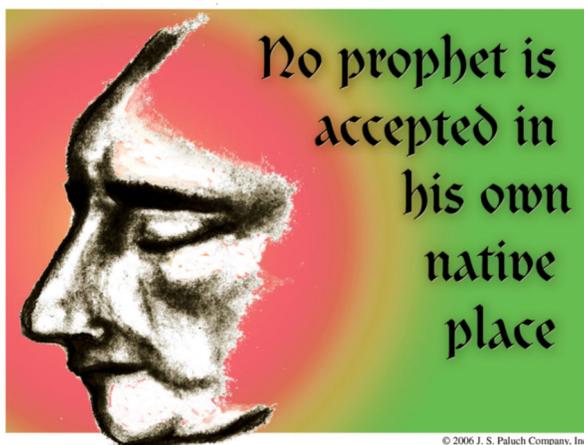


ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | February 2-3, 2019



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First Reading — I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalms — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading — If I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

Gospel — No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown (Luke 4:21-30).

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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

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Mass Schedule

Monday & Wednesday 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,

A central theme in today's readings speaks to the evangelical call each of us possess as children of God. A beautiful manifestation of that call is so well articulated by the prophet Jeremiah who wrote: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." Imagine that: God called us from before the beginning of time to our baptismal call. Several years ago I attended a baptism at Saint John of God Newman Chapel in San Francisco for a child whose large family was close to my own. Emmy's father (Emmy was baptized) John had been an original member of the Saint Louis Jesuits. During the baptismal rite he played a song which included the words, "Yahweh called me before I was born, from my mother's womb he proclaimed my name." I will never forget that day. These words were so impactful as I began, even as a middle school student, to ponder both the depths of God's love for us and the summons to proclaim that love in the world.

There is a precise parallel between the challenges of the prophetic call expressed in Jeremiah and Jesus' claim that "no prophet is accepted in his own native place." Jeremiah assures us that "they will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." The difficulty at times of being a prophetic voice is that it disturbs the prevailing order of things. How many dozens of times have we heard the adage that "we don't need to change things. We've always done it this way!" There is an element of unsettling and disequilibrium when there is a call for a new order of things. That was certainly the experience of Jesus in teaching the people of Israel the deeper implications of the law. He was met time and again with hostility by those temporal and religious authorities who wanted to maintain the status quo. However, he prevailed in his Father's mission and so we are invited, in our own day and generation, to do the same. Yes, it is difficult to challenge ourselves and others to a more radical living out of the Gospel. Any proposition of living as Jesus commands us is not easy. Yet, with God's grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, we like the disciples hidden in the upper room at Pentecost, can be prophetic voices in the world.

Saint Paul expresses this most powerfully in his Letter to the Corinthians. "Brothers and sisters, strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a more excellent way." That more excellent way is the experiential dimension of love. All things we do must be predicated upon love or their value is shallow. Christian maturity calls us to faith, hope and love and when we nurture these within ourselves we are able to nurture and support others in that same call. When we imbue these values in our lives we are able to conform to the missionary zeal of Jesus himself who confounded the conventional wisdom and brought the message of God's redemptive love to those left in the margins, on the outskirts of acceptable society. He incurred the wrath of the leaders of the establishment when he noted that Elijah didn't go to the widows of Israel but rather to the widow in Zarephath in Sidon (a foreign land) and the prophet Elisha ministered to the leper Naaman the Syrian (another foreigner).

Let us not be afraid to renew faith, hope and love in our own lives and communities and to share our baptismal call most especially to those left on the margins who most need to hear the Good News!

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, February 2nd <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	5:00 pm	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Edgardo
Sunday, February 3rd <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am	Paul & Maria Dolores Falzon †	Fr. Edgardo Fr. Coleman
	10:30 am	Jackie Polati †	
Monday, February 4th <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Carlos Gnemmi †	Fr. Tom
Weds., February 6th <i>Sts. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i>	5:30 pm	Josefina K. Bon †	Fr. Edgardo
Saturday, February 9th <i>Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	John Kahr †	Fr. Edgardo
Sunday, February 10th <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Junior
	10:30 am	Ronald Lee Walker †	Fr. Junior

Beginning February 1st, St. Matthias' daily Mass schedule will change. We will celebrate Mass on Monday and Wednesday. Our weekend Mass schedule remains the same.

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 only 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.

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 visit.

We pray for the sick in our community...

Jim Aveggio
Patrick Boland
Bill Bulanti
Carlos Chavez
Kelly Corbett
Marian Deglientoni
Cheryl DiTargiani
Rose & Rich Marino
Marcia McAuliffe
Rosemary McHale
Ivica Milicevic
Severin Morger
Al Nuti
Peggy Perez
Sharron Sala
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.

Tax Letters

We invite all parishioners who desire a tax letter for their donations made during 2018 to contact Lisa lisa@stmatthiasparish.org in the parish office to request a letter.

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 **\$148,647.75**

Monthly Need **\$26,666**

December Sunday Collections **\$30,478.50**

+ Electronic Donations **\$4,455.00**

Total Offertory for December \$34,933.50

Difference (Monthly Need - Received) \$8,268

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 2019

All St. Matthias parishioners should have received a letter and brochure this week highlighting this year's Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. On behalf of everyone who needs and depends on the programs and service supported by the Appeal, we ask you to prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2019 Annual Appeal. Through our support, we join others throughout our Archdiocese in answering God's call to discipleship by supporting his work. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of this request.

Pizza with a Purpose

Wednesday, February 6th from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm | California Pizza Kitchen at Hillsdale Mall

Eat lunch or dinner at California Pizza Kitchen on February 6th anytime between 11:00 am and 9:00 pm and tell your server that you are from St. Matthias Church and CPK will donate 20% of your check to St. Matthias! Our goal is to have 100 people eat there from the community that day. To help us reach the goal, use the link below to sign up.

<https://www.groupraise.com/events/84411>



Offertory Envelopes

Offertory envelopes are available for parishioners who used them in 2018 and for parishioners who would like to use them in 2019. If you haven't picked up yours yet, or would like to request them, contact Lisa in the parish office.

Community News

Memories Abound ...



Thank you for the wonderful party last Sunday. It truly was a beautiful gathering of friends, old and new through the years at St. Matthias. I loved seeing your faces and am totally convinced that the scripture reading from St. Paul was talking about all of you, and unfolded in Deacon Rich's eloquent homily ... We are the body of Christ. Each part is different but is needed and very important. We are "rich in community" because we care about each other. Fr. Ted's singing, the excellent music ministers, handsome ushers, Matt the voice of God as lector, Evie tried and true, sacred communion ministers, Dani, Baby Jesus yesterday...Altar Server today. Way to go Dani! All the Body of Christ.

The picture of St. Matthias is a lovely reminder of our time together. Thank you for this thoughtful gift.

Other parts of Christ: Kathleen and Joe Kaz know how to roll out a party by preparing the space so beautifully. The hospitality committee took over with Betty Casey and former Confirmandi Beth and hubby, Vince with flowers and youth. Lynda Allen is the specialist in choosing the best cake and making sure that a party is a party for all. There are so many more who helped to make it a go and they remember that they are part of the Body of Christ also...without a hand here and legs there,

what would we do?

Sunday, February 3rd at the crack of dawn...from California to Iowa. I will be glad to be there with family. Please keep my sister, Esther Myers, who is now in hospice in your prayers. I will be living at 1150 Carmel Drive, Dubuque, IA 52003-7998 and my phone is (650) 274-4923. Thank you, many memories, lots of blessings and hugs. *Sr. Dee*

A Place of True Community

Over the past four months, our family has faced many medical difficulties. With your help, at each turn, we felt truly embraced by the love, prayers and actions of our St. Matthias family. There are not words to express our gratitude. We feel so blessed. What a grace to have had the many dinners that not only fed us, but along with your prayer, we never felt alone in our struggles.

As Jeanine continues to recover, and with your help and caring, we have been able to provide her with a joyful life. It does take a village, and one that is filled with faith. Know that you will be forever in our prayers. We never would have dreamed that this Advent and Christmas season would become the best ever.

Love, Peace, Joy and All Good, The Tavernier Family, Pam, Fred and Jeanine

St. Clare's Women's Silent Retreat

March 15-17, 2019 | St. Clare's Retreat Center, 2381 Laurel Glen Rd, Soquel, CA 95073

Please join us for our annual silent retreat in March! Private room and bath is \$215 or shared room and bath is \$170. Please register directly with the St. Clare's site to reserve your room (<http://stclareretreat.com>). Then email Kim Hartman (kimhartman55@gmail.com) so she knows who will be attending. Any questions, email Kim Hartman.

Our Call to Catechesis

SALT (Preschool) and FISH (K-4th) will be meeting Sunday during 10:30 am Mass.

World Day of the Sick 2019

Saturday, February 2, 2019 | Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 1111 Gough Street at Geary, San Francisco

Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will celebrate a healing Mass for World Day of the Sick. It will be a "special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind." - *Saint Pope John Paul II*

National Marriage Week

February 7-14th | nationalmarriageweekusa.org

Every year, February 7 through 14, is National Marriage Week, USA. It is a time to celebrate the gift that marriage is to our Church and reflect on how we can build up a culture of life and love that

supports marriage and family. Our 2019 theme is "Marriage: Made for a Reason." The Archdiocese joins in the nationwide initiative with Catholics and other Christians as we celebrate marriage and family, the "first society" for all of us.

GIFT: Loving Your Enemy

Sunday, February 3, 2019 | 11:30 am—1:30 pm St. Matthias Church



Our next GIFT session will focus on morality, moral decision making and loving your enemy. In our increasingly polarized society, how can we help our children to love those who disagree with them, stand up for themselves and their friends and commit to living Christ-like? This session is designed to help families discover some strategies using the values expressed by Jesus in the Beatitudes.

Our Call to Justice & Charity

Maple Street Shelter Dinner

Saturday, February 23rd | Maple Street Shelter

Our St. Matthias Justice and Charity Commission is sponsoring our annual Maple Street Shelter Dinner. This highlight of our year gives us the opportunity to provide a home-cooked meal for the residents at Maple Street Homeless Shelter in Redwood City.

Each year, parishioners make home-cooked dishes to bring, and our high school and middle school youth set up, serve and eat with the residents. Parents are asked to provide support and chaperone the event. There are many ways for you to help with this event: 1) Make and donate food, 2) donate \$5 gift cards (to Safeway, Jamba Juice or Tar-

get) to be used as Bingo prizes for the residents, 3) as a youth volunteer, 4) as a chaperone, 5) to help deliver food from St. Matthias to Maple Street Shelter. Food donations should be dropped off in Fr. Lacey Hall on Feb 23rd between 2-3:30 pm. Delivery volunteers are needed from approximately 3:00 pm—4:00 pm. Youth volunteers and chaperones are needed from 3:30-8:00 pm.

Contact sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org for questions and/or more information. Please check the table in the Hall for signups or signup online (preferred) by visiting <http://www.stmatthiasparish.org/ministries/justice-and-charity/> and clicking on the Google Sheet icon to access the online signup sheet. Thank you for supporting this event!

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This Week @ St. Matthias

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

<u>Sunday, Feb 3rd</u>	<u>Monday, Feb 4th</u>	<u>Tuesday, Feb 5th</u>	<u>Wednesday, Feb 6th</u>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am GIFT Gathering	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)	7:00 pm Finance Council (DR)	11:00 am to 9:00 pm Pizza with a Purpose Fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen, Hillsdale Mall 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)
Welcome Weekend			
<u>Thursday, Feb 7th</u>	<u>Friday, Feb 8th</u>	<u>Saturday, Feb 9th</u>	<u>Sunday, Feb 10th</u>
7:00 pm Prayer & Worship Meeting (DR)	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 & FISH Meet

The Dementia Whisperer

Saturday, March 23, 2019 @ 6:15 pm | St. Matthias

Laura Wayman is an accomplished keynote speaker, author, trainer, and a dedicated Gerontologist (A.A. degree in Gerontology, Social Services Designee Certification). Ms. Wayman's mission as "The Dementia Whisperer" and as an internationally recognized dementia care expert is to change the world in the way in which all memory care services are provided to those who suffer from various memory care impairments. She wants to give meaning and purpose to those diagnosed with dementia or memory impairment—as well as given families a peace of mind and understanding which enhances quality of life for, as well as improved quality of relationships with, their loved ones.

Who should attend? Anyone who has a family member or friend with memory loss issues, caregivers, or anyone seeking a deeper understanding of memory loss and dementia.

Call Liz for more information or with questions.

Welcome Weekend

This is *Welcome Weekend*. Name tags will be available for all upon entering the Church. Any new or returning parishioners will be invited to stand for a special blessing and welcome by the community.



Then, following Masses, all are invited to join together in Fr. Lacey Hall for hospitality. Please come and enjoy coffee and donuts with the community.

Catholic Charities—Faith in Action

Catholic Charities is partnering with the Archdiocese of San Francisco to find good Catholic families who would like to mentor migrant unaccompanied minors. A lot of these kids have very basic needs like being driven to court hearings, getting help applying for a library card, getting enrolled in school and other things many kids take for granted. Time commitment is flexible and there will be a half day training course. To learn more about the program, go to <http://www.sfarch.org/care>