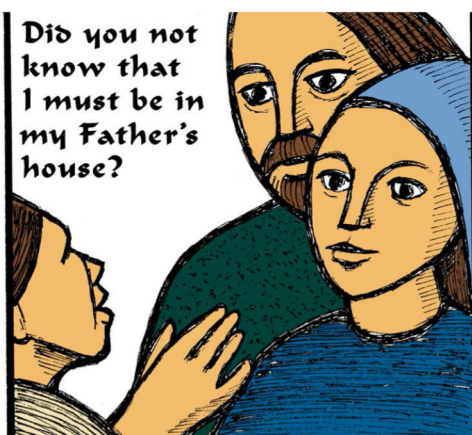


# ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

## St. Matthias



### *The Holy Family | December 29-30, 2018*



**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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[www.sfarchdiocese.org](http://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 the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. We have just celebrated the great feast of the Incarnation, the birth of Jesus Christ. Situated so closely to this great act of salvation history, we take time to reflect upon the wonder of family life. The interconnectedness of the Holy Family is instrumental to our understanding of divine love. In the first reading from Sirach, he speaks of the bonds of love, charity, and honor. These are the foundational roots that are essential to healthy family life. Even more fundamentally, these roots are predicated upon humility and freedom to serve others, to be disposed to the needs of others. This is played out in a very practical way in the relationship between parents and children. Parents seek to protect and nurture their children who are utterly dependent upon them for shelter, nourishment, and guidance. This requires, in many cases, the surrendering of one's own will and desires, setting them aside for another. The Holy Family, then, serves as a role model and example of how true surrender, obedience and surrender brings such holiness and grace.

We know from reading the Scriptures that the conditions of Jesus's birth and the circumstances surrounding it for Mary and Joseph were fraught with uncertainty. Perhaps this is so, in part, so that all families can come to understand that God empathizes with and understands to sometimes very complex nature of family life. On the one hand, Jesus was born in a manger, a place where animals went to be fed. There is an irony and juxtaposition in that precisely in the manger the one who is truly the Bread of Life, the one who feeds and nourishes, bursts forth on the human scene. This teaches us that God is present to us and His grace abounds even in the most unlikely places and circumstances.

Mary herself experienced this mystery when the Holy Family goes to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast and when it is over Jesus remains behind. Mary and Joseph naturally become concerned when they realize Jesus has not returned home with them in the pilgrimage. When they face them, he reveals his mission to the Father. Luke tells us that Mary "kept all these things in her heart." Mary and Joseph thus become models for us of how to keep the things of God close to our hearts, helping us to ponder the mystery of God's plan of salvation operative in our own lives.

On this Feast Day, please be assured of my daily prayers for all of you and your families. Family life is a tremendous gift but also presents many challenges for us. May we continue to support one another and build up our families, our domestic church!

In Christ,

*Fr. Tom*

# Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

## Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

<b>Saturday, December 29th</b> <i>Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</i>	5:00 pm	People of St. Matthias †	Fr. Edgardo
<b>Sunday, December 30th</b> <i>The Holy Family</i>	8:00 am	Louise Leeper †	Fr. Edgardo
	10:30 am	Alison Catalli †	Fr. Edgardo
<b>Monday, December 31st</b> <i>Seventh Day—Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</i>	<b>No MASS—Parish Offices Closed</b>		
<b>Tuesday, January 1st</b> <i>Solemnity of Mary</i>	10:00 am*	Jose & Maria Campos †	
<b>Weds., January 2nd</b> <i>Sts. Basil &amp; Gregory, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</i>	5:30 pm		
<b>Thursday, January 3rd</b> <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	5:30 pm		
<b>Saturday, January 5th</b> <i>St. John Neumann, Bishop</i>	5:00 pm	Paul Wang †	
<b>Sunday, January 6th</b> <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	
	10:30 am	Victor & Alma Balocco †	

***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 re-

quest 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](mailto: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  
Jim Aveggio  
Eric Alvarez  
Patrick Boland  
Bill Bulanti  
Carlos Chavez  
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](mailto: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](http://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](http://stmatthiasparish.org) and click on "Support Us" then "Online Donation" to sign up.

## Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Challenge Pledge!

As of December 20th, we have received just 97% 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 \$1,893 to meet our goal.

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

**The 97% above includes the \$8,000 challenge pledge, plus the \$8,155 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: \$49,271

+

Challenge Pledge: \$8,000

+

Received toward challenge: \$8,155

= \$65,426

**Needed by Dec 31st: \$1,893**

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
<b>Income</b>	\$ 16,610.70	\$16,175.23
<b>Expenses</b>	\$ 4,047.32	\$3,936.50
<b>Total Proceeds</b>	<b>\$ 12,563.38</b>	<b>\$ 12,238.73</b>

# 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](mailto: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)



# 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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

2nd Collection:		Parish Offices Closed	
<u>Sunday, Dec 30th</u>	<u>Monday, Dec 31st</u>	<u>Tuesday, Jan 1st</u>	<u>Wednesday, Jan 2nd</u>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass SALT and FISH Meet	New Year's Eve  No DAILY MASS—Parish Offices Closed	10:00 am Solemnity of Mary Mass	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)
<u>Thursday, Jan 3rd</u>	<u>Friday, Jan 4th</u>	<u>Saturday, Jan 5th</u>	<u>Sunday, Jan 6th</u>
5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)	9:15 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Church)	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass SALT and FISH Meet



January 6-12 | Building Communities

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) have designated January 6-12th as National Migration Week. This initiative has been observed for nearly half a century by the Church in the United States to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, refugees, trafficked humans, and displaced persons, and to take action on their behalf. The theme for National Migration Week 2019 is "Building Communities of Welcome." How do we engage migrants as community members, neighbors, and friends? Visit [justiceforimmigrants.org/take-action/national-migration-week](https://justiceforimmigrants.org/take-action/national-migration-week) for more information.

*MLK Jr. Multi-faith Day of Service*

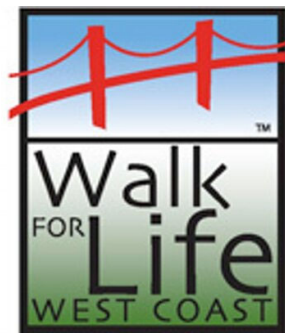
Monday, January 21 |



<https://pmcmlk2019.eventbrite.com>

Please plan to join us for this unique opportunity to work side by side with those of other faiths and cultures to benefit our local community. The day begins with an inspiring welcome from faith leaders at our volunteer breakfast. After breakfast, groups of volunteers work together on 20+ family friendly projects. Register by January 13 at <https://pmcmlk2019.eventbrite.com>

## Walk for Life West Coast 2019



Saturday, January 26 | San Francisco

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 15th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January

26, 2019. There will be Mass at 9:30 am celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30 pm in San Francisco's Civic Plaza, and the Walk down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30 pm. Last year's walk drew 50,000+ people. For complete information about the event, visit [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com) or call 415-658-1793.