contact Liz liz@stmatthiasparish.org to find out when someone will be present to receive your nativity sets. A new addition for this year, is our Christmas Sing-Along with Fr. Ted on **Saturday, December 16th, following the 5:00 pm Mass**. Special refreshments will be served. Please bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share.

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 are 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)



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

On December 9, 1531, Our Lady appeared to a simple Aztec Indian who had converted to the Catholic faith, Juan Diego. Three days later, at Juan Diego's request, Mary provided a sign so the local Bishop would believe that she actually had appeared. Roses grew out of the cold winter soil, and when Juan Diego opened his cloak to show the Bishop what he had found, an image of Our Lady appeared on the fabric. These occurrences led to the conversion of most of Mexico and remain today a strong sign of Our Lady's concern and love for us. Today, we celebrate Mary's visits to Juan Diego on the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe—December 12th.

Church-approved Marian apparitions always point to her son, Jesus. For many of us with a strong Marian devotion, Mary is a pathway into a stronger relationship with our Lord. Her generosity shown to Juan Diego is the same generosity shown to each of us that choose to ask her intercession. Families pray for one another and she is a very prominent member of our family. May the miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe be a sign of warmth for you in the cold of winter and of Advent hope for a Christ-child that has redeemed the world. <http://www.4lpi.com/2016/12/09/feast-lady-guadalupe/>

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:	\$42,805
Challenge Pledge:	\$5,000
Rec'd:	\$7,000
Needed:	\$4,615

Help us make up
the needed
amount!

Our Call to Prayer & Worship

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

*Please note the December 24th morning Masses will be celebrated for the 4th Sunday of Advent, while the evening Masses are the Vigil Masses for Christmas.

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Parish & Preschool Events December 10-17, 2017

DR = Rectory Dining Room MR = Merry Room UR = Upper Room PS = Preschool

Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious Welcome Weekend Second Sunday of Advent			
Sunday, December 10th <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	Monday, December 11th <i>Advent Weekday</i>	Tuesday, December 12th <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	Wednesday, December 13th <i>St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i>
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	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm Preschool Family Christmas Night (Church)	10:30 am Giving Tree Gifts Due 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 6:00 pm Middle School Youth Ministry (Hall)
		Third Sunday of Advent Crèche Display	
Thursday, December 14th <i>St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	Friday, December 15th <i>Advent Weekday</i>	Saturday, December 16th <i>Advent Weekday</i>	Sunday, December 17th <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>
1:00 pm Staff Meeting (DR) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm Stewardship Commission (DR)	8:30 am Rosary for Peace (MR) 7:00 pm Simbang Gabi Mass (St. Raymond, MP)	5:00 pm Vigil Mass 5:00 pm Simbang Gabi Mass (Mt. Carmel) 6:00 pm Sing-Along with Fr. Ted	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 9:15 am RCIA (Room 5) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 5:00 pm Simbang Gabi (St. Charles) 5:00 pm High School Youth Group

St. Vincent De Paul of Marin County Receives a CRS Rice Bowl Grant

Each year during Lent, parishes take part in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl program. And each year CRS leaves 25 percent of the collected funds in the archdiocese, in the form of a grant to support local projects that alleviate hunger and poverty. Over the years, this "Rice Bowl Grant" has helped the work of various ministries and organizations in the three counties of the archdiocese. We are pleased to announce that the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Marin County is the recipient of the 2017 CRS Rice Bowl grant of \$14,588.56. We invite you to visit the SVdP website <https://www.vinnies.org/> to read about the work it has been doing, including support of victims of the recent North Bay fires. Without the support of parishioners in this Archdiocese, the Society's fine work would not be possible. Thank you to all participants in the annual Rice Bowl program.

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.