

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14-15, 2018



First Reading — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (**First Reading** — Amos said, “The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people” (Amos 7:12-15).

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

Second Reading — The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3-14 [3-10]).

Gospel — Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two (Mark 6:7-13).

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.

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Fr. Tom's Column

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today's readings are an upbeat revelation of how God has called each of us to the service of the Kingdom in the proclamation of the Good News. This call to be heralds of God's salvation is foreshadowed in the first reading from the Book of Amos. Amos responds to Amaziah's admonition to leave the flock and prophesy by saying, "I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores." We can easily sympathize with the very human response of Amos when we consider our own Baptismal call to be prophetic voices in our own day and generation. How does God call us out of the ordinary circumstances of our daily routine to assume such an important spiritual mission? The Scriptures are full of examples wherein God invited "ordinary" women and men to leave "following the flock" and become shepherds themselves. The Lord invites us and we, like our forebears in Salvation History, respond.

We are able to respond to God's call not through any merits of our own but through the recognition that God is the giver of every good gift. Saint Paul expresses this so beautifully and joyfully in his letter to the Ephesians. God created us out of love and for love and through the gift of his Son Jesus Christ we have received every spiritual blessing. Saint Paul came to know the abiding love and faithfulness of God through his own profound conversion of heart. Saint Paul thus speaks with great credibility about how God's unfathomable grace draws us ever closer to himself. We know from our own experience the "riches of his grace that he has lavished upon us." This grace is the "fuel" which impels our discipleship, our desire to do all things for the praise and glory of God.

Mark's Gospel of the call to mission of the disciples of Jesus provides us with the tools to live out our discipleship, our apostolic mission. Jesus empowered his disciples to go out, two by two, to proclaim liberty to captives, to heal the sick and broken-hearted, to bring those on the margins and periphery into closer union with the Father through the Son. One of the essential aspects of this mission is the need for detachment and spiritual indifference, that is, to go freely from place to place, unencumbered by material possessions and attachments to things or people. It is truly grace that frees us to embrace this pilgrimage first emulated by Jesus Christ himself. It is the utter reliance upon and trust in God that frees us to anoint others with the "oil of gladness."

Father Joseph A. Tetlow, S.J., in his book Making Choices in Christ: The Foundations of Ignatian Spirituality, offers the following insight that can be instructive for our prayer and reflection in light of today's readings. "Every desire rising out of God's infinite love leads to love—love of God, of neighbor, and of self. A desire that is holy enacts love, making me more loving and inviting others to be the same. Furthermore, we can expect such a desire to enact and enhance the gifts given us by the Holy Spirit in baptism: love, joy, peace, patience, goodness and kindness, truthfulness, and gentleness."

Enjoy these summer months!! Father Tom

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, July 14th <i>St. Kateri Kekakwitha</i>	5:00 pm	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Sunday, July 15th <i>15th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	8:00 am		Fr. Ted Magpayo
	10:30 am	Theresa Rolandelli †	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Monday, July 16th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Tuesday, July 17th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Tom Martin
Wednesday, July 18th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Thursday, July 19th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Saturday, July 21st <i>St. Kateri Kekakwitha</i>	5:00 pm	George & Genevieve Ritzenthaler (Special Int.)	Fr. Tom Martin
Sunday, July 22nd <i>16th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Tom Martin
	10:30 am	Barbara Yanacek †	Fr. Tom Martin

Clergy assignments for Masses are subject to change.

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...

Eric Alvarez
Terry Azofeifa
Patrick Boland
Bill Bulanti
Bobby Zavaz
Carlos Chavez
Bart Coulter
Bill Colwell
Nancy Guass
Louise Leeper
Rose & Richard Marino
Severin Morger
Robert Munn
Yvonne Salinger
Sharon Spry

...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 June 30th) **\$282,586.50**

Monthly Need **\$25,000.00**

June Sunday Collections \$18,448

+ Electronic Donations \$4050.00

Total Offertory for June \$22,498.00

Difference (Need-Received) \$2502.00

2018 AAA Campaign Assessment \$67,319

We have received \$29,019 or 35% of our assessment as of 6/30/2018.

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.

Help St. Matthias' Financial Security—Consider Stock or IRA Contributions

Did you know you can donate to the church directly from brokerage account?

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 Archdiocese 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 for the form that can be used to make the request through your broker. Consult a tax professional for specific guidance.

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

Our Ecuadorian Pilgrimage came to an end on July 4th. The participants were prompted to reflect upon and consider the following questions: What experience was the most meaningful for you? Which encounter was the most life-changing or impactful? How did this trip challenge or surprise you?

Following is the first paper received from **Brendan E. Smith**. Brendan will be a junior at Woodside High School in the fall. His older brother, Derek completed his Eagle Scout project at St. Matthias by building the library in the Upper Room. Brendan just completed his Eagle Scout project by designing and building a water fountain in the Preschool playground. His parents, Adrian and Kathy Smith are parishioners at St. Matthias.

Now that our trip is coming to an end, we have been asked to write a paper reflecting on what part of the trip impacted us the most. For me the answer to this question was apparent. Our group's time in Guayaquil at Casa Damien hit me the hardest. Just sitting there and playing dominoes or Parcheesi with the patients made me realize how special these people really were. All of them were challenged by God when they contracted this horrible disease. I believe God choose them because he knows the strength of their faith and their hearts. The men and women showed me what it means to be resilient and joyful. All they ever wanted to do was play with us and get to know us better. Every single one of them. They all hold a special place in my heart that will never fade.

Every time I look through my camera roll or even just think of my time at the foundation (Casa Damien) I am reminded of the pure joy that these people had in their hearts and their accepting attitude towards complete strangers. From the first day



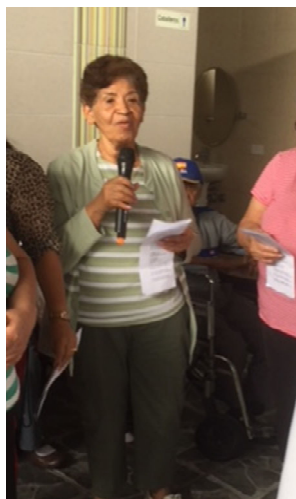
Brendan E. Smith washing windows.

that we arrived I felt like I was apart of the family there and that I was always welcome. There are two people in particular who really touched me. The first was Leon, he is one of the happiest little men I have ever met in spite of having both legs amputated. Even when God challenged him with this seemingly insurmountable fate he still had a boyish charm that I will never forget.



Leon the hammock maker.

Another person who really struck me was Ester, she was the most genuinely nice person I have ever met. From the first time I met her I knew that she was special. During our introduction she was the most eager to answer our questions (much like myself) and pushed the other women to do the same. When she and all the ladies decided to cook dinner for our entire group I realized how much they appreciated our help and our company. We were the only group that have ever done that for, it was a truly special experience. This paper is not in any way, shape, or form intended to say that our time in Quito wasn't amazing because it was. But the utter love that the people at Casa Damien showed our group was what really changed my life.



Ester thanking God and saying goodbye to our group.

Our Call to Catechesis

Did you know...

Each week we provide a special Mass aide just for our younger Mass-goers? MagnifiKid is a fun and colorful booklet published weekly to give young readers their own way to follow along with the prayers and readings of the Mass. It includes cartoons, prayers and activities to do at home, definition of unfamiliar words and suggestions for families.

While the use of a missal may not be something familiar to many children today, following along with MagnifiKid can truly add to their understanding of the parts of the Mass and the Scriptures. Look for MagnifiKid on the rolling rack at the back of the church. Copies from previous weeks may also be found in the children's book cart near the parking lot-side doors.

A Day on "The Eucharist" with Fr. Ron Rohlheiser, OMI

The Archdiocesan Office of Consecrated Life invites you to come and be enriched by the wisdom and depth of spirituality of Fr. Ron Rohlheiser, OMI, teacher, college president, award-winning author, and syndicated columnist, whose work appears regularly in our newspaper, Catholic San Francisco. There are two sessions, in two different venues:

Saturday, August 11th

St. Agnes Church, San Francisco, 9:00 –11:30 am:
The Eucharist: Our One Great Act of Fidelity

St. Pius Church, Redwood City, 1:30 –4:30 pm: A
Spirituality of the Eucharist

Each session will address different aspects of the Eucharist; all are welcome to attend one or both. Registration is not required. A free-will offering will be accepted at each site.

Share Jesus: Faith Formation Day

The Parish Catechetical Leaders and Master Catechists of Deanery 11 are pleased to present a one-day seminar for parents and catechists of all ages. These sessions offer credit for certification and recertification for Basic and Master Catechetical certificates, but are also designed for parents who serve a primary role as catechists for their children. Parents teach their children about the love of God on a daily basis by how they care for them and how they model the faith. This seminar will be held on Saturday, August 25th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at St. Denis Church, 2250 Avy Avenue, Menlo Park. For more information, please contact Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org.

Summer Retreats at Vallombrosa

Vallombrosa Retreat Center is offering the following retreats in the month of July. For more information and registration, please visit the Calendar of Events at vallombrosa.org/calendar

Engaging the Heart: A Marriage Preparation
Workshop, July 21

Presenters: Vallombrosa Staff

The Spirituality of Paul, July 27-29

Presenter: Fr. Gregory Tatum

St. Vincent de Paul Twilight Fashion Show

Tuesday, August 14, 5:30-7:30pm

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County invites you to "We Rock," a Happy Hour and Fashion Show in Trinity Church's beautiful courtyard, celebrating the courage and beauty of the women of SVdP's Catherine Center blossoming into new life. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased at <https://commitchange.com/ca/san-mateo/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-of-san-mateo-county/events/werock2018>

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Parish & Preschool Events

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

Sunday, July 15th <i>15th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	Monday, July 16th <i>Weekday</i>	Tuesday, July 17th <i>Weekday</i>	Wednesday, July 18th <i>Weekday</i>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)
Thursday, July 19th <i>Weekday</i>	Friday, July 20th <i>Weekday</i>	Saturday, July 21st <i>Weekday</i>	Sunday, July 22nd <i>16th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>
1:00 pm Staff Meeting (DR) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 7:00 pm Finance Council (DR)	9:00 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	11:00 am Baptismal Preparation 5:00 pm Vigil Mass	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass

Second Collection for the St. Matthias Building Fund

This weekend there will be a collection for the St. Matthias Building Fund. The funds received through these collections are used to maintain and improve the Church, Rectory and Preschool buildings and grounds. The most recent project which these funds supported was the parking lot resurfacing last July.

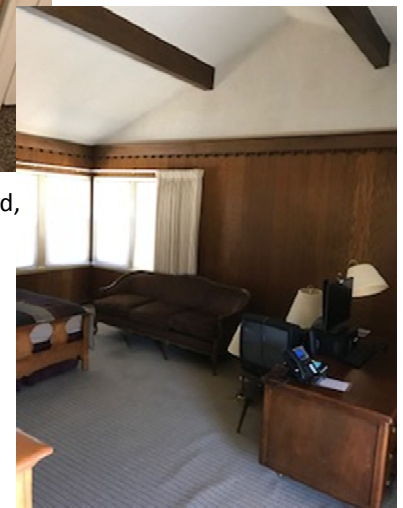
Currently, we are working with a couple of parishioners and a professional painter to update some of the rooms of the Rectory to remove 60 year old wallpaper, paint the interior, and improve the lighting in the dining room, conference room, living room and priest office space so that the rooms will be more inviting for meetings and events.



Water stained ceiling in the dining room



A example of the 60 year old, damaged wallpaper.



Fr. Tom & Fr. Ted's office space which is dark and has insufficient lighting

Any monies contributed this weekend will help support this project. Thank you in advance for your generous support.