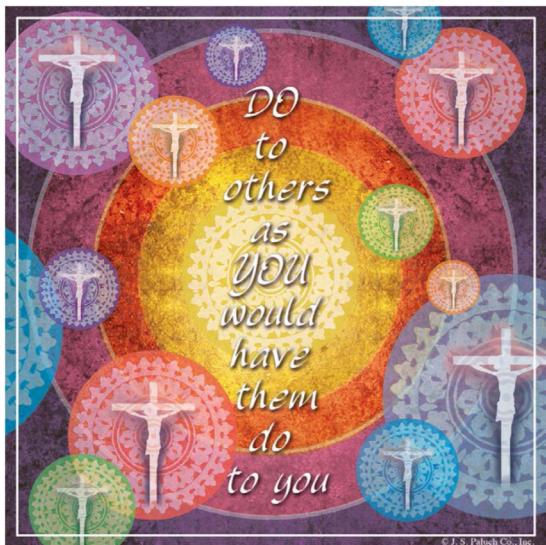


ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23-24, 2019

First Reading — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

Gospel — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

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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 & 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. Located in the Upper Rm of Lacey Hall.

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Fr. Tom's Column

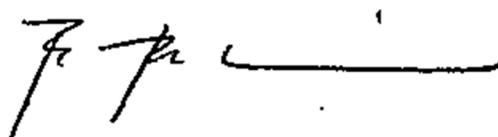
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A few years ago I read a very compelling book about a heroic survivor of the bombing of Nagasaki, Japan at the end of World War II. Marist Father Paul Glynn, in his book A Song for Nagasaki: The Story of Takashi Nagai, Scientist, Convert, and Survivor of the Atomic Bomb, tells a compelling story of conversion, reconciliation and compassion. Takashi Nagai was a highly regarded and notable scientist who, in the aftermath of the bombings of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, dedicated his life to the care of those suffering the effects of radiation. He lost his own wife as a result of the dropping of the atomic bombs. His service was complete and total; he himself succumbed to exposure of radiation while treating his patients. Nagai had a profound conversion experience, became a Roman Catholic, and was a tireless proponent of peace among peoples.

In reflecting upon the profound suffering and sadness experienced by the Japanese people in the aftermath of World War II, Nagai wrote: “Suffering, gracefully accepted, refines the human heart, and the experience of darkness sharpens the vision of the spirit. After meeting with Keller(Helen) and Miyagi I wrote that unless you have suffered and wept, you really don’t understand what compassion is, nor can you give comfort to someone who is suffering. If you haven’t cried, you can’t dry another’s eyes. Unless you’ve walked in darkness, you can’t help wanderers find the way. Unless you’ve looked into the eyes of menacing death and felt its hot breath, you can’t help another rise from the dead and take anew the joy of being alive.”

Today’s readings offer a reflection on the dichotomy between impulsiveness and revenge versus righteousness and forgiveness. Abishai wants David to wreak revenge upon his enemy Saul, who himself is hunting down David. David’s response to Abishai is both magnanimous and surprising: “Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the Lord’s anointed and not remain unpunished?” Then David is seen on the hilltop, a symbol of standing on holy ground, surveying the encampment of Saul. Saul has opened himself up for recrimination and yet David’s response is: “The Lord will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness. Today, though the Lord delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the Lord’s anointed.” The Psalmist echoes this sense of justice and righteousness in terms of how the Lord deals with each one of us. “The Lord is kind and merciful; he has put our transgressions from us; and as a father has compassion on his children; the Lord is compassionate to all who honor him.” David himself, a complex figure in history, knows what it means to be chosen to lead despite glaring personal weaknesses. Thus, his sense of mercy and justice is rooted deeply in the knowledge of having been forgiven in himself.

In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus gives a framework in which to interact with our brothers and sisters in families, in communities, in any situation in which human beings are gathered together. Jesus offers a very challenging and yet ultimately liberating way for us to proceed. He calls on us to not condemn, not to judge, and to forgive (parenthetically, ourselves as well). This is a difficult proposition at times to live. Yet, with God’s grace, what we measure out will indeed be returned in full measure. Praise be to God!



Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, February 23rd Weekday	5:00 pm	Bob Peruzzo †	Fr. Ted
Sunday, February 24th <i>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am	Jim Aveggio †	Fr. Ted
	10:30 am	Marcia McAuliffe (Sp. Int.)	Fr. Ted
Monday, February 25th Weekday	5:30 pm	Maggiorino & Virginia Poggio †	Fr. Tom
Weds., February 27th Weekday	5:30 pm	Celso Cereza & Family †	Fr. Ted
Saturday, March 2nd Weekday	5:00 pm	Marcia McAuliffe (Sp. Int.)	
Sunday, March 3rd <i>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	
	10:30 am	Julie Polati (Sp. Int.)	

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.

The Heart of a Priest

Thursday, Feb 28th at 7:00 pm | St. Pius Church

St. Pius Church is honored to host the incorrupt heart of St. John Vianney as part of the "Heart of a Priest" Relic Pilgrimage. Don't miss this special opportunity to venerate a major relic of St. John Vianney, the patron of parish priests, whose holiness and integrity is a model for clergy and laity alike. As one family of faith, let us ask for his intercession for an increase of vocations in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. More information:
<https://www.kofc.org/en/events/vianney.html#/FAQ>

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. 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.

We pray for the sick in our community...

Patrick Boland
Bill Bulanti
Carlos Chavez
Kelly Corbett
Marian Deglientoni
Cheryl DiTargiani
Rose & Rich Marino
Marcia McAuliffe
Rosemary McHale
Ivica Milicevic
Severin Morger
Peggy Perez
Julie Polati
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	\$179,987.50
Monthly Need	\$26,666
January Sunday Collections	\$24,019.75
+ Electronic Donations	\$7,320.00
Total Offertory for January	\$31,339.75
Difference (Monthly Need - Received)	\$4,674

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—Called to Care & Share

The Annual Appeal is our one chance annually to join with Catholics throughout our Archdiocese and assist those who depend on us. Your generosity supports social justice ministries, our schools, seminarians and retired priests, to name just a few. On behalf of everyone who needs and utilizes our programs and services, I invite you to support this once-a-year Appeal. **Please forward your pledge envelope to either the parish office or to the Archdiocese.** Our assessment amount is \$65,273 and every dollar raised over that amount is returned to the parish community.

Parish Registration

All families who 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 to the right, or visit www.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



Our Call to Build Community

Murder Mystery Silent Auction

May 11 | St. Matthias—Fr. Lacey Hall

We would like to take this opportunity to let you know about our upcoming fundraiser—St. Matthias' Murder Mystery Silent Auction & Dinner on Saturday, May 11th. In order to get the silent auction started, we would like it if you could please make a donation. It could be food items (like exotic olive oils), different wines and spirits, trips, summer homes, art, anything for the home, gift certificates for restaurants or spas (like massages and facials). Other ideas include dinner hosted in your home, fun parties, something for the kids, sporting events and/or other events. If you have items that are needed to be made up in baskets, we can help you. We really would like to make this silent auction fabulous and with your help, we can!!

All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. Please contact Rosie Grelli

jazzirosie@comcast.net with any questions. Donations can be dropped off to the Rectory during business hours.

Thank you,

Rosie Grelli & Gloria Chamorro, Silent Auction Coordinators

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.

Grief Support

Moving Through Loss of a Loved One

Monday's beginning Feb 4th at 7:00 pm | St. Pius

This is a focused support group being offered by the St. Pius Grief Ministry. This session is intended for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one and would like to participate in a support group focused on progressing through their personal grief journey. The sessions will be held on Monday evenings for 8 consecutive weeks, beginning Feb 4th at 7:00 pm. For more information or to register, please contact the Grief Ministry at 650-361-0655 or griefministry@pius.org.

Parent Loss Support Group

January 31—March 21st | Mission Hospice

This free 8-week group is for adults working through the loss of a parent (s). Thursdays 6:15-7:45 pm at 1670 S. Amphlett Blvd, Suite 300, San Mateo. Led by Sr. Toni Lynn Gallagher.

Spouse/Partner Loss Support Group

February 14—April 4th | San Carlos Adult Community Center

This free 8-week group is for adults dealing with the loss of a spouse or partner. Thursdays, 10:30—12:00 noon at 601 Chestnut Street, San Carlos. Led by Sr. Toni Lynn Gallagher.

Suicide Loss Support Group

March 13—May 1st | Mission Hospice

This free 8-week group offers adults a chance to work through the specific grief needs of suicide loss. Wednesdays 6:00—7:30 pm at 1670 S. Amphlett Blvd. Suite 300, San Mateo. Led by Sr. Toni Lynn Gallagher. Email tgallagher@mercywmw.org for more information

Our Call to Catechesis

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

High School Youth Ministry

Sunday, February 24th | from 5:00—7:00 pm

Our High School Youth Group will meet for dinner and a life-sized Clue mystery game. Adults volunteer as the “suspects” and youth are the “investigators” who solve the mystery!

GIFT: Praying Through Lent

Sunday, March 3rd | from 11:30—1:30 pm

Our next GIFT gathering for families with school-aged children will be held next Sunday, March 3rd. At this gathering, our theme will be Praying Through Lent. Our family activities will focus on reflecting upon our Catholic traditions of prayer, fasting and almsgiving during the season of Lent as preparation for Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection. All families are invited to attend.

Ash Wednesday—March 6th

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which is March 6th this year. We will celebrate two Masses that day with the distribution of ash-

es, once in the morning at 7:30 am and in the evening at 7:00 pm. We hope that you can celebrate this solemnity with us.

Lenten Stations of the Cross & Soup Suppers



Each Friday during Lent a different parish group will lead the Stations of the Cross for the community. Everyone is invited to attend each event. The Stations begin shortly after 6:00 pm. The 14 stations typically take about 30 minutes. After the stations, everyone is invited to stay for a simple meal of a meatless/vegetarian soup and bread (volunteers are asked to provide the food—about 20-30 people stay for supper). Watch for more information about this next week.

Our Call to Justice & Charity

Spiritual Care Service Volunteer Training at Stanford Hospital

Saturday, March 23rd | Stanford Hospital

Would you be interested in visiting Catholic patients at Stanford Hospital offering them Communion as a Eucharistic Minister? If you are a compassionate listener, empathic, well grounded in your faith, and open to serving a couple of hours a week, then, becoming a Spiritual Care Service Volunteer at Stanford might be the right opportunity for you. Stanford Health Care is offering its next training for new volunteers on Saturday, March

23rd at Stanford Hospital. To learn more about this special ministry and request an application, please contact Raksha Patel at 650-723-5101 or spiritualcare@standfordhealthcare.org.

40 Days for Life

The national campaign, 40 Days for Life, will take place between March 6-April 14th. Volunteers take turns praying outside of Planned Parenthood facilities. If interested in participating in this effort, contact Jessica Munn at 650-918-9119. For more information visit 40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity

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This Week @ St. Matthias

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

AAA Pledge Weekend			
<u>Sunday, Feb 24th</u>	<u>Monday, Feb 25th</u>	<u>Tuesday, Feb 26th</u>	<u>Wednesday, Feb 27th</u>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass SALT & FISH Meet 12:00 pm First Communion Family Retreat 5:00 pm HSYM (Hall)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)		5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Following Christ (DR)
<u>Thursday, Feb 28th</u>	<u>Friday, March 1st</u>	<u>Saturday, March 2nd</u>	<u>Sunday, March 3rd</u>
	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 11:30 am GIFT Gathering

SAVE THE DATE for our next restaurant fundraiser at Canyon Inn on March 13th after 5:00 pm. 20% of your receipt will be donated to St. Matthias. Please note: Lunch is not included in this event.



The Dementia Whisperer

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

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.

The Dementia Whisperer



She wants to give meaning and purpose to those diagnosed with dementia or memory impairment—as well as give families 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 650-366-9544 for more information or with questions.