

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22-23, 2018



First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalm — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

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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 parish administrator 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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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.

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Father Tom's Column

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

On June 29, 2013, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Pope Francis issued his first encyclical, *Lumen Fidei*, "Light of Faith." He offers a powerful insight which highlights a central theme in today's readings. He wrote, "Persons always live in relationship. We come from others, we belong to others, and our lives are enlarged by our encounter with others. Even our own knowledge and self-awareness are relational; they are linked to others who have gone before us: in the first place, our parents, who gave us life and our name. Language itself, the words by which we make sense of our lives and the world around us, comes to us by others, preserved in the living memory of others." The language of the Scriptures helps to inform our faith, which ultimately is a belief in relationships. Our first relationship is with God, who created us, who first loved us, and so invites us to love Him and one another.

The Book of Wisdom foretells the Passion of Jesus Christ when it speaks of the "just one" being reviled by his foes. The "Just One" speaks with a prophetic voice, challenging those around him to reform their ways, to renew their lives and thus be in right relationship with God. "For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hands of his foes." Recall during the Passion of Jesus a bystander mocks him and says, "He saves others; let him save himself." In these simple words lie the very identity of Jesus and why he was so misunderstood. For the bystander does not understand the nature of Jesus: he did not come to save himself but to redeem humankind. Jesus submitted himself completely to the will of the Father out of a true sense and spirit of obedience and service.

The humility, obedience and service which were so foundational to the mission of Jesus are qualities we see to live in our own lives. We can naturally look at ourselves in total honesty and say we are not worthy to be like Jesus. In one superficial sense, that is true. However, if we respond with love to God, we are able to be more Christ-like, with the help of God's grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. As Pope Francis further writes in *Lumen Fidei*, "The love which is the Holy Spirit and which dwells in the Church unites every age and makes us contemporaries of Jesus, thus guiding us along our pilgrimage of faith." Saint James helps us to counter, in our contemporary age, the same pitfalls and obstacles which challenged the Christian community of his own day. He spoke of jealousy and selfish ambition.

As we are experiencing in such a painful way in the Church today, nothing good comes from these traits. Envy and selfishness necessarily destabilize and divide individual hearts and communities. Indeed, the fruits of wisdom come from humility, genuine care and love of others, not blind ambition or intolerance of others' views and perspectives. As Mark describes, Jesus was journeying with his disciples and teaching them. This is authentic apostolic accompaniment, renewed in each of us daily as we pray to strive to be open to the Spirit, humble in our own self-understanding and appreciation of others, generous in doing our part to build up the Kingdom of God.

Fr. Tom

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, September 22nd <i>Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Yvonne Salinger †	Fr. Edgardo
Sunday, September 23rd <i>25th Sun. in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Edgardo
	10:30 am	Yvonne Salinger †	Fr. Edgardo
Monday, September 24th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Sharyn Dwiggin (Sp. Intention)	Fr. Ted
Tuesday, September 25th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Philip Brox †	Fr. Edgardo
Weds., September 26th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Marcia McAuliffe (Sp. Intention)	Fr. Ted
Thursday, September 27th <i>St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>	5:30 pm	Special Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Fr. Ted
Saturday, September 29th <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</i>	5:00 pm	Bill & Phyllis Panelli † Al & Janice Sahagun †	Fr. Tom
Sunday, September 30th <i>26th Sun. in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am		Fr. Edgardo
	10:30 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Ted

Clergy assignments for Masses are subject to change.

We welcome Connor Ryan Sanchez who joins our community through the sacrament of Baptism!

On Saturday, September 29th, at 11:00 am, Connor Ryan, the new born son of Jessica and Frank Sanchez will be received into the communion of saints through his baptism by Deacon David Rolandelli. We welcome the Sanchez family as members of our parish community!

Prayer Tree Network

Our Prayer Tree Network is a very special group of people who regularly pray for the needs of the community. All may request prayer for a special need or intention for healing, grieving, discernment, strength, comfort or support by contacting our Prayer Tree Network. The members spend some time every day in prayer for the requests that are received. We are seeking more members to pray in this way. If you are interested in finding out more about this valuable ministry, please email liz@stmatthiasparish.org or

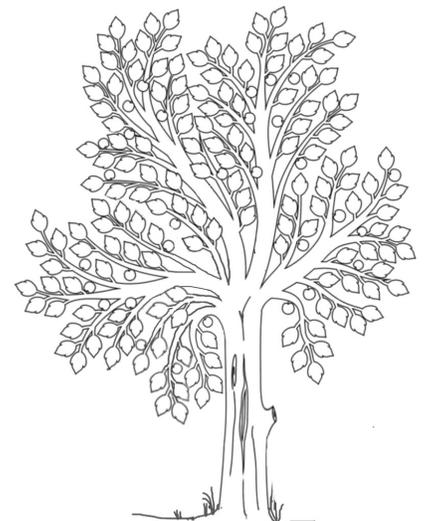
We pray for the sick in our community...

Eric Alvarez
Patrick Boland
Bill Bulanti
Carlos Chavez
Nancy Guass
Jean Kucic
Louise Leeper
Rose & Richard Marino
Marcia McAuliffe
Severin Morger
Robert Munn
Peggy Perez
Sharron Sala
Sharon Spry

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

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

call 366-9544 x 2012.



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 **\$41,859**

Monthly Need **\$26,666**

August Sunday Collections **\$17,881**

+ Electronic Donations **\$4930**

Total Offertory for August \$22,811

Difference (Monthly Need - Received) <\$3855>

2018 AAA Campaign Assessment \$67,319

We have received \$33,943 or 50% of our assessment as of 8/14/2018.



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 sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org with the dates you would like the announcement to be included.



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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.

Parish Registration

All families who regularly attend St. Matthias Church are asked to register in the parish. This helps us to know who our members are and to provide services that meet your needs. You may use the form below, or visit stmatthiasparish.org and register online.

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

() moving, remove from list () would like a visit

Kids' Carnival & Oktoberfest



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Kids' Carnival & Oktoberfest will be on Saturday, October 27th from 11-3 pm.

Our annual Kids' Carnival & Oktoberfest will be held this year on SATURDAY (not Sunday) October 27th from 11:00-3:00 pm.

This is our one major fundraiser for the year, and we would like to ask for your support. *We will be offering a cash prize for the raffle, and would also love to offer a stay at a time share home, a vacation home or tickets to sporting or theater events.*

Do you own a business? Could you offer services or gift cards - or, make a donation to sponsor the event?

If so, please contact Sabrina Harper sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org at the parish office for more information.

We're busy planning for our Kid's Carnival and Oktoberfest!

We've got the Elks' Club Band and The ConverGents for music, the 4-H Club for the petting zoo, the Car Club booked, and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department and Fire Department will be making appearances. The Kids' Carnival will be tons of fun and there will be baked goods to win!

Raffle tickets were sent to you last week, please watch for them and return in the mail, collection or drop off at the Rectory.

How can you help?

- Put up a lawn sign in your front yard or high traffic area in your neighborhood.
- Coordinate the potato salad contest!
- Sign up to volunteer for the day of the event or Friday set up, or both!
- Bake cookies, etc. for the bake booth. Make potato salad for the contest.

Signs up for volunteering during the event, set up, bake booth and potato salad, etc. will begin the weekend of **Sept 29-30**. Food tickets will be available for sale online that weekend as well. Watch for an email blast about the event.

Our Call to Catechesis

SALT: Sharing and Learning Together for Preschoolers and FISH: Friends in Service to Him for kindergarten—through 4th graders will be meeting Sunday during 10:30 am Mass.

2018 Ozanam Service Medallion



St. Matthias' St. Vincent de Paul Conference has received the wonderful news that our Marge Mitchell had been selected as one of three recipients district wide of the 2018 Ozanam Service Medallion. The formal presentation took place Saturday, September 22 at 8:30 am at the Hilton SF Air-

port Bayfront Hotel in Burlingame. Congratulations, Marge!!

Confirmation Preparation Orientation

Our Confirmation Program is for all high school youth who are seeking to confirm their faith through this sacrament of initiation. Families register for our faith formation programs and participate in specific events for Confirmation. Our Orientation for parents and youth will be on Sunday, September 23rd at 12:30 pm. Please register before so that we know to expect you!

Bible Study

Paul's Letter to the Romans

Since Paul's letters are a part of the New Testament and proclaimed at most Masses, no Christian has been unaffected by what he has written. Paul's letters provide further context and insights into the developments within the early Church as described in Acts of the Apostles. What can we learn from Paul's writings that will help each one of us to deepen our belief in a loving God and guide us to more fully live our Catholic Christian faith? Sessions will be on Monday's from 7-8:30 pm.

Santa Clara Faith Formation Conference

Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1, 2018 | Santa Clara Convention Center

Building Bridges of Hope is this year's theme for the Santa Clara Faith Formation Conference. This conference is not only for catechists, liturgists and lay ministers, but also for anyone interested in the church of today, in social justice issues, and just how to live our faith more deeply. Some examples of the sessions are:

Bishop Randolph Calvo *Women Deacons: Sources in Tradition and their Meaning Today*

Ken Preston *God Walks with Us: The Catholic Church's Response to the Refugee Crisis*

Joe Paprocki *Practicing a Living Faith—5 Principles that Shape a Robust Catholic Vision*

Copies of the brochure are on the back table of church. Come and discover sharing faith with 3,000 other people from the Dioceses of San Jose, Monterey, San Francisco, Fresno, Oakland and Stockton. There are sessions in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Chinese.

Together in Holiness

Marriage Enrichment Conference

Saturday, September 29, 2018 | 8:45AM to 3:30PM
Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Belmont
The St. John Paul II Foundation presents the 3rd annual Together in Holiness conference, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of San Francisco Office of Marriage & Family Life. On-site childcare is available (5-12yrs), pre-registration required. Cost: \$59/couple or \$35/individual. Scholarships are also available. For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org or email conference coordinator Susie Lopez at susie@forlifeandfamily.org.

Peninsula Multifaith Coalition Presents:

Women of Faith Panel

Saturday, September 29, 2018 | 7:00PM—8:30PM
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, San Mateo
Come listen to presentations by five women belonging to different faith traditions, share their faith with the group. panel will be moderated by Pastor Connie Winter—Eulberg. For questions, call Pastor Connie at (970) 222-8394)

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This Week @ St. Matthias

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

2nd Collection: Priests' Retirement Fund			
<u>Sunday, September 23rd</u> <i>25th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	<u>Monday, Sept 24th</u> <i>Weekday</i>	<u>Tuesday, Sept 25th</u> <i>Weekday</i>	<u>Wednesday, Sept 26th</u> <i>Weekday</i>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am FISH & SALT begin	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Bible Study (Hall)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Discovering Christ (Hall)
2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul			
<u>Thursday, Sept 27th</u> <i>St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>	<u>Friday, Sept 28th</u> <i>Weekday</i>	<u>Saturday, September 29th</u> <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</i>	<u>Sunday, September 30th</u> <i>26th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>
5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Pastoral Council (DR)	9:00 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	11:00 am Sanchez Baptism 4:00 pm Preschool Family Picnic @ Stafford Park 5:00 pm Vigil Mass	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am GIFT Gathering

OnFire @ Six Flags, Vallejo

Last Saturday, September 15th, youth from St. Matthias joined 4,000 other youth from parishes and schools all over northern California and Nevada at Six Flags Animal Kingdom in Vallejo for the annual OnFiRE NorCal Jam. The day featured Mass on the water at Chabot Stadium with Bishops Soto (Sacramento), Barber (Oakland) and Vasa (Santa Rosa), prayer, rallies and speakers. Samantha Yee from St. Pius was the featured "girls' talk!"

