

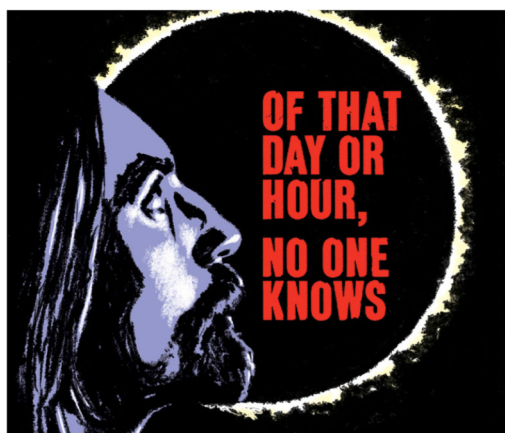
ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17-18, 2018



First Reading — Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).

Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Where there is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

Gospel — Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

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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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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:

In today's second reading from Hebrews and Mark's Gospel, we are invited to reflect upon both Jesus Christ as the true sacrifice for us and his revelation in the Gospel foreshadowing his second coming. In Hebrews it is written: "For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering of sin." We know that Jesus offering his very self for our salvation is the perfect sacrifice that does not need to be repeated time and again, as in the case of the Levitical priesthood. His perfect sacrifice is expiation for our sins once and for all.

Each Wednesday morning I have the blessing and opportunity to instruct the Saint Pius eighth graders in their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have wonderful and engaging conversations as we have made connections between the faith of the Church and their real-life application in today's modern world. Ironically, in light of today's readings, we are studying about redemption and reconciliation. I posed this question to the students: "Are we redeemable...and if so, why?" The following responses were offered: "We are redeemed because God loves us"; "We are redeemed by the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross." These are very impressive responses. Throughout salvation history, God has always sought to bring us back to Himself when we have wandered away from him. There are so many beautiful accounts of this sacred pursuit, whether the Israelites being rescued from Egyptian slavery or the Samaritan woman being redeemed at Jacob's Well. The act of being redeemed renews us and refreshes our relationship with Jesus.

Just as the eighth graders use modern-day images to express their understanding of the kingdom of God, Jesus himself used practical examples to help his followers understand what he was teaching them. In Mark's Gospel today, Jesus is revealing to his disciples his second coming. Jesus offers very powerful imagery of natural forces converging to create disharmony and disequilibrium. This imagery is juxtaposed by angels coming down and drawing humanity to the Father. He is inviting his disciples to vigilance and preparation, because we do not know the day nor the hour when the Lord will come. Vigilance and preparation are hallmarks of the Christian life. They help us in our prayer as we discern how the Lord is speaking to and working within us. Vigilance helps to keep us focused squarely upon Jesus Christ amidst all of the distractions and demands of daily life.

The Navarre Bible commentary offers an excellent reflection on vigilance. "Vigilance is, above all, love. A person who loves keeps the commandments and looks forward to Christ's return; for life is a period of hope and waiting. It is the way towards our encounter with Christ the Lord. The first Christians often tenderly repeated the aspiration: 'Come, Lord Jesus.' By expressing their faith and charity in this way, those Christians found the interior strength and optimism necessary for fulfilling their family and social duties, and interiorly detached themselves from earthly goods, with the self-mastery that came from hope of eternal life." Amen!!!

Fr. Tom

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

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
	10:30 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Ted
Monday, November 19th <i>Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Carlo Gnemmi †	Fr. Ted
Tuesday, November 20th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Josephine Piparo †	Fr. Edgardo
Weds., November 21st <i>The Presentation of the BVM</i>	5:30 pm	John & Loraine Olson †	Fr. Ted
Thursday, November 22nd <i>St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr/Thanksgiving</i>	10:00 am	Mimi Piparo †	Fr. Ted
Saturday, November 24th <i>St. Andrew Dung-Lac</i>	5:00 pm	Paul M. Wang †	Fr. Edgardo
Sunday, November 25th <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	8:00 am	Charles Keyser †	Fr. Edgardo
	10:30 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Coleman

Clergy assignments for Masses are subject to change.

Parish offices are closed on Friday, November 23rd.

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

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
Jeannine Tavernier
...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.

External Defibrillator", 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.

2nd Collection Nov 17-18

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the U.S., one in seven people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Challenge Pledge!

As of November 12th, we have received just 72% of the total needed to fulfill our parish obligation to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal which is \$67,319 for this year. We still need to collect \$17,535.

We've received a generous offer - \$5,000 as a challenge pledge to the parish community.

If you haven't already made your donation to the AAA, please consider doing so now. If you've already donated, and can give more, we would appreciate it. Your donations help us meet our obligation. Any amount received over what we owe will remain in the parish for our local needs.

Assessment: \$67,319
Received to Date: \$48,466
Challenge Pledge: \$5,000
Needed: \$13,853

**Help us make up
the needed
amount!**



**CREATING A
CULTURE OF
GENEROSITY**

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.

Prayer and Worship

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.

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 re-born. Come start the Advent season with this wonderful journey and invite your friends to come along with you!

Special Guest Performance:

Bethlehem AD Angels

Sunday, December 9 at 10:30 am Mass | Church

Let your spirit rejoice as we prepare for the coming of Christ's birth with a special performance. On Sunday, December 9th, during the 10:30 am Mass, the Bethlehem AD manger angels will present a short preview of their dance following communion! Bethlehem AD is held in downtown Redwood City from December 22-24th.

Celebrate the Year of Solidarity

Sunday, November 18 from 2:30—4:00 pm | Mercy Center, 2300 Adeline Drive, Burlingame



The Sisters of Mercy in collaboration with the Yaseen Muslim Foundation invite you to join us for a Celebration of the Year of Solidarity. Gather with people of many faith traditions, listen to local youth choirs; speak with an interfaith panel, and join in solidarity with various paths of spiritual expression. All are welcome at this free event. The Sisters of Mercy invite you to a year of special gathers of Outreach and Solidarity with our neighbors who are suffering hate crimes, discrimination, and fear of deportation.



St. Matthias Welcomes a New Member!

Saturday, November 17 at 5:00 pm Mass | Church

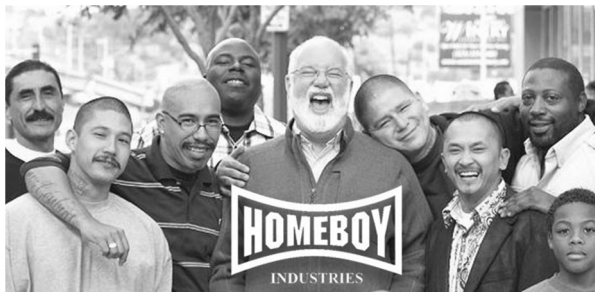
Alejandro and Claudia Pacheco are presenting their son, Mateo Edmund for baptism at the 5:00 pm Mass on November 17. We welcome Mateo to our church community.

Our Call to Catechesis

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

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.

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.

Mercy High School Burlingame Open House

Sunday, November 18 at 1:00 pm | Mercy High School—2750 Adeline Drive, Burlingame

All 6th, 7th and 8th Grade families are invited to the Mercy High School, Burlingame Open House on Sunday, November 18 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Mercy is an all-girls, Catholic college preparatory high school located at 2750 Adeline Drive in Burlingame. For more information contact the Admission Office at (650) 762-1114 or visit www.mercyhsb.com

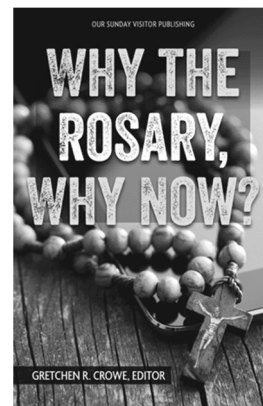
Why the Rosary, Why Now?

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm | St. Matthias Upper Room—Please feel welcome to begin attending at any time! See remaining meeting dates below

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, Dec 5, 12, 19 and Jan 9, 16, 23, and 30 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.

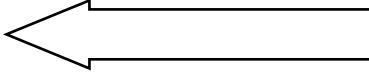
Contact Sabrina at sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org with questions.



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This Week @ St. Matthias

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

2nd Collection: Campaign			
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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	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Happy Disciples Meeting (UR)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Why the Rosary, Why Now? Group (UR)
	 <p>Sign Up to attend the Thanksgiving Potluck in Fr. Lacey Hall.</p> <p>Support St. Matthias Youth Food Drive—Bring canned tomatoes, canned or dried beans and bags of rice for St. Anthony's Dining Room!</p>		
Thanksgiving	Parish & Preschool Closed		
<u>Thursday, Nov 22nd</u> <i>St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr</i>	<u>Friday, Nov 23rd</u> <i>Weekday</i>	<u>Saturday, Nov 24th</u> <i>St. Andrew Dung-Luc, Priest, Companions, Martyrs</i>	<u>Sunday, Nov 25th</u> <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>
10:00 am Thanksgiving Day Mass (You are invited to bring the bread and wine that you will have with your families meal to be blessed)		5:00 pm Vigil Mass/Baptism	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass SALT & FISH Meet Coffee & Donuts after 10:30

Camp Fire in Paradise

Bishop Jaime Soto has released a statement and words of consolation following the Camp Fire. You can read his statement by visiting the Diocese of Sacramento's website at: www.scd.org

St. Thomas More Parish in paradise was in the direct line of the fire. Reports indicate that parishioners have evacuated the area, though many have lost their homes. The Diocese has confirmed that St. Thomas More Church and school buildings have survived the fire. However, the new rectory, old rectory and parish hall were destroyed.

If you would like to donate money to assist those in need, you may do so in the following ways:

Donate by mail: Send checks to Diocese of Sac-

ramento Fire Assistance Fund, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818

Donate by phone: Call The Catholic Foundation at (916) 733-0266

Donate online: Visit www.scd.org/donate and choose the Fire Assistance Fund.

Recycling in Fr. Lacey Hall

We have discontinued our recycling program for light bulbs, batteries and printer cartridges in Fr. Lacey Hall. Residents in Redwood City and San Carlos can recycle light bulbs and batteries through their weekly garbage/recycling pick up. Printer cartridges can be recycled at local office supply stores. We will continue to recycle paper, cans, bottles and plastic.