

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13-14, 2018



First Reading — I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. (Wisdom 7:7-11).

Psalm — Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

Gospel — It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

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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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. Lo-
cated in the Upper Rm of Lacey Hall.

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Father Tom's Column

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I received a telephone call this week from my brother Kevin and we were sharing the goings-on in our lives. I cherish his brotherhood and friendship and we always get good laughs and share advice. Towards the end of our conversation, his voice became noticeably lowered and he spoke in measured tones. He asked for a difficult favor. "Of course, anything for you, Kevin", I replied. He mentioned that his son Patrick's best friend and his wife had lost a baby. We shared some thoughts and I assured Kevin I would offer a Mass for the repose of this little girl's soul. There is sadness and there are few words to express how we feel upon hearing such news. When our phone conversation ended, I inevitably turned to thoughts of the parishioners we have lost in the very recent past.

Over the course of the past few weeks, both Saint Pius and Saint Matthias parishes have lost parishioners at a young age. In making sense of the mystery of life and death, and particularly how it can instantaneously disrupt our seeming routine, today's readings are most helpful. In the first reading from the Book of Wisdom, we hear the author (name unknown) speaking in re-assuring tones, with an unmistakable appeal to "spiritual indifference" and detachment. Wisdom was written, according to scripture scholars, approximately fifty years before the birth of Jesus. It is addressed to a Jewish community which is experiencing injustice and persecution.

It is precisely within this context and setting that an appeal is made to conform ourselves, even in the midst of hardship and loss, to a strong and trusting relationship with God. There is a litany of contrasts and choices having to be made as to which "value" to accept. Prudence and wisdom are preferred over power and riches; gold and silver, gems and health are temporary and fleeting things while trust in divine providence renders all other things insignificant by comparison. Imagine the numerous times when in the silence of our personal prayer we have appealed to God for the wisdom and insight to make prudent and smart decisions; to ask for the grace and Spirit of discernment to make wholesome and affirmative choices. By its very nature, in the act of asking we recognize our own poverty and need for guidance. Aeschylus, the first of a long line of ancient Greek dramatists, wrote: "He who learns must suffer. And even in our sleep pain that cannot forget falls drop by drop upon the heart, and in our own despair, against our will, comes wisdom to us by the awful grace of God." Wisdom comes in surrender.

Imagine then the great wisdom that comes at the feet of the Master himself, Jesus Christ for those who seek wisdom and insight into divine grace. A young man encounters Jesus and asks, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" This man was sincere and wanted the ultimate treasure. Yet, he was attached to possessions which made him unable to be free and follow the Lord. Possessions can take many forms, too many to name here. Let this be our constant prayer: "Lord, help me to be honest to recognize those attachments which keep me from following you. Please give me the grace to let them go."

My friends, this is the definitive choice of walking away either joyful or sad!

Fr. Tom

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, October 13th <i>Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Vern Berta †	Fr. Coleman
Sunday, October 14th <i>28th Sun. in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Ted
	10:30 am	Sam Masci †	Fr. Ted
Monday, October 15th <i>St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i>	5:30 pm	Edward Giovannoni †	Fr. Tom
Tuesday, October 16th <i>Weekday</i>	NO MASS due to Clergy Study Days		
Weds., October 17th <i>St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>	NO MASS due to Clergy Study Days		
Thursday, October 18th <i>St. Luke, Evangelist</i>	NO MASS due to Clergy Study Days		
Saturday, October 20th <i>Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Edward Lee Hamilton †	Fr. Tom
Sunday, October 21st <i>29th Sun. in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am	Dolores & Paul Falzon †	Fr. Edgardo
	10:30 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Ted

Daily Masses will not be celebrated from Oct 16-18th because of Clergy Study Days. Clergy assignments for Masses are subject to change.

What is a Mass Intention?

A Mass Intention is a special way to honor a beloved friend or family members, whether in death, for healing, in celebration of a special day, or simply for prayers and guidance. If you would like to request a Mass Intention, please email lisa@stmatthiasparish.org, call 366-9544, or stop by the office to schedule it for any of our weekday/weekend Masses. Please note that the calendar fills up quickly for the weekends, but weekday Masses are generally available. We can one take

ONE intention per Mass, so if you have a specific date in mind, it is a good idea to plan ahead. A \$10 donation is suggested.

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 re-

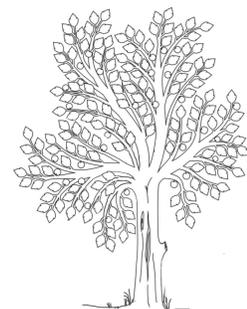
We pray for the sick in our community...

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
Michael Stewart

...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.

ceived. 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 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 **\$67,516.75**

Monthly Need **\$26,666**

September Sunday Collections **\$21,498.00**

+ Electronic Donations **\$4,160.00**

Total Offertory for September \$25,658.00

Difference (Monthly Need - Received) <\$1,008>

2018 AAA Campaign Assessment \$67,319

We have received \$44,477 or 66% of our assessment as of 9/26/2018.



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 Kids' 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 mailed to you, please watch for them and return in the mail, collection or drop off at the Rectory.

How can you help?

- 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.

Purchase FOOD & RAFFLE tickets after all Masses this weekend or online. Volunteer signups are also available online. Visit <http://www.stmatthiasparish.org/support-us/oktoberfest/> to access ticket sales and volunteer sign up!

Our Call to Catechesis

SALT for Preschoolers and FISH for kindergarten—through 4th graders will be meeting Sunday during 10:30 am Mass!

Middle School & High School Youth Ministry

Thursday, October 18 | Fr. Lacey Hall

Sunday, October 21 | Fr. Lacey Hall

St. Matthias hosts youth ministry activities for middle school (5th—8th graders) and high school youth each month. Our middle school group meets on a Thursday evening from 6-8 pm and high school group meets on Sunday from 5-7 pm. Both gatherings begin with a meal and feature activities which are relevant to young people. All youth are invited to attend. Contact Sabrina for more information or with questions.

Bishop Oscar Romero Canonization

Sunday, October 14th | The Vatican

Oscar Romero, who will become the first Salvadoran saint, was born on August 15, 1917. He was gunned down during Mass in a hospital chapel March 24, 1980, a day after telling an army made up largely of peasants that they were killing their own people.

“No soldier is obliged to obey an order that is contrary to the will of God,” he said.

He was shot through the heart by gunmen linked to a right-wing death squad while celebrating Mass, after saying, “one must not love oneself so much as to avoid getting involved in the risks of life that history demands of us, and those who fend off danger will lose their lives.”

Romero was outspoken against military oppression during his country’s bloody civil war in the 1980s, and also of the role the United States played in it.

His death is considered by the Catholic Church to have been in “*odium ideii*,” meaning in hatred of the faith.

Romero was beatified in San Salvador on May 23, 2015, in a ceremony that drew an estimated 250,000 people, believed to have been the largest religious gathering ever held in Central America.

Fr. Edgardo, who is from El Salvador, will be attending the canonization. He will be in Rome from Oct 10-19, 2018.

Masses of Remembrance

Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4, 2018 | St. Matthias Church

We will celebrate our annual Masses of Remembrance at all three of our weekend Masses on November 3 & 4th. Family members are invited to Mass where the names of all those who have died over the past year are read aloud. Loved ones light a candle in memory of their loved one. If you have someone who has passed away since November 2017 and would like their name included in this celebration, please contact Liz Vugrinecz at 366-9544 X 2012 or email liz@stmatthiasparish.org

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.

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This Week @ St. Matthias

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

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8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass SALT & FISH Meet -Baptism: Fairbairn 11:30 am Finance Council	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Bible Study (Hall)	No Daily Mass 7:00 pm Happy Disciples (Upper Room)	No Daily Mass 7:00 pm Discovering Christ (Hall) 7:00 pm Prayer and Worship Commission (DR)
World Mission Sunday Oktoberfest Ticket Sales Share the Warmth Coat & Blanket Drive			
<u>Thursday, Oct 18th</u> <i>St. Luke, Evangelist</i>	<u>Friday, Oct 19th</u> <i>Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions</i>	<u>Saturday, Oct 20th</u> <i>Weekday</i>	<u>Sunday, Oct 21st</u> <i>29th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>
1:00 pm Justice and Charity (DR) No Daily Mass 6:00 pm Middle School Youth Ministry (Fr. Lacey Hall)	9:00 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	10:00 am Confirmation Retreat (Vallombrosa) 11:00 am Baptismal Prep (MR) 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 SALT & FISH Meet 5:00 pm High School Youth Ministry



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*St. Vincent de Paul—
Share the Warmth Drive*

October 20-21 | Fr. Lacey Hall

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be conducting a **Share the Warmth Drive** at all Masses, the weekend of October 20th and 21st. We will be collecting clean blankets, clean adult coats and new socks for the rising number of adult clients at the SVDP Homeless Help Centers. These items will help protect the homeless from the cold during the upcoming winter months. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Share Your Sewing Talent with Catherine Center

Parishioners, Claire Felong and Angie Sullivan spent many Fridays from 3-5 pm at Catherine Center, a safe house in Menlo Park, sharing sewing skills with the women who live there. We are seeking another sewer or two to become part of our group as it is good for us to have a core of 4-5 so that 2-3 can always be there on a given Friday. All the women have been incarcerated at some point in their lives,. All are recovering from addiction, all are happy to have this second chance to bring their lives together with concerted caring from counselors and therapists, spiritual directors and guidance from the community in areas including finance, health and beauty, nutrition and food prep among others. If interested, contact Claire Felong — Claire@redwoodhouse.com or 722-0366.