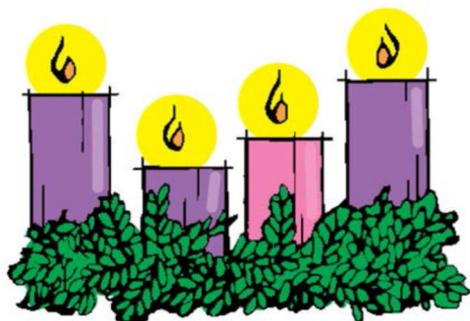


ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Fourth Sunday of Advent | December 22-23, 2018



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First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

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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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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,

Some years ago a Jesuit professor of mine suggested I read some of the theological works of Adrienne von Speyr. Von Speyr was born in Switzerland of Protestant parents who eventually converted to Catholicism under the guidance of the influential theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar. Speyr was a mother, medical doctor, mystic and writer who had great theological impact during the twentieth century. I purchased a few of her books from Ignatius Press. I begin to read one particular text and quickly realized it was very difficult to comprehend. The language was very complex and not easy for me to grasp. At the beginning of this Advent season, I decided to try reading her again.

As spiritual reading I chose to read Handmaid of the Lord. This is a very powerful reflection of the life of Mary and the various dimensions of her identity as Mother of God. In the chapter entitled "Expectation and Birth" von Speyr writes: "So too Mary's expectation, which summarizes in itself all the fearful, painful hope of the world, can intensify like a great vigil before the feast of the birth but can, in the birth itself, change to the perfect joy of Christmas which may not only *receive the Child as the perfected gift of the Father but may also cooperate, in perfect joy, to bring it forth. What Mary could await only with perseverance and patience in the veiling of her faith during pregnancy is now given to her in a joy that infinitely surpasses all expectation.*"

In a very real sense, each of us has been united with Mary in the Advent experience. We have waited with perseverance and patience for the joy that surpasses all expectation: the Incarnation. As human beings "we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ." He is here, dwelling among us, a tangible, living sign of God's compact with us. Through His Son, God binds us forever to Himself. Our lives are renewed in this season when the dawn of human history itself points to a new horizon of freedom, liberty, and of unconditional love. My prayer for each of you is that the reality of God's presence among you brings grace and joy, optimism and a renewed sense of purpose to your lives.

On behalf of my brother priests and seminarians, may this Holy Season of Christmas bring you every grace and blessing. May you know and experience "tidings of great joy!" Thank you for the privilege to serve you in ministry and please know that we hold you close to our hearts in thought and prayer.

In Christ,

Fr. Tom

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, December 22nd <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	People of St. Matthias †	Fr. Ted
Sunday, December 23rd <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 am	Dolores & Paul Falzon †	Fr. Ted
	10:30 am	Alison Catalli †	Fr. Ted
Monday, December 24th <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	4:30 pm*	Paul & Emily Flores †	Fr. Ted
	9:00 pm*	Bart Coulter †	Fr. Edgardo
Tuesday, December 25th <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	10:00 am*	Adam Mioduszewski †	Fr. Tom
Weds., December 26th <i>St. Stephen, the First Martyr</i>	NO MASS—Parish Offices Closed		
Thursday, December 27th <i>St. John, Apostle & Evangelist</i>	5:30 pm		Fr. Ted
Saturday, December 29th <i>Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</i>	5:00 pm	People of St. Matthias †	Fr. Edgardo
Sunday, December 30th <i>The Holy Family</i>	8:00 am	Louise Leeper †	Fr. Edgardo
	10:30 am	Alison Catalli †	Fr. Edgardo

***Clergy assignments are subject to change.
Thank you for your patience and understanding.***

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, griev-

ing, 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

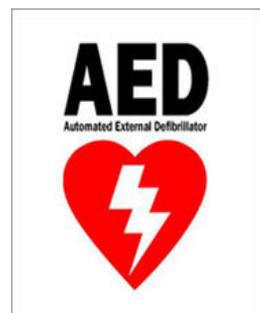
We have an AED, "Automated External Defibrillator", located in Fr. Lacey Hall. It is to be used for a cardiac emergency of heart attack and it is to be ac-

*We pray for the sick in
our community...*

Chicco Adamo
Jim Aveggio
Eric Alvarez
Patrick Boland
Bill Bulanti
Carlos Chavez
Candy Gray
Nancy Guass
Kirk Knostman
Marcia McAuliffe
Rosemary McHale
Severin Morger
Robert Munn
Peggy Perez
Sharron Sala
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.

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 **\$113,714.25**

Monthly Need **\$26,666**

November Sunday Collections **\$20,066.00**

+ Electronic Donations **\$4,245.00**

Total Offertory for November \$24,311.00

Difference (Monthly Need - Received) <\$2,355>

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.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Challenge Pledge!

As of December 10th, we have received just 94% of the total needed to fulfil our parish obligation to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal which is \$67,319 for this year. We still need to collect \$3,888 to meet our goal.

UPDATE: We've received a generous offer - \$8,000 as a challenge pledge to the parish community.

The 94% above includes the \$8,000 challenge pledge, plus the \$6,160 received towards the challenge. Please donate before the end of the year to help us meet our goal.

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: \$55,431

+

Challenge Pledge: \$8,000

+

Received toward challenge: \$6,160

= \$63,431.00

Needed by Dec 31st: \$3,888

Thank you, again to all who supported our parish fundraising efforts by participating, attending, volunteering, etc. at our annual Kids' Carnival and Oktoberfest. Here is a brief financial statement so you can see how we did!

Oktoberfest Financial Report

	2017	2018
Income	\$ 16,610.70	\$16,175.23
Expenses	\$ 4,047.32	\$3,936.50
Total Proceeds	\$ 12,563.38	\$ 12,238.73

Prayer and Worship

SALT: Sharing and Learning Together

A group of parents have proposed a new program for our preschool-aged children during the 10:30 am Mass. SALT: Sharing and Learning Together will be led by a rotating team of parents in Room 1 of the Preschool Building. Parents will be invited to drop off their children before Mass begins. Children will engage in a brief catechetical session (10-15 minutes) and play time. Here are some photos from recent SALT sessions:



FISH: Friends in Service to Him

Another group of parents takes turns leading our FISH program for Kindergarten through 4th grade children. During the 10:30 am Mass, they are dismissed into the Merry Room with the volunteer catechist to read and learn about the Gospel reading for that day. They enjoy a craft or other activity which helps bring the Gospel message alive. These programs, SALT and FISH, are offered for the youngest members of our parish community through parent support and involvement. If you are interested in finding out more or volunteering, please contact Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org for more information.

Sponsor-A-Family for Christmas

This year, in a partnership with our St. Vincent de Paul Conference, a family was identified through the regular Saturday food deliveries. Our high school youth group and their families purchased presents for each member of the family, mom, dad, 6 year old son, 5 year old daughter and 3 year old daughter. They gathered last Sunday night to sort and wrap the gifts, then they were delivered with Santa Claus on Monday, December 17th.

The family was greatly appreciative of the thoughtfulness. This



project exemplifies the words of John the Baptist in Luke's Gospel, "Whoever has two tunics should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." (Luke 3:11)



Hospitality

This Sunday, December 23rd, is our fourth Sunday hospitality. Please join us in Fr. Lacey Hall for coffee, donuts and juice following the 10:30 am Mass.

Our Call to Catechesis

SALT & FISH will be meeting today.

Understanding the Mass

The Second Vatican Council described the Catholic Mass as the “source and summit of our Christian life.” The St. Matthias Prayer and Worship Commission has designed opportunities for parishioners to learn more about the Mass.

While all of us go to Mass and participate in prayer and singing, do we fully understand each part of the liturgy, the movements and gestures of the priest, the role of the deacon and why those in the pews stand, kneel or sit? We hope these and other questions will be answered during these upcoming presentations.

Our next GIFT session, on January 6th from 11:30-1:30 pm will be titled, “Eucharist: Source and Summit” and will highlight for families attending the importance and significance of the Mass.

During each Mass on the weekend of January 12th and 13th, the reader will share the purposes and meanings of each part of our Mass. It is hope that each one of us will deepen our understanding of the Mass.

For those who would like to learn more and have questions about the Mass, please come to a special session presented by Deacon Rich on Sunday, January 20th at 9:30 a.m. and repeated at 11:45 a.m. in the parish hall. These 45-minute sessions will include a brief video by Bishop Robert Barron as well as an opportunity to pose questions.

Learn more about the Mass by--

1. Attending GIFT on January 6th
2. Attending Mass on January 12 or 13th
3. Attending a Presentation by Deacon Rich entitled, “The Mass: A Privileged Encounter: (Sunday, January 20th, 9:30 a.m. and repeated at 11:45 a.m. in Father Lacey Hall)

Financial Peace Courses

Begins Tuesday, January 8, 2019 | St. Pius Church Parish Center Conference Room

The St. Pius Stewardship Commission is sponsoring a nine-week course on personal and family financial planning. This course, which is from Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University, will help educate and support participants in becoming better stewards of their wealth. The course is designed for everyone: individuals and families, for those struggling with finances and those who are financially stable. Check out www.daveramsey.com for more information.

Classes will start on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 and will be held in the St. Pius Parish Center Conference Room from 7:00— 9:00 pm. Please call Cathy Yee at the Parish Center or email financialpeace@pius.org to register or for more information.

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 Jan 9, 16, 23, and 30 to read about, discuss and pray the Rosary together. Contact Sabrina at sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org with questions.



‘Let us learn from the visit of God to his people. Be present to others, be close, feel compassion, sow hope.’

-Pope Francis

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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 10:30 am Sunday Mass SALT and FISH Meet Donuts following the 10:30 am Mass	4:30 pm Christmas Eve Pageant and Mass 9:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass	10:00 am Christmas Day Mass	No DAILY MASS—Parish Offices Closed
2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul			
<u>Thursday, Dec 27th</u> <i>St. John, Apostle & Evangelist</i>	<u>Friday, Dec 28th</u> <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	<u>Saturday, Dec 29th</u> <i>Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of our Lord</i>	<u>Sunday, Dec 30th</u> <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>
5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)	9:15 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Church)	8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass SALT and FISH Meet

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: 4:30 pm Pageant followed by Mass | 9:00 pm Mass

Christmas Day: 10:00 am | Parish Offices will be Closed Dec 24-28th

Post Christmas Recital | Jacqueline Kerns | December 29th at 7:00 pm

Jacqueline Victoria Kerns will be returning to St. Matthias Church in Redwood City, CA to perform a recital on Saturday, December 29th. The program will include art songs and arias written by composers such as Mozart, Rossini and Offenbach, and musical theater songs by Rodgers and Hammerstein and Andrew Lippa.

Mezzo-soprano Jacqueline Kerns, is a senior at Northwestern University. She studies Voice with Sunny Joy Langton and History in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. She has performed the roles of Didymus in Handel's Theodora (Northwestern University Opera Theater), Barbarina in The Marriage of Figaro (Notre Dame De Namur University), and Hansel in Hansel and Gretel (NDNU, cover). Jacqueline was an Emerging Artist at Seagle Music Colony (2018) and a studio artist at SongFest (2015). She made her professional debut as a guest soloist for the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra (2016) and is a regular recitalist in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Jacqueline will be accompanied by her mom, Louise Costigan-Kerns, on the piano.

Date: **Saturday, December 29th**

Time: **7:00 PM**

Location: **Saint Matthias Church**

1685 Cordilleras Rd.

Redwood City, CA 94062

Tickets: Suggested donation of \$5 to \$10 per person will be

collected at the door or through Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jacqueline-victoria-kerns-recital-tickets-53567070550> for the Saint Matthias Music Ministry program