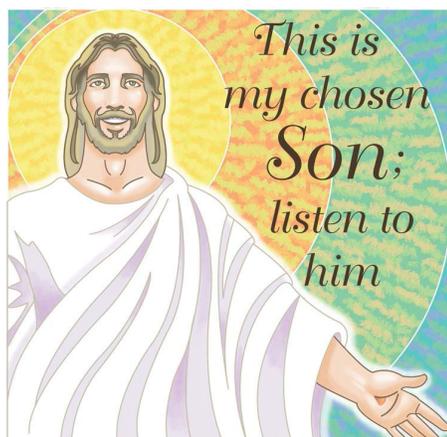


ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Second Sunday of Lent - March 16-17, 2019



First Reading — The LORD made a covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

Psalms — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:28b-36).

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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. Lo-
cated in the Upper Rm of Lacey Hall.

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Fr. Tom's Column

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this Second Sunday of Lent, we celebrate Transfiguration Sunday. We see the revelation of Jesus to his disciples in his glory, a foretaste or foreshadowing of his glory in heaven. The language that Luke uses to describe this scene is rich soil for our Lenten reflection. He says that Jesus went up the mountain with Peter, James, and John. Ascending the mountain connotes an ascent to a holy place, holy ground where one communes with God. Luke then describes how the disciples were overcome with sleep. This harkens back to another dramatic scene in salvation history when the disciples were overcome with sleep. In the Garden at Gethsemane, where Jesus had asked his disciples to stand sentry with him, they fell asleep.

This experience can also be a metaphor for us in our spiritual lives: to not be attentive to how the Lord is speaking to us of the implications of the costs of our own discipleship. We can sometimes be asleep and not aware and present to how the Lord's grace and spirit is working in our lives. When the disciples "become fully awake" they are face to face with God's glory. Jesus speaks to them of his leaving this earthly life to enter into his Father's glory. The path to that glory will be wrought with danger, intense suffering, and death. Peter says, "Master, it is good that we are here." Peter is basking in the glory of Jesus Christ but also senses the power and connectivity with Moses and Elijah, two persons in Jewish history who had a profound relationship with God. This is a moment of deliverance: the promise that God made to Moses that He would deliver his people from the slavery of their captors comes full circle in the person of Jesus Christ.

Peter, naturally overcome with emotion at the scene revealed before him, does not want this scene to come to an end. He proposes to erect three tents: one for Moses, one for Elijah, and one for Jesus. Again, he does not yet understand what Jesus is communicating to him and his companions. Then, amidst all of this light, the Father admonishes them: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Thus, the road to glory is not going to be easy! Saint Thomas Aquinas wrote that "For a person to go straight along the road, he must have some knowledge of the end—just as an archer will not shoot an arrow straight unless he sees first the target... This is particularly necessary if the road is hard and rough, the going heavy, and the end delightful." [St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa theologiae*, 3.q.45, a.1.].

This Thomistic insight helps to frame in a simple and concise way the very essence of the Lenten experience. We are called not to pitch our tents and bask in the comfortable and easy aspects of our faith but to look beyond to the ultimate prize: light beyond darkness, life beyond death. To keep our eyes firmly affixed upon this reality will help us to grapple with the necessary darkness and losses of this earthly life and to keep walking our pilgrim's way to the promise of eternal life. I found an example of this idea in a most unexpected place. In the Saturday, March 9th edition of the Sporting Green in the San Francisco Chronicle, columnist Ron Kroychick is describing Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson. He writes, "This season's home stretch offers a fresh, formidable challenge to the understated tone Curry and Thompson established in launching this powerhouse. They are reserved by nature, leaders by example, not prone to demonstrative outbursts. The way Thompson and Curry carry themselves is important. They tend to show humility when the Warriors are rolling and patience when they're struggling..." Good food for thought as we continue our journey this holy season!

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, March 16th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Joseph LoShiavo †	Fr. Edgardo
Sunday, March 17th <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Edgardo
	10:30 am	Charlie Stamschror †	Fr. Ted
Monday, March 18th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Reodique Family †	Fr. Ted
Weds., March 20th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Anita and Josefina K. Bon †	Fr. Edgardo
Saturday, March 23rd <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Kevin & Shirley Nelson †	Fr. Ted
Sunday, March 24th <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Ted
	10:30 am	Georgia Graf (Sp. Int.)	Fr. Ted

Fasting and Abstinence During Lent

In the United States, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has declared that “the age of fasting is from the completion of the eighteenth year to the beginning of the sixtieth.”

The USCCB also allows the substitution of some other form of penance for abstinence on all Fridays of the year, except for the Fridays of Lent. The rules for fasting and abstinence in the United States are:

- Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and every other Friday or Lent.
- Every person between the ages of 18 and 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting consists of one full meal per day, with two smaller meals that do not add up to a full meal, and no snacks.

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.

We pray for the sick in our community...

Patrick Boland
Bill Bulanti
Carlos Chavez
Kelly Corbett
Marian Deglientoni
Cheryl DiTargiani
Pamela Foley
Georgia Graf
Andres Gutierrez
Gerard Kaz
Rose & Rich Marino
Marcia McAuliffe
Rosemary McHale
Ivica Milicevic
Severin Morger
Peggy Perez
Julie Polati
Adam Rak
Shirley Roybal
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.

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.

Low Gluten Hosts

If you require low-gluten hosts, simply check in with Deacon Rich or David before Mass.

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 **\$201,499.25**

Monthly Need **\$26,666**

February Sunday Collections **\$17,356.76**

+ Electronic Donations **\$4,155**

Total Offertory for February \$21,511.76

Difference (Monthly Need - Received) <\$5,154>

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 Dinner & Silent Auction

May 11 | St. Matthias—Fr. Lacey Hall

Do you remember how much fun it was to play Clue? Or to read Agatha Christie mysteries? Well, dust off your fedoras and sport coats, poodle skirts and sweater sets and come to St. Matthias' Murder Mystery Silent Auction & Dinner to experience that nostalgia on Saturday, May 11th at 5:30 pm. Save the Date, tickets go on sale online the weekend of April 6-7th. Limited seating, buy your tickets early. \$75 per person includes a gourmet dinner, dessert and show.

There are many ways to support this fundraiser

including:

- If you have a local business and would like your business card included in the program, please contact Sabrina.
- Donating to the Silent Auction (see details below).
- Helping to underwrite some of the expenses (see the list in next week's bulletin).

Silent Auction Suggestions: 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

Film Screening: Romero

Sunday, March 24th at 4:00 pm | Upper Room

Join us on the Feast Day of St. Oscar Romero for a film screening and discussion of the Special Collectors Edition of the film: *Romero* starring Raul Julia. The film will be introduced by Fr. Edgardo Rodriguez who attended the canonization of St. Oscar Romero late last year. St. Oscar Romero was the Archbishop of San Salvador, El Salvador until his assassination on March 24, 1980. He spoke out against poverty, social injustice, and torture. The film is appropriate for adults and mature high school students.

Our Call to Prayer & Worship

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

Lenten Stations of the Cross & Soup Suppers

Stations of the Cross is a traditional devotion focusing on the events of the passion and suffering of Jesus, Our Savior. Stations of the Cross consists of 14 stations, highlighting the events of Jesus' last day as a human being.

Stations of the Cross is a mini-pilgrimage. As the group moves from station to station, the scene is described. Followers hear about the event along the way of the cross, pray, sing and meditate. It is common practice to offer this devotion on the Fridays of Lent.

St. Matthias will offer the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 6:00 pm followed by a simple soup supper. Each week, a different scriptural based text will be used. Leaders will provide booklets for participants to use as they pray the 14 stations.

All are welcome. We encourage parishioners to bring their own bowl and spoon. You may also choose to bring a vegetarian soup or bread and butter to share with the group. Drinks will be provided.

See the poster in the back of the Church for the schedule.



The Light is on for You

Tuesdays During Lent from 6-8 pm | St. Pius

This Lent, all parishes in the Archdiocese of San Francisco will undertake an initiative to encourage greater participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially among those who have not received this sacrament recently. "The Light is on for You" began in the Washington D.C. metro area

and has spread across the country over the last decade. Archbishop Cordileone says, "Ultimately, the 'light being on' throughout the whole Archdiocese is a sign to our people of God's desire for reconciliation with them and His great delight in bestowing His mercy upon them."

The sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available at St. Matthias every Saturday at 3:45 pm.

CRS Rice Bowl: Encounter Lent

Beginning Ash Wednesday,
March 6th through April 30th
| St. Matthias Church



Encounter Norma. In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of your family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Morning Reflection for Ministers of Consolation

Thursday, March 28th from 9:30—11:45 am | St. Charles Parish Center, 880 Tamarack Ave., San Carlos

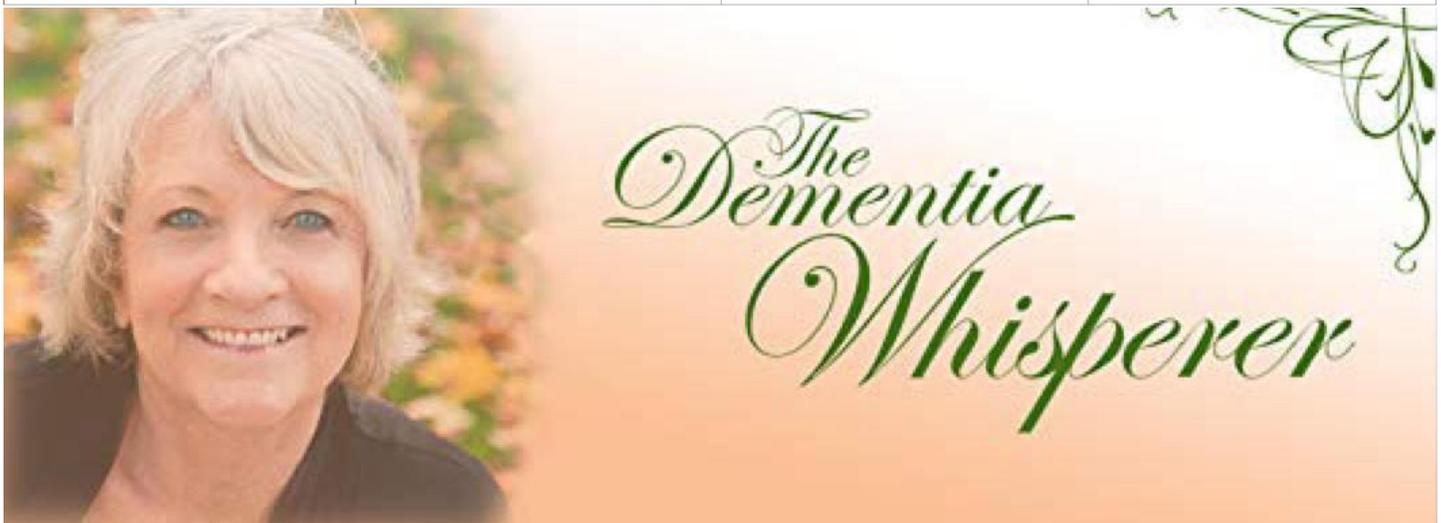
This morning reflection is for Ministers of Consolation and their friends, and the theme is "Comforting a Compassionate Heart." Presenters are Sr. Eloise Rosenblatt, RSM, and Sr. Toni Lynn Gallagher, RSM. This time together will begin with prayer, followed by a reflection question, a Gospel story, quiet time, and a closing ritual. The hope is that these ministers will find this time beneficial as they are thanked for their presence to those who wish to share their stories and receive affirmation and comfort. Please RSVP to Kathy Fagliano at kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org or 650-591-7349 ext. 402.

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This Week @ St. Matthias

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

Women's Retreat		LA Congress Youth Day	
<u>Sunday, March 17th</u>	<u>Monday, March 18th</u>	<u>Tuesday, March 19th</u>	<u>Wednesday, March 20th</u>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 12:30 pm Confirmation Meeting (UR)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)	7:00 pm Stewardship Commission (DR)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Following Christ (DR)
LA Congress Youth Day, Homeboy Industries and Disneyland			2nd Collection: CRS
<u>Thursday, March 21st</u>	<u>Friday, March 22nd</u>	<u>Saturday, March 23rd</u>	<u>Sunday, March 24th</u>
	9:15 am Rosary for Peace (MR) 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper (Hall)	5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Church) 6:15 pm Dementia Whisperer Speaker (Hall)	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass & Donuts (after Mass) 12:30 pm First Communion Make-up (UR)



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.

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.