

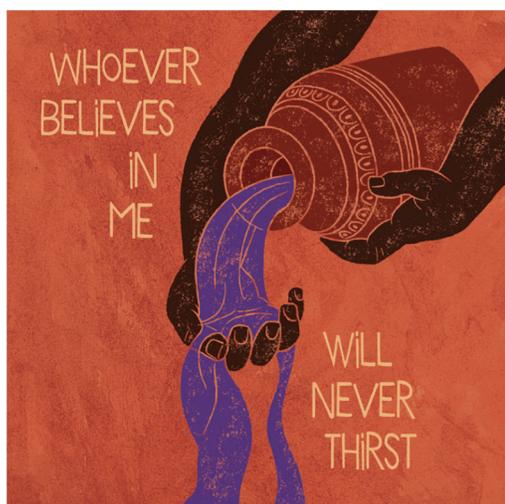
ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 4-5, 2018



First Reading — I will rain down bread from heaven for you (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

Psalm — The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).

Second Reading — Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

Gospel — Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst (John 6:24-35).

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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

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

“Lord, give us this bread always.”

These words of the companions and disciples of Jesus proclaimed in today's Gospel from Saint John (Jn 6:24-35), speak to the highest aspirations of the human condition. This Gospel account is referred to as the “Bread of Life Discourse” because in it Jesus reveals himself to his disciples. The Gospel accounts these past Sundays provide these central images: the multitudes or crowds, their needs and hunger and Jesus and his disciples and their response to the crowds. One can sense the movement of the crowds drawing closer and closer to Jesus. Why is this? To be sure, they are keenly aware of his healing and curing of the sick. Yet, their hunger suggests they are looking for something else, above and beyond this reality. Jesus himself knows this deep longing and so now reveals his identity to his companions.

The reading from the Book of Exodus portrays the very real and natural response and grumblings of the people of Israel. Because they continue to suffer in the desert, they rebel against Moses and Aaron. In their anger and frustration, they almost prefer to return to the predictability their Egyptian captivity afforded them. “At least we had enough food to eat” seems to be their lament. There is a very powerful human inclination sometimes to return to a situation that, although it enslaves and entraps us, is preferable to growing pains and uncertainty.

We know through our reflection of salvation history that this is not the course God has set for us. Indeed, there are times when we have to wander in hunger through the desert in order to be purified and transformed to appreciate the food God does give us to nourish us and help us to grow in holiness. Saint Paul expresses this idea based on his own experiences. Since we have come to know Jesus, we “should put away the old self of your former way of life...and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.”

As Jesus reveals himself to the disciples, they wanted empirical data...concrete examples in order to see and believe. “What signs can you do, that we may see and believe in you?” Jesus tells them to believe in him and to recognize that the bread eaten by the Israelites did not come from Moses but from God. Jesus himself is bread sent from heaven, the bread which gives light to the world. We are united with the disciples in our daily plea: “Sir, give us this bread always.” Our relationship with the Lord irrevocably changes us, and our need to be nourished by His Body brings us back again and again to the table of the Lord to be fed and satisfied. Praise be to God for this gift of life.

On Sunday, October 28, I will be installed as the fifth Pastor of Saint Pius X parish. Archbishop Cordileone will install me at a Mass to be celebrated at 10:30am. I realize that there is a scheduling conflict on that same date with Oktoberfest. I communicated to the Saint Matthias staff that I did not want to change the date of Oktoberfest. However, a number of parishioners here want to attend my Mass of Installation. I am touched and gratified that so many of you want to celebrate that day with me, my family and friends and the parish community of Saint Pius. We are looking to celebrate Oktoberfest the day before on Saturday, October 27. I apologize for any inconvenience but I am trying to be sensitive and attentive to the needs of both parishes under my care. I trust everything will work out to the joy of all of us.

Father Tom

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, Aug 4th <i>St. John Vianney, Priest</i>	5:00 pm	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Tom Martin
Sunday, Aug 5th <i>18th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	8:00 am		Fr. Tom Martin
	10:30 am	Marcia McAuliffe (Sp. Int.)	Fr. Tom Martin
Monday, Aug 6th <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	5:30 pm	Special Intentions of the BVM	Fr. Ted Magpayo
Tuesday, Aug 7th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Special Intentions of the BVM	Fr. Tom Martin
Wednesday, Aug 8th <i>St. Dominic, Priest</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted Magpayo
Thursday, Aug 9th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Special Intentions of the BVM	Fr. Tom Martin
Saturday, Aug 11th <i>St. Clare, Virgin</i>	5:00 pm		Fr. Anthony Garibaldi
Sunday, Aug 12th <i>19th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Anthony Garibaldi
	10:30 am		Fr. Anthony Garibaldi

Clergy assignments for Masses are subject to change.

YOU ARE INVITED

Mass of Installation
Reverend Thomas Vital Martin

Sunday, October 28, 2018

10:30am

Saint Pius X Church
1100 Woodside Road
Redwood City

Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone
Archbishop of San Francisco

Reverend Monsignor Steven D. Otellini
Dean

Officiants of Installation

Reception to follow in Monsignor Fitzsimon Center

Pray for the sick in our community...

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

**...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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Oktoberfest will be on
Saturday, October 27th
from 11-3 pm. More de-
tails to follow!**

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 2018– June 2019 (income needed to balance budget) **\$320,000.00**

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

Monthly Need **\$26,666**

July Sunday Collections
+ Electronic Donations

Total Offertory for July

Difference (Need-Received)

2018 AAA Campaign Assessment \$67,319

We have received \$31,885 or 47% of our assessment as of 7/18/2018.

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.

**Our St. Matthias
Finance Council met
on July 19th to
review the budget
for 2018-2019.
Please note the
updated
figures to the left.**



CREATING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY

St. Matthias' fiscal year runs from July 1st through June 30th. Budgets are reviewed and finalized during the month of July. Our Finance Council has approved a budget for 2018-2019 which is not balanced due to rising expenses and weekend collections which have remained relatively flat as compared to our expenses.

Our parish community is generous. Whenever we make our needs known, parishioners respond and our needs are met. With this in mind, our Finance Council has created this series of "Collection Thoughts" which will be included in the bulletin each week leading up to and after our **Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, Sept 9th** in order to educate the parish community about our financial situation and to ask for your prayerful consideration. If you already give regularly - we thank you! If you give sometimes - please consider giving more regularly. If you do not contribute financially to the parish community - please consider giving what you can.

Collection Thought #1

St. Matthias' Church expenses increase every year by 3-5%. This is due to cost of living increases for staff salaries plus fee increases for utilities and maintenance. With our expenses projected to be roughly \$400,000 this fiscal year, this year's 5% increase means an additional \$20,000 of donations are needed.

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 next paper received from **Benjamin Schembri**. Benjamin will also be a sophomore at Sequoia High School in the fall. His family is well-known at St. Matthias, Noah sings in the choir, Benjamin, his brother Daniel, and sister, Sarah, are altar servers. His parents, Katherine and Jerry, help organize the Kids' Carnival at Oktoberfest along with many other things!

Benjamin's reflection paper will appear in two parts. Here is part two:

While driving to Duran, we traveled through cities with gated communities with a lot of water displays. Germania told us that in Duran, there's no running water and the only water they get is from the water trucks. We started driving and noticed that some of the houses in Duran were on stilts above swamp land. That seemed very unusual to me because I'm used to seeing a lot of houses on concrete. Abel, one of the Damien House volunteers, told us that they were waiting for enough money so they could fill in their land with rocks and dirt. Further into town we stopped at Abels house which was a small one room home. His family is currently working on building a larger home. That was the end of the day for us.

The following week we traveled to Quito and learned about how the Working Boys Center was created in the attic of the local church by Madre Miguel & Padre Juan. Their vision was to get the children off the streets and educate them for a better future. We also went to Otavalo, a large open air market, and we learned how to bargain for items like alpaca blankets and tapestries. On another day we went to a different market and saw many interesting things people were selling at the markets.

The experiences that I gained from this trip were phenomenal. This trip really changed my perspective on people with Hansen's disease. Personally I did not know what

to think about people with this disease because I had never met someone with this disease. But now that I met these people at casa Damien I know how these people act. They are kind, loving, forgiving and thoughtful. Another thing that I experienced was how families of six (2 adults & 4 kids) were living in a two room house one room was a kitchen and the other was for sleeping in. This changed the way I think about having running water, a nice bed to sleep on and how important it is to have a good attitude and be nice even when life seems hard.



Benjamin walking on the equator at the Museo de Inti Ñan outside of Quito.



Benjamin cleaning windows at Casa Damien in Guayaquil.



Our Call to Catechesis

Share Jesus: Faith Formation Day

Saturday, August 25th from 9:00—4:00 pm at St. Denis Church, Menlo Park

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. For more information, please contact Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org.

SALT: Sharing and Learning Together Preschool Program

Drop off child care and catechesis during the 10:30 am Mass starting on **Sunday, August 26th!** As we welcome everyone back from summer holidays, we are excited to provide families with young children the ability to drop off their preschool-aged children for religious instruction and free play while the rest of the family attends Mass. To participate, simply bring your toilet-trained child(ren) to Room 1 of the Preschool Building (the classroom nearest the playground) at 10:15 am on Sunday, August 26th, to sign in. Contact Sabrina Harper at sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org for more information. The frequency with which we will offer it will depend on volunteer response.

Altar Servers Needed

All children, after receiving their First Communion, are eligible to become Altar Servers. The Altar Server provides a very important ministry at each Mass. Servers assist the priest and deacon in the procession to the altar, holding the Roman Missal for prayers, helping to set the table and leading the recession at the conclusion of Mass.

Deacon Rich provides training for new servers. A guidebook will also be provided to parents so they can be supportive. New servers will also be paired with experienced servers during the first year of this ministry.

If you would like to schedule a time for training, please contact Deacon Rich. A new schedule begins in October. We need more altar servers to

help us ensure that we have Altar Servers at all of our weekend Masses. Adults who are interested in serving at Mass are also invited to serve and should contact Deacon Rich.

Becoming A Fully Initiated Catholic - RCIA

Do you know someone who has thought about becoming Catholic or, for whatever reason, has been baptized but has not been confirmed or received Holy Communion? What does it mean to become fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church? Do you or someone you know have questions about the sacraments and what it means to be a Catholic? Please consider RCIA.

The Catholic Church has a process for adults to discern whether God is inviting them to learn more about our faith and, perhaps, to become Catholic. This process is also a pathway to complete the Sacraments of Initiation for those already Baptized (Confirmation, Eucharist).

This process is called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). The RCIA process provides guided weekly sessions on the fundamental beliefs of our faith including an understanding of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist (Mass). In addition, the process emphasizes prayer, discernment and spiritual formation as each candidate responds to their call to become followers of Jesus through the Catholic Church.

RCIA sessions will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the rectory. The first RCIA gathering will be held on Sunday, September 16th. Parishioners, who would like to participate as an RCIA team member and support our candidates, are welcome.

Deacon Rich and Deacon David will lead and facilitate RCIA sessions. If you have any questions, know of someone who would like to discuss joining RCIA, are considering being a team member, or would just like to experience the RCIA process, please contact Deacon Rich before or after Mass or email him at rich@stmatthiasparish.org.

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Parish & Preschool Events

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

Sunday, August 5th <i>18th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	Monday, August 6th <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	Tuesday, August 7th <i>Weekday</i>	Wednesday, August 8th <i>St. Dominic, Priest</i>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)
Welcome Weekend 2nd Collection: Mission Co-Op			
Thursday, August 9th <i>Weekday</i>	Friday, August 10th <i>St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr</i>	Saturday, August 11th <i>St. Clare, Virgin</i>	Sunday, August 12th <i>19th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>
1:00 pm Staff Meeting (DR) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Stewardship Commission (DR)	9:00 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass

We Extend a Warm Welcome to...

Fr. Anthony Garibaldi, OFM

Next weekend, August 11-12, is our annual Mission Co-Op weekend. Each year, the Archdiocesan Mission Office coordinates this annual opportunity for parishes to learn about and support the work of Catholic missionaries from around the world. This year, Fr. Anthony Garibaldi, OFM will be with us. Fr. Anthony has been ordained for 42 years and has worked in parishes, in formation and leading retreats. He currently serves as Directory of Men in Temporary Profession and is a member of his orders' Leadership Board. He resides at Old Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside, CA. He will be making an appeal to the parish to support the work that that Franciscan Friars do in Mexico, amongst the Native Americans in the Southwest and in Russia. Please consider a generous donation to support the work of the Franciscan Friars.

Fr. Edgardo Rodriguez

Welcome our new Parochial Vicar, Fr. Edgardo Rodriguez, who is arriving from San Salvador on August 7.

Fr. Edgardo has been a priest with the Archdiocese of San Salvador since 2004, serving in various positions as parochial vicar, pastor, vocations team member and vice director of "Caritas," the social justice office of the archdiocese. He has also been a member of the presbyterial senate.

Thank you, Lord, for Fr. Edgardo! Let us all continue to pray for him and his safe arrival.

Our Painting Project is Complete!

Thank you once again for contributing to the Building Fund. Your generosity and stewardship have enabled us to bring the dated, 1960's rectory into the 21st century. We've had the dining room, conference room, living room and priests' office space painted and refreshed. New lighting is next!

We thank parishioners, John Granucci for helping to coordinate the painters and Amy Salazar for her design expertise.

