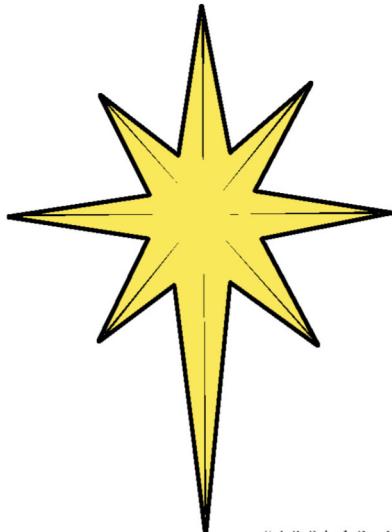


ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



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The Epiphany of the Lord January 6-7, 2018

First Reading — You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star (Matthew 2:1-12).

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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

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| Monday—Thursday | 5:30 pm |
| Saturday | 5:00 pm |
| Sunday | 8:00 am & 10:30 am |

Reconciliation

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| 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.

A Message from Fr. Paul

Staff Directory

Our extensions have recently been updated!

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Merry Christmas Season and Happy New Year to all:

We thank all our ministries of liturgy and liturgical celebration for our Christmas celebrations and I wish all our families and parishioners the best of God's peace and health and well being in this coming New Year. May we do our part in caring for our world, environment, relationships between people so that, in the gospel of Jesus Christ, we may make every effort to unite people in reconciling love and peace, to bring people into union with each other, which ultimately heaven is, as we look to the experience and meaning of the Communion (Holy Union) of Saints.

Welcome back to Fr. Tom Martin, as he returns from his administrator's role at St. Veronica's Parish. As I mentioned last week, Fr. Tom will be temporary administrator here and St. Matthias, as he will assist me and our staffs in our duties of service to both our communities. Fr. Tom's role of service will help me to continue recuperating and healing. I am grateful to him for agreeing to these extra responsibilities he is willing to live in the coming months.

When I began here as Pastor on July 1, 2011, I knew that my work here would probably be my last official assignment in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. While I have enjoyed being your Pastor over these nearly 7 years and together we have accomplished much over this time, given my recent health challenges and what I have learned from them, I have recently sent my letter to the Archbishop requesting retirement. After 44 very active years serving as priest in a variety of forms of ministry within the Archdiocese of San Francisco and reaching the age of 70 next July, I will be retiring from the active ministry as of July 1, 2018. I am looking at my retirement not as retiring from priesthood; rather, as being open to seeing how God will direct me into a new way of being and living who I am and the vocation which the Spirit continues to guide and direct within me. I am looking forward to moving on to the next level and stage of my life, which is my vocation. I do not have my future all planned nor do I desire or seek it; instead, I am simply planning to be very open to the Spirit guiding and directing me in the coming years.

As happened before I was assigned here as Pastor in 2011, the Archdiocesan Personnel Board will conduct listening sessions with me, the other clergy, parish staff, and lay parish leaders to provide the Archbishop and Personnel Board a parish profile as they search for the best priest to become your next Pastor here and Administrator of St. Matthias. Please, keep all of these plans and movements in your prayers, asking the Spirit to guide us all and the process we will be undertaking. The listening session will occur in the near future, most likely this month of January; though, date and time have not yet been determined or finalized. We will surely let you know.

God bless you and your loved ones with good health, happiness and peace in this New Year! In the meanwhile, keep each other in prayer and in charity.

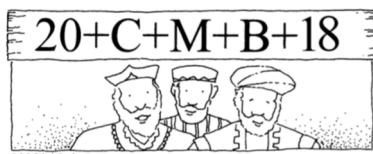
Be well,
Fr. Paul Rossi

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

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| Saturday, Jan 6th <i>Christmas Weekday</i> | 5:00 pm | Bob Peruzzo † | Fr. Tom Martin |
| Sunday, Jan 7th <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> | 8:00 am 10:30 am | People of St. Matthias | Fr. Ted Magpayo Fr. Ted Magpayo |
| Monday, Jan 8th <i>Weekday</i> | 5:30 pm | | Fr. Ted Magpayo |
| Tuesday, Jan 9th <i>Weekday</i> | 5:30 pm | | Fr. Tom Martin |
| Wednesday, Jan 10th <i>Weekday</i> | 5:30 pm | | Fr. Ted Magpayo |
| Thursday, Jan 11th <i>Weekday</i> | 5:30 pm | | Fr. Ted Magpayo |
| Saturday, Jan 13th <i>Weekday</i> | 5:00 pm | | Fr. Ted Magpayo |
| Sunday, Jan 14th <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 8:00 am 10:30 am | | Fr. Ted Magpayo Fr. Ted Magpayo |

Mass Clergy Assignments are subject to change.



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Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd to run
Before the sages, to the rising Sun,
Here cease thy course, and wonder that the
cloud Of this poor stable can thy Maker shroud.
—Sir John Beaumont

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

National Migration Week—January 7-14th

For nearly half a century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National



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Migration Week, which gives us an opportunity to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, refugees, and displaced persons of all kinds, and to remember that each of our families has a migration story, some recent and some in the distant past. We are all part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity. The

theme for the 2018 National Migration Week is "Many Journeys, One Family." For complete information, and access to a USCCB toolkit with many resources for parish, school, family and personal use, visit sfarchdiocese.org/immigration.

Archdiocesan Director of Human Life and Dignity. On Thursday, December 14th, Archbishop Cordileone appointed Valerie Schmalz to this office which includes Restorative Justice, Respect Life, Parish Organization and Leadership and Project Rachel. Valerie has been the assistant editor of Catholic San Francisco since 2010, and has an extensive background in journalism and as an activities in Catholic social justice issues.

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

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| 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 | <u>\$4,200.00</u> |
| 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.

2018 Offertory Envelopes & 2018 Calendars

If you've been using **Offertory Envelopes** and choose to continue using those for your donations, the 2018 Offertory Envelopes will be available for pick up this weekend at the back of Church. If you've not previously used envelopes, but would like to begin, you may pick up a pack at the tables.

Electronic Giving—If you so choose, you may make your monthly or quarterly donations to the parish community electronically! There are two ways to do this: 1) Sign up at the table at the back of Church this weekend. Select either a credit card or automatic transfer from your savings or checking account, or, 2) visit www.stmatthiasparish.org, then go to the Support Us tab and select Online Donation. A secure form will allow you to set up and manage your donations to the parish community.

Pick up your **2018 calendar** compliments of Crippen & Flynn at the back table. We are ever grateful for Al Stanley and Crippen & Flynn for sponsoring our parish calendars again this year. Please pick one or two up for your home or office. Thank you!

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.



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 Community Building

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"

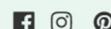
4/14 -MER Medical Emergency MER -Response #4 (1 of 4 Series) entitled, "Medical Emergency? A collaborative effort and working together."

St. Matthias Parish News

A new effort is being made to communicate with all parishioners using an "email blast" system. An initial welcome message was sent out within the last couple of weeks, followed by a message about our Christmas Eve Pageant. We gathered email addresses from our parish data base and established this system. We intend to use this for things that don't make the weekly parish bulletin, or events or efforts which need to be highlighted.

Some examples of things to be sent in this way are: event announcements, volunteer opportunities, obituaries, baptisms, awards and recognitions. Each message will include a link to our website where parishioners can access our weekly bulletin. If you did not receive these initial messages and would like to subscribe, please visit our website www.stmatthiasparish.org and enter your email address in the "Let's Connect" box. It's located right on the home page near the bulletins. It's also located on the parish pages. If you'd like to unsubscribe, you may do that also, by using the link included within the St. Matthias Parish News" email.

Let's connect



Enter your Email to sign up for Parish News:

Email Address

Sign up

GIFT: "Church is Who We Are, Not

Where We Go" is the title of this month's GIFT gatherings. We will be exploring what makes us Church; how do we experience and share our relationship with Jesus. Our gatherings will be held on Sunday, January 7th from 11:30 am—1:30 pm and repeated on Wednesday, January 10 from 6:00 pm—8:00 pm. Both days include a meal. All are invited to join as we explore this topic through dialogue and discussion.



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 Stewardship

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Challenge Pledge!

As of December 27th, we have received \$60,959—which exceeds our parish obligation to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal which is \$59,420 for this year.

We thank all those who responded; those who pledged early on, and those who responded to the Challenge Pledge. We are grateful to parishioners who faithfully support our parish community.

If you were planning on making a donation to this, all monies received now will stay in the parish for our local needs.

2017 Goal: \$59,420

Received to Date: \$60,959

Over: \$1,539

Thank you for helping us reach our goal and fulfill our obligation!

Our Call to Prayer & Worship

To the Parents of our Youngest Members:

We have noticed that our Church is alive with the voices and movement of new life! This is such a welcome sign and we want to ensure that families feel welcome celebrating liturgy with us. To the parents of young children, may we suggest...

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it's easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, altar servers, choir, etc. Help them to be actively engaged in our liturgy.

Sing the songs, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

Then, for those children who can, or are starting to read, we provide a weekly resource called "MagnifiKid!" This is a guide for Mass published in a way that's easy for children to understand. Pick up a copy on the book cart in the back of Church on your way to your pew. (Adults enjoy this resource too!)

Finally, Kindergarten- 4th graders are invited to

participate in our FISH (Friends in Service to Him) program during the 10:30 am Mass. Children are dismissed after the Opening Prayer to hear the readings at their own level of understanding.

First Reconciliation - Saturday, January 13th

Next Saturday, January 13th at 3:00 pm, ten members of our parish community will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation with their families at a service that Fr. Ted Magpayo will preside. The young people and their families have been preparing for this sacrament since the fall through a retreat and home study. They have been learning about God's endless love and mercy and how to ask for forgiveness. These young people; Bobby Vlazney, Alessandra Atalik, Kenzie Cochran, Julia Lewandowski, Jasmine Uriarte, Elton Uriarte, Daniel Silva Orencio, David Silva Orencio, Jocelyn Sanchez and Sara Nikravesh will also be preparing to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist in the spring. Elton Uriarte is currently participating in our joint St. Pius and St. Matthias Confirmation program as well. Please pray for these young people and their families. That they may know God's healing grace through the sacrament and love that they receive from their family's .

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Parish & Preschool Events

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

| Sunday, January 7th <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> | Monday, January 8th <i>Weekday</i> | Tuesday, January 9th <i>Weekday</i> | Wednesday, January 10th <i>Weekday</i> |
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| 8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word 9:15 am RCIA (Rm 5) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am GIFT Gathering (Hall) | 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) | 5:30 pm Daily Mass 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (Hall) | 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 6:00 pm GIFT Gathering (Hall) |
| Welcome Weekend | | | |
| Thursday, January 11th <i>Weekday</i> | Friday, January 12th <i>Weekday</i> | Saturday, January 13th <i>Weekday</i> | Sunday, January 14th <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (DR) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm Finance Council (DR) | 8:30 am Rosary for Peace (MR) | 3:00 pm First Reconciliation 5:00 pm Vigil Mass 6:15 pm Medical Response Workshop | 8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word 9:15 am RCIA (Rm 5) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 3:30 pm Confirmation Meeting & Youth Mass 5:00 pm (Pius) |



Ryan & Madelyn Brouchoud, John McAfee and Tom Brouchoud treated the parish community with their vocal talents. Photo Credit: Sabrina Harper

Thank you to all who participated in our annual St. Matthias' Christmas Eve Pageant.

We are especially grateful to all who helped put this together.

The musicians, singers, narrators, actors, the Madden family and Diane Sweet, Lynda Brouchoud and Amy Salazar for helping keep it all organized!



Dario Salazar (Joseph), Taylor Rienhart (Mary) and Emily Madden (baby Jesus) stole the show.



Pageant Narrators and Members of our Youth Core Team: Phoebe Rak, Sebastian Salazar and Landon Pierce