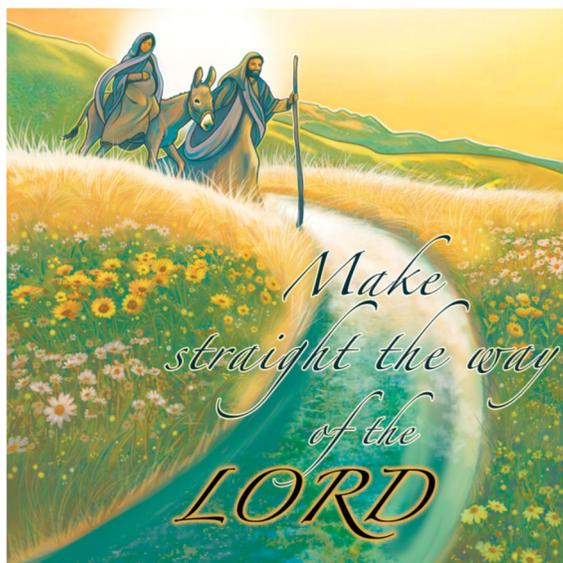


ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Third Sunday of Advent

December 16-17, 2017

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will GOD make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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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.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!

Administrator—Fr. Paul Rossi

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Youth Ministry

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 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
Monday, Dec 18th* <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	7:00 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Tuesday, Dec 19th <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Nick Paloso
Wednesday, Dec 20th <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Nick Paloso
Thursday, Dec 21st <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Mimi Piparo †	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Saturday, Dec 23rd <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Bill Pacumio †	Fr. Nick Paloso
Sunday, Dec 24th <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	8:00 am		Fr. Nick Paloso
	10:30 am		Fr. Nick Paloso
	4:30 pm	Paul & Emily Flores †	Fr. Nick Paloso
	9:00 pm		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
Louise Leeper
Rose & 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*

Recently, our Justice and Charity Commission had the privilege to learn about a local service being provided by VOCA. VOCA is a new platform connecting people with their local government via text message. Its mission is to strengthen democracy by simplifying and expanding civic participation. VOCA works in the following way: users receive one text message question a week about a local issue in their town or city. They reply with a numeric level of support (1 to 5 just like a Yelp or Amazon review), along with an optional comment. Answers are then collected and shared by VOCA with city council, any relevant city commission or staff, on social media, and of course with VOCA users. Lastly, VOCA is laser-focused on simplicity and accessibility: there's nothing

to download, no user-name and password to remember, and it is available in both English and Spanish. Also all VOCA answers are completely anonymous.

Right now VOCA is just in Redwood City, and we have over 300 people signed up. The response is generally very positive: elected officials are intrigued, city staff is enthusiastic, and user engagement is strong with many saying they've never felt so connected with what's going on in their city.

First Step for Families (LifeMoves) - Saturday, January 27, 2018 Volunteer to help prepare dinner and enjoy a movie with the residents at this transitional housing complex. 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**

November 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.

REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy.

Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

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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

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 Christmas 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.

In December, St. Matthias will offer a number of social and spiritual activities for our parish community:

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)

Medical Emergency Response Workshops

EVERYONE has a role in responding to Medical Emergencies! In an effort to save yourself, your loved-one and/or anyone in our community, St. Mathias invites

you to attend a 15 minute presentation on MEDICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE. This is a 4 Series class (attending each class is not necessary but highly recommended) and scheduled as part of the Saturday Welcome Weekends from 5:45 – 6:00 pm, January to April 2018. The presentations are FREE and are presented by Dr. Theresa M. Mostasisa, RN, BSN, MS, PHN, DSD, EdD – a Clinical Educator, Professor, Author and Speaker along with other interested Parishioners.

1/13 –MER - Medical Emergency Response #1 (1 of 4 Series) entitled, "Medical Emergency? The Who, What, Where, When, Why and How"

2/10 – MER- Medical Emergency Response #2 (2 of 4 Series) entitled, "Medical Emergency? Our Beating Heart...How It Works and What It Wants"

3/10 – MER - Medical Emergency Response #3 (3 of 4 Series) entitled, "Medical Emergency? "Big Sick vs. Little Sick"

4/14 –MER Medical Emergency MER –Response #4 (1 of 4 Series) entitled, "Medical Emergency? A collaborative effort and working together."

6th Annual Multi-faith Day of Service

Please join us for this unique opportunity to work side by side with those of other faiths and cultures to benefit our local community. The day begins with an inspiring welcome from faith leaders at our volunteer breakfast at 8:00 am. After breakfast, pre-assigned groups of volunteers work together on 20+ family friendly projects. Children ages 5+ welcome to participate in most projects. Register by January 7th at <https://pmcmlk2018.eventbrite.com>. Hosted by the Peninsula Multi-faith Coalition: Bringing together our diverse community to build bridges of understanding and respect.

Following the Star of Faith Retreat

A retreat with Father Brian Mullady January 12-14, 2018 at Vallombrosa Retreat Center, 250 Oak Grove Street, Menlo Park. This retreat will invite participants to invigorate their spiritual lives by meditating on what the feast of Epiphany offers to them by way of growth in grace and prayer. Main authors presented will include Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, and Thomas Aquinas. It will be a preached retreat. Opportunities for confession will be provided. Call (650) 325-5614 for more information or to register.

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: \$57,109

Challenge Pledge: \$5,000

Rec'd: \$7,615

Needed: \$2,311

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

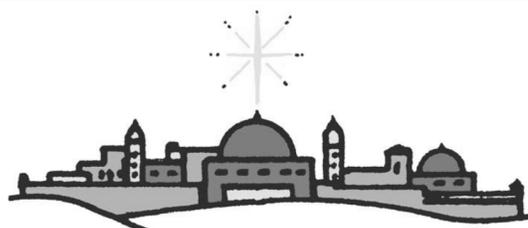
12/16—Mt. Carmel @ 5pm 12/22—St. Charles @ 7pm

12/17—St. Charles @ 5pm 12/23—St. Pius @ 5pm

12/18—St. Matthias @ 7pm

12/19—St. Charles @ 7pm

12/20—Nativity @ 7pm



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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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

Third Sunday of Advent Crèche Display			
Sunday, December 17th <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	Monday, December 18th <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	Tuesday, December 19th <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	Wednesday, December 20th <i>Late Advent Weekday</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 11:30 am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (Church) 5:00 pm Simbang Gabi (St. Charles) 5:00 pm HSYM (Hall)	No 5:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm Simbang Gabi (St. Matthias)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 6:00 pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (Church) 7:00 pm Simbang Gabi (St. Charles)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm Discovering Christ (UR) 7:00 pm Prayer and Worship Commission Meeting (DR) 7:00 pm Simbang Gabi (Nativity)
Fourth Sunday of Advent			
Thursday, December 21st <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	Friday, December 22nd <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	Saturday, December 23rd <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	Sunday, December 24th <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve</i>
5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm Simbang Gabi (St. Pius)	8:30 am Rosary for Peace (MR) 7:00 pm Simbang Gabi (St. Charles)	5:00 pm Vigil Mass 5:00 pm Simbang Gabi Mass (St. Pius)	8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Pageant & Mass 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

Additional Ways to Financially Support Your Parish!

Did you know you can donate to the church directly from brokerage accounts? A charitable contribution of long-term (owned over one year) appreciated securities is one of the most tax-efficient ways to donate to the Church. Long-term appreciated securities with unrealized gains may be donated to the Church and a tax deduction taken for the full fair market value of the securities. Since the securities are donated rather than sold, the capital gains taxes no longer apply. **You get a full deduction for the securities and don't pay taxes on the gain!** The more appreciation the securities have, the greater the tax savings will be. You can reach out to Sabrina Harper for an Archdiocesan form that can be used to make the request through your broker. Consult a tax professional for specific guidance.

If you are over 70 ½ you may be able to meet your minimum required distribution from your IRA. Making a donation to St. Matthias directly from an IRA may provide a way to effectively claim a tax deduction and meet your IRA minimum distribution requirements for those 70 ½ and older. These are referred to as Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD). Reach out to Sabrina Harper, sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org for the form that can be used to make the request through your broker. Consult a tax professional for specific guidance.

As we approach the end of the year, please call Lisa at (650) 366-9544 x 2010 to request a copy of your tax letter. Please provide an email address as we will be emailing letters.