

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10-11, 2018



First Reading — The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him

(Hebrews 9:24-28).

Gospel — This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors (Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]).

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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Fr. Tom's Column

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today's Gospel passage from Mark offers an excellent opportunity to reflect upon the nature of sacrifice, particularly in a spiritual context. We have the scenario of people of great wealth giving to the treasury. Yet, their giving comes from a surplus; thus, their giving "doesn't really cost them anything." However, the woman who gives the least, a few coins, gives much more because to give at all cost comes at great personal cost to her. It actually hurts to give, but it is that self-sacrificial giving that expresses the true nature of Christ-centered giving. To be sure, it is always pleasing to God to give. No doubt, the wealthy individuals in this account are not bad people and their giving is indeed honorable. The challenge, however, is to give not just what is convenient to give. As Jesus points out to his disciples, "For they had all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all that she had, her whole livelihood."

I recall some years ago, as a Jesuit seminarian, when I was confronted with such a scenario. The Jesuit seminarians living in Los Angeles were invited to have lunch at Good Shepherd Convent, where there was wonderful ministry for single mothers and their children. Many of these women lived in poverty and were recent immigrants from Mexico and Central America. The women put together a great feast for us. It was obvious the love and care they had put into the meal. One such mother came up to me and offered me some food. My response was, "Thank you very much, but I am not hungry." Standing next to me was Stephen, a fellow Jesuit novice. He pulled me away and began to rebuke me. He said, "That was so rude of you. She offered something of herself to you and you rejected it." This exchange took place many years ago and it remains with me today. I felt totally ashamed and embarrassed. Stephen was challenging me and rightly so. I had failed to acknowledge the sacrifice it took for this mother to prepare a gift of herself for us. I have meditated and prayed about that conversation many times. "She, from her poverty, has contributed all that she had, her whole livelihood."

The very nature of giving can be a struggle at times. Especially within our consumer culture and society which places so much emphasis on money and possessions, even giving takes on a competitive edge. This past Saturday I attended the Funeral Mass for a remarkable woman, Sister M. John Martin Fixa, O.P. Several years ago Sister John began the "Dominican Sisters Vision of Hope," an organization created to raise money to support the education of school children from impoverished backgrounds whose parents could not afford to send their children to Catholic school. I served on the Board for several years and Sister raised millions of dollars. Although there were many wealthy donors, I vividly remember Sister treating with equal respect and dignity those who gave five or ten dollars. She never belittled or minimized the poor who gave. She honored and respected their sacrifice made out of love.

Let us remember in a special way the women and men who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States. As we pause as a national community to commemorate Veterans Day, let us be grateful to those who have made sacrifices in the service of others. Serving as a member of the Armed Forces often requires great personal sacrifices and can be very difficult for families. Let us honor them by our prayers and gratitude. May we also remember those who have given the last, full measure of their lives, those in the military services who died in the line of duty.

Fr. Tom

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, November 10th <i>St. Leo the Great, Pope and</i>	5:00 pm	Laverne Barrett (Sp. Int)	Fr. Ted
Sunday, November 11th <i>32nd Sun. in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am	Don Vaillancourt †	Fr. Ted
	10:30 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Tom
Monday, November 12th <i>St. Josephat, Bishop & Martyr</i>	NO MASS—Parish Offices Closed for Veterans Day		
Tuesday, November 13th <i>St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin</i>	5:30 pm	Maggiorino & Virginia Poggio †	Fr. Edgardo
Weds., November 14th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Richard Dixon †	Fr. Ted
Thursday, November 15th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Alan von Hermann †	Fr. Ted
Saturday, November 17th <i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	5:00 pm	Laura Prout †	Fr. Tom
Sunday, November 18th <i>33rd Sun. in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am	Pasquale & Conchetta Conti †	Fr. Ted
		People of St. Matthias	Fr. Ted

Clergy assignments for Masses are subject to change.

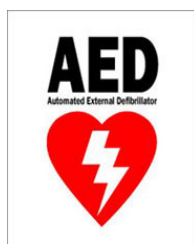
Pastoral Care of the Sick

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.

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 call 366-9544 x 2012.



Caring for Ourselves

We have an AED, "Automated External Defibrilla-

We pray for the sick in our community...

Chicco Adamo
Eric Alvarez
Patrick Boland
Bill Bulanti
Carlos Chavez
Candy Gray
Nancy Guass
Jean Kucic
Louise Leeper
Rose & Richard Marino
Marcia McAuliffe
Rosemary McHale
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.

tor", located in Fr. Lacey Hall. It is to be used for a cardiac emergency of heart attack and it is to be accompanied by an immediate call to 911. Please familiarize yourself with its location. Use of an AED has significantly improved the outcomes of people suffering from a heart attack.

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 **\$89,403.25**

Monthly Need **\$26,666**

October Sunday Collections **\$17,421.50**

+ Electronic Donations **\$4,465.00**

Total Offertory for October \$21,886.50

Difference (Monthly Need - Received) <\$4,780>

2018 AAA Campaign Assessment \$67,319

We have received \$45,593 or 68% of our assessment as of 10/31/2018.



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.

2nd Collection Nov 17-18

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

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

Community Events



Our Call to Catechesis

SALT for Preschoolers and FISH for kindergarten—through 4th graders will meet during 10:30 am Mass

St. Matthias' Family Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 18 at 5:00 pm | Fr. Lacey Hall

The somewhat annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 18 at 5:00 pm. If you are interested in joining the Planning Committee, please contact Maggie Wilde at wildemaggie235@gmail.com. Sign up sheets are in Fr. Lacey Hall. Our High School Youth Group will be coordinating a food drive at the Thanksgiving Potluck for St. Anthony's Dining Room. Please bring canned tomatoes, canned or dried beans and bags of rice to donate. Come celebrate the holiday with old and new friends in our St. Matthias family.

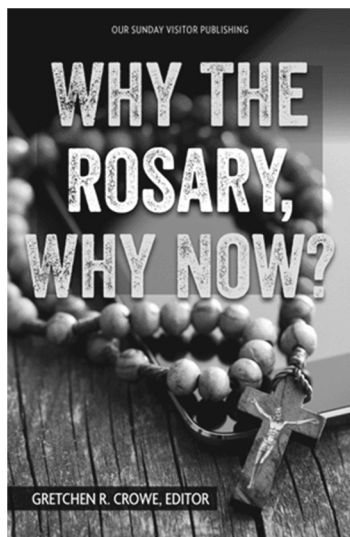
Why the Rosary, Why Now?

Began Wednesday, November 7th at 7:00 pm | St. Matthias Upper Room—Please feel welcome to begin attending at any time!

Join Sabrina for a series about the Rosary using the recently published book, "Why the Rosary, Why Now?" from Our Sunday Visitor Publishing. We'll be meeting on Nov 7, 14, 21, Dec 5, 12, 19 and Jan 9, 16 and 23 to read about, discuss and pray the Rosary together. Purchase the book from the Pauline Book Center at 3250 Middlefield Road, Redwood City.

Each chapter seeks to answer the question, "Why the Rosary? Why Now?" and features material composed by men and women who experienced the power and many benefits of the Rosary in their own lifetimes.

Contact Sabrina at sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org



with questions.

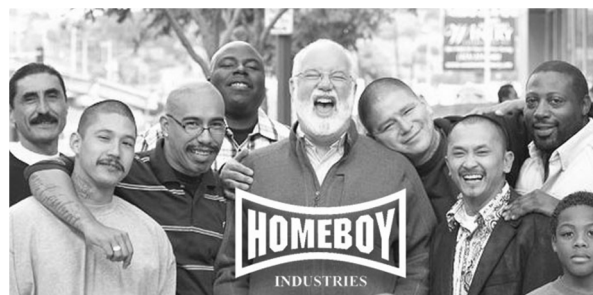
Rejoice! Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 1:30—4:30 pm | Fr. Lacey Hall PLEASE NOTE: The start time listed in last weeks bulletin was incorrect. The retreat will begin at 1:30 pm.

Our Advent Retreat this year will feature a special guest, Sam Kauffman. Sam will lead the retreat which is designed to help us to celebrate our preparation for Christmas, remembering the birth of Jesus with moving stories, inspirational songs and Scripture that focus on the themes of Advent: waiting, being ready, joy, light in the darkness and preparing a place in our hearts for Jesus to be reborn. Come start the Advent season with this wonderful journey and invite your friends to come along with you!

Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J. at St. Raymond Church

Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 4:30 pm | St. Raymond Church, 1100 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park



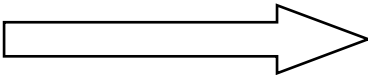
Come and hear Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J., speak on the transformative power of community and kinship happening through Homeboys Industries, one of the largest gang intervention programs in the country. Fr. Greg will speak on his new book *Barking to the Choir*, the Power of Radical Kinship and how Homeboy Industries serves the over 10,000 men and women who walk through its doors each year, seeking to change their lives.

Please join us for a lively presentation and discussion by the visionary leader, best-selling author, and founder/CEO of Homeboy Industries.

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This Week @ St. Matthias

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

Welcome Weekend Veteran's Day	Veteran's Day Observed		
Sunday, Nov 11th <i>32nd Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	Monday, Nov 12th <i>St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr</i>	Tuesday, Nov 13th <i>St. Francis Xavier Cabrini</i>	Wednesday, Nov 14th <i>Weekday</i>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass SALT & FISH Meet	Parish Offices Closed No Daily Mass	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (Hall)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Why the Rosary, Why Now? Group (UR) 7:00 pm Prayer & Worship Commission
2nd Collection: Campaign for Human Development			
Thursday, Nov 15th <i>Weekday</i>	Friday, Nov 16th <i>Weekday</i>	Saturday, Nov 17th <i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious</i>	Sunday, Nov 18th <i>33rd Sunday in Ord. Time</i>
1:00 pm JCC Meeting 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 6:00 pm Middle School Youth Ministry Meeting (Hall)	9:00 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	11:00 am Baptism 5:00 pm Vigil Mass/Baptism	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass SALT & FISH Meet 12:00 pm First Reconciliation Preparation Meeting for Families (UR) 5:00 pm Thanksgiving Potluck & Food Drive for St. Anthony's Dining Room
Sign Up to attend the Thanksgiving Potluck in Fr. Lacey Hall.			
Support St. Matthias Youth Food Drive—Bring canned tomatoes, canned or dried beans and bags of rice for St. Anthony's Dining Room!			

Music Ministry News

Last weekend, November 3-4, our talented musicians offered a musical memorial to the eleven people who lost their lives at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburg, PA.

For the next two weekends, the music will be of the older variety which the music ministry has dubbed "Pioneer Days." They will, for these two Sundays dress in the manner of those olden times (a la "Little House on the Prairie" for those who remember Laura Ingalls Wilder) and extend a welcome for you to join in the festivities of a simpler time with your bonnets, aprons and bandanas.

