

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



The Ascension of the Lord

May 12-13, 2018

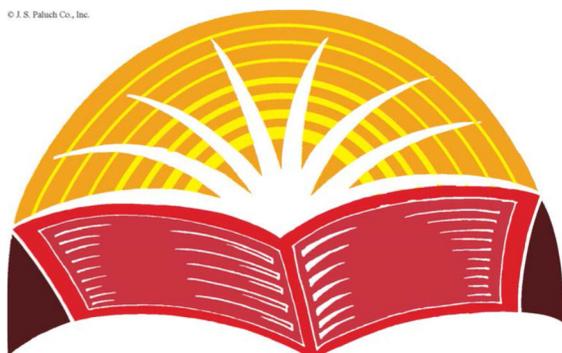
First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or *Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*.

Gospel — The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven. (Mark 16:15-20).

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They went forth and preached everywhere

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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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.

Staff Directory

Our extensions have recently be updated!

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This is the day the *Lord* has made,
Let us *Rejoice* and be glad.
-Psalm 118:24

Rejoice and Be Glad, Chapter 2

Pope Francis' most recent Apostolic Exhortation is entitled, "*Rejoice and Be Glad.*" He discusses what it means to be holy. We are all called to holiness. The Pope stresses the importance of both prayer and action in discernment toward holiness that goes beyond merely following rules.

In the first chapter, Pope Francis discusses how saints serve as witnesses of our faith. In the second chapter, the Pope writes about the subtle enemies of holiness. From the early days of the Church, heresies emerged in efforts to take away the focus on Jesus as our Savior and Teacher.

One major heresy proclaimed the idea that knowledge is the path to salvation. It is the intellect that leads one to God. Of course, this ideology dismisses the importance of the Spirit working in and through each of us. Church writers have pointed out that while knowledge of doctrine and beliefs are important, they only serve to guide us to lives of compassion, mercy and sharing God's love with one another.

Pope Francis tells us that humility is a key attribute of service to others in God's name. He writes, "A lack of heartfelt and prayerful acknowledgement of our limitations prevents grace from working more effectively within us, for no room is left for bringing about the potential good that is part of a sincere and genuine journey of growth."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that the gift of grace "surpasses the power of human intellect and will." The saints put trust in God. The Church is entrusted to our Popes and Bishops who are guided by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit also works through each one of us. Look for God's grace at work in you and in those you encounter each day. Rejoice and Be Glad!

Deacon Rich & Sabrina

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, May 12th <i>Easter Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Paul Rossi
Sunday, May 13th <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	8:00 am	Paul & Dolores Falzon †	Fr. Paul Rossi
	10:30 am	Elizabeth Ward †	Fr. Paul Rossi
Monday, May 14th <i>St. Matthias, Apostle</i>	5:30 pm	Theresa Tavernier †	Fr. Paul Rossi
Tuesday, May 15th <i>Easter Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Tito and Baby Boy Ora †	Fr. Tom Martin
Wednesday, May 16th <i>Easter Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	The Bon Family – Alfredo, Amalia, Anita & Josephina †	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Thursday, May 17th <i>Easter Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Recto & Lilia Ora †	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Saturday, May 19th <i>Easter Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Sandra Ireland †	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Sunday, May 20th <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Coleman
	10:30 am	Jim Laveroni †	Fr. Coleman

Clergy assignments for Masses are subject to change.

Family Support Group Members of this group provide support to the parish community in many ways including funeral planning, emotional support and prayers. Call the parish office to find out more.

Prayer Tree Network Please contact our Prayer Phone Tree if you have someone who needs prayers for healing, grieving, loss, discernment, strength, comfort or support. Call Marilyn Donnelly at 365-5192 or Carol McAdams at 369-4365.

Pastoral Care of the Sick Do you know a parishioner ill at home, homebound, or in a care facility who would like to receive Communion or anointing? Call the parish office, and we will arrange to have a priest or deacon visit. For a priest at Kaiser or Sequoia hospital, contact Fr. Martin Muruli through the nurse's station at either hospital.

Pray for the sick in our community...

Terry Azofeifa
Patrick Boland
Carlos Chavez
Bill Colwell
Nancy Galli
Nancy Guass
Lance & Kevin Magee
Rose & Richard Marino
Robert Munn
Maria Luisa Russo
Yvonne Salinger
Sharon Spry
Mary Stewart
Jeannine Tavernier
Kirk Vorsatz
Jennifer Yuhas

...that they may be comforted by the love of Jesus.

To add or remove a name from this list, email info@stmatthiasparish.org. Please let us know when your friend or loved one's health has improved.

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 _____

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 April 30th) **\$239,370.50**

Monthly Need **\$25,000.00**

April Sunday Collections **\$17,716.50**

+ Electronic Donations **\$4,140.00**

Total Offertory for April \$21,856.50

Difference (Need-Received) \$3,143.50

2018 AAA Campaign Assessment \$67,319

We have received \$23,353 or 35% of our assessment as of 4/25/2018.

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.



Catholic Charities Sunday

Next weekend is Catholic Charities Sunday. This annual second collection asks parishioners to live their faith by generously supporting the good work of Catholic Charities, the social services arm of the Catholic Church in our local area.

Your contributions directly support programs and services that provide relief for homeless families, frail seniors, immigrants, the working poor, children and youth, and many of our most vulnerable neighbors who are struggling to meet even their most basic needs. Pit your faith into action and change a life for the better today by contributing to Catholic Charities. Together, we are Catholic Charities!

For more information on the work of Catholic Charities and how you can help strengthen families and reduce poverty locally please contact Jane Ferguson Flout at 415.971.1227 or jfergusonflout@CatholicCharitiesSF.org



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

Justice & Charity Survey

Thank you for completing the survey last week during Mass or at home, online. We are working on tabulating the results which will be reviewed at our next meeting scheduled for May 17th. We will report back to you the survey results following that meeting.

In 2015, our parish adopted a new Pastoral Plan, entitled *Shaping Our Future*. The plan was designed to provide a long-range focus for our community as we continue on our journey of faith that compels us to seek new and better ways to bear witness to the Gospel message of love, compassion, and mercy. The plan focuses on several areas of witness including our call to justice and charity and calls for identifying special charitable and social justice areas that can be supported by the parish as a whole.

We conducted a similar survey in April 2016, two years ago. During these last two years, our priority has been homelessness, hunger, affordable housing, and poverty. Those issues will certainly remain part of our work; however, we also acknowledge that our nation, our city and our parish community have undergone major changes in this time. For that reason, we feel that a new survey is timely and will help guide our efforts in the year to come.

The survey was emailed to parishioners using our email blast system on April 30th. The following parishioners and staff members serve on our Justice & Charity Commission: Evie Dwyer, Bob Thompson, Nancy Galli, Mariano Dagang, Liz Vugrinecz, Sabrina Harper, Deacon Rich Foley and Deacon David Rolandelli.

St. Vincent de Paul Backpack Drive

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference, in collaboration with the Justice and Charity Commission, is collecting 60 new and colorful empty school backpacks for underserved 3rd—5th grade boys and girls enrolled in summer camp at St. Francis Parish in East Palo Alto. (Please no solid red or blue backpacks should be provided).

The backpacks will be filled with school supplies by our Conference and given to campers upon completion of their summer program and ready for their school year in the fall. Please help us to meet our goal.

Backpacks will be collected before and after Masses in Fr. Lacey Hall on May 19-20th. Thank you for your generous support of our drive!

League of Women Voters: Pros & Cons Presentation

Partnering with the League of Woman Voters, a non-partisan political organization that encourages full and active participation in government is one of the ways that the Justice and Charity Commission seek to provide opportunities for parishioner engagement. A presenter from the League will be here on Thursday, May 24th at 7:00 pm in Fr. Lacey Hall to make a presentation about the pros and cons of state ballot initiatives. More information will follow.

The Impact of Affordable Care Act with Mark G. Duggan, PhD

The effect of the ACA has varied substantially across the country. What impact has it had in California? Join us to learn more about a subject that concerns us all. There will be time of Q&A afterwards. Tuesday, May 15th from 7-9 pm at Woodside Road United Methodist Church, 2000 Woodside Road.

Our Call to Catechesis

Confirmation 2018

This year, St. Pius and St. Matthias Confirmation program has been combined. There are 72 young people between the two parishes who are preparing for this Sacrament of Initiation which will take place on Friday, May 18th at 7:00 pm at St. Pius Church and will be conferred by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone. Here are the names of all those to be Confirmed. Please join us in praying for them, their families and sponsors: *Francesco "Chicco" Adamo, Fernando Araujo, Ethan Aronson, Sergio Baez, Megan Barstad, Ryan Becker, Daniel Borg, Dominic Borg, Ryan Brouchoud, Emiliano Calvario-Diaz, Jimmy Carlson, Alejandra Cortez, Gianleonardo "Gianleo" d'Errico, Eden Davison, Aimee Diaz, Bryan Diaz, Rafael Diaz Ramirez, Jake diTargiani, Sierra Doran, Naileah Esqueda Carreno, Sofia Fernandez Giorgi, Shane Fletcher, Marylin Flores, Adamaris Flores Velazquez, Charlie Gillet, Paola Godoy, Nicolas Gonzalez, Emily Greene, Tim Halley, Carlos Hernandez, Froylan Maldonado Jaimes, Jensen Koberlein, Earl "Will" Koberlein III, Ava Krampert, Camille Lagunera, Isabel Lawrence, Gianna Lippi, Sophia Magaña, Nathan Manzo, Leonardo "Leo" Martinez, Rosa Martinez, Ryan McAfee, Clare McKay, Saúl Mauricio Mora Hernandez, Ellie Muscat, Anthony Olguin, Oscar Ortiz, Benjamin Padilla Valencia, Paige Patton, Jack Pedrotti, Michael Pissani, Frida Sofia Puga, Phoebe Rak, Daniela Ramirez, Diego Reyna-Wood, Matthew Romero, Osvaldo F. Sanchez Rubio, Julian Sanchez Rubio, Melendy Sanchez Rubio, Emily Scannell, Benjamin Schembri, Tyler Scramaglia, Sarah Strus, Galen Topper, Nolan Topper, Elton Uriarte, Sisi Utalia, Lauren Williams, Sheona Yakupitiyage, Timothy Yee, and Briselda Yopez.*

Youth on a Mission: NorCal Catholic Discipleship Training from June 28th-July 1st—
St Mary's College in Moraga

The Northern California Youth Ministry Diocesan Directors (representing the Dioceses of Santa Rosa, Reno, Sacramento, Stockton, Fresno, Monterey, San Jose, Oakland & the Archdiocese of San Francisco) have collaborated to create a new summer training program for teen leaders called Youth on a Mission: NorCal Catholic Discipleship Training.

This training will empower teens as disciples and servant leaders, give them the practical skills to enliven youth ministry and engage teens in the life of the whole parish. The goal of the four days is to send teens on a mission of discipleship that will not only lead the teens to a closer relationship with Christ but also develop skills to lead vibrant ministry in your parish. To find out more information, visit www.norcalcatholicityouth.com. The cost for 4 days is \$249 which includes food, lodging and program materials. *Scholarships are available upon request.

Bible Study with Deacon Rich

Continues each Monday night in Fr. Lacey Hall from 7-8:30 pm. All are welcome to join us!

Author Talk and Book Signing

Join Sr. Nancy Usselman, FSP as she shares about how she sees we can all be mystics of the culture today. She will lead us in a media prayer experience that integrates popular cultural art with our relationship with God and be available to sign her new book *A Sacred Look: Becoming Cultural Mystics*. Tuesday, May 22 from 4:30-6:00 pm and again at 7:00-8:30 pm at Pauline Books and Media, 935 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City.

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Parish & Preschool Events

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

2nd Collection: Catholic Charities Sunday Welcome Weekend Mother's Day			
Sunday, May 13th <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	Monday, May 14th <i>Feast of St. Matthias</i>	Tuesday, May 15th <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Wednesday, May 16th <i>Easter Weekday</i>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 5:00 pm High School Youth Group Dinner & Meeting (UR)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm Bible Study (Hall)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm AFF/Happy Disciples (MR) 7:00 pm Confirmation Rehearsal (St. Pius)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm Prayer and Worship Commission (DR)
St. Vincent de Paul Backpack Collection			
Thursday, May 17th <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Friday, May 18th <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Saturday, May 19th <i>Easter Weekday</i>	Sunday, May 20th <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>
1:00 pm JCC Meeting (DR) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm Pastoral Council (DR)	9:00 am Rosary for Peace (MR) 7:00 pm Confirmation Mass (St. Pius)	11:00 am Baptismal Prep (MR) 5:00 pm Vigil Mass	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass
Welcome Weekend			

This weekend, May 12-13th is "Welcome Weekend." Name tags will be available for all upon entering the Church. Any new or returning parishioners will be invited to stand for a special blessing and welcome by the community. Then, following Masses, all are invited to join together in Fr. Lacey Hall for hospitality. Please come and enjoy coffee and donuts with the community.

Update about Sr. Felicia

Sr. Felicia called the parish office on Monday 5/7 to thank parishioner for their messages, cards and prayers during her time of recovery and transition. She asked that your prayer continue! She is recovering well, but still has some progress to make.



First Communion Thank You

Thank you to the Schembri, Walker, Niu/Chen and Caruso-Turiello families for hosting the First Communion reception following the 10:30 am Mass last weekend! The seven families whose children received their First Holy Communion were thrilled with the reception and felt a warm welcome from the parish community.