

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 30-31, 2019



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First Reading — The Israelites ate of the yield of the land of Canaan (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalms — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading — Whoever is in Christ is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — This man welcomes sinners and eats with them (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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

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From Seminarians, John & Zach

Fr. Tom Martin is away through March 30th. In his absence, he asked seminarians, John Hwang and Zachary Alspaugh to submit reflections for our St. Matthias and St. Pius bulletins. Here are their contributions:

Our life is “C” between “B” and “D.” From birth to death, we make lots of choices. Our life is a matter of choices. How can we make better choices? In today’s gospel, the parable of the Prodigal Son illustrates to us how our choices will be good when they are in accord with the will of God. How can we be certain of God’s will?

After a process of discernment, we can be sure of God’s will for our decision when it brings us interior peace because it is only his will that gives us true peace. In his book, *He Leadeth Me*, Fr. Walter Ciszek S.J., writes his experience of discovering the will of God during World War II. Should he stay with his parish community in Albertyn, Poland or go to Russia, a place he had dreamed of bringing the Gospel? At first, he decided to stay with the community rather than follow a vague and largely idealistic vision of future service in Russia. However, after his decision, he discovered a loss of joy and enthusiasm as well as his strong spirit of faith in God’s involvement in his life.

In prayer he decided to follow God’s call, no matter where it might lead, without thought of self, doubts, or reasons of his own. He wanted to be totally open to hear God’s voice and follow his will. Only with the decision to go to Russia did he find the joy and interior peace that are marks of God’s true intervention in the soul. His mission to Russia was filled with suffering, imprisonment, hard labor in Siberia, and hunger, as well as tremendous experiences of grace.

God’s will is discerned by the Fruits of the Spirit that it brings. Peace of soul and joy of heart are two such signs, provided they follow upon total commitment and openness to God alone and not founded on one’s self desires. Remember the formula: Between Birth and Death there are many Choices to make. May they all be made according to God’s will. — John Hwang

Recently, brother John and I finished reading Jesuit Father Walter Ciszek’s extraordinary autobiography, “He Leadeth Me.” Father Ciszek spent 23 years confined in communist Russia in Soviet prisons and Siberian hard labor-camps. Throughout his imprisonment, in the face of injustice and brutality, Father Ciszek continued to hear confessions, conduct retreats, pray with prisoners and celebrate Holy Mass in secret. His book is a profound reflection on God’s providence and learning to do the will of God.

When we strive to know God’s will and to do it each day of our life, it becomes more than a source of eternal salvation, it becomes a source of deep joy and true happiness. Father Ciszek writes, “the plain and simple truth is that God’s will is what he actually wills to send us each day, in the way of circumstances, places, people, and problems.” In other words, no moment can be wasted, no opportunity missed, since each has a purpose in God’s plan.

It has been a blessing for John and me to serve at St. Pius and St. Matthias Churches on our pastoral year. We have been given invaluable context to help further our discernment, for which we are deeply grateful. The promise of priesthood has been presented to us on numerous occasions in class rooms, at school plays, at school sports events, at men and women’s social club functions, at senior community events, at fiestas, at baptisms, at weddings, at funeral and through outreach. Your church communities are passionate for the cause of building up the Kingdom of God. Only by a lively faith can we live in peace among the tensions of the world. Faith in God’s providence and learning to do the will of God is how we persevere and flourish. —Zach Alspaugh

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

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| Saturday, March 30th <i>Lenten Weekday</i> | 5:00 pm | People of St. Matthias | Fr. Ted |
| Sunday, March 31st <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> | 8:00 am | June Miles † | Fr. Coleman |
| | 10:30 am | Kevin Bledsoe † | Fr. Edgardo |
| Monday, April 1st <i>Lenten Weekday</i> | 5:30 pm | Anita & Amalia Bon † | |
| Weds., April 3rd <i>Lenten Weekday</i> | 5:30 pm | June Miles † | |
| Saturday, April 6th <i>Lenten Weekday</i> | 5:00 pm | Mary Pacumio † | |
| Sunday, April 7th <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> | 8:00 am | Lyla Chamorro † | |
| | 10:30 am | People of St. Matthias | |

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

On behalf of everyone who needs and utilizes our programs and services, we 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. As of March 14, 2019 we have received 30% of our assessment. Thank you for supporting the work of the parish and the Archdiocese. We will continue to update you on our progress.

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.

Can't come on May 11th? Consider making a donation to help underwrite the expenses for the event. This helps us offset the costs and maximize our profit.

Various gift levels are available:

\$75 napkins

\$75 wine glasses

\$150 table cloths

\$150 decorations

\$350 china

Case of red or white wine

Contact Sabrina for more information about how to underwrite these expenses.

Do you own a local business? Would you like to sponsor this community event and advertise your business? Sponsorship levels of \$100, \$250, \$500 or \$1000 available. Monies received will help to offset the cost of the event. For this sponsorship, your business card will be included in the program. Contact Sabrina for more information.

Donations for the silent auction are still being accepted. Please contact Rosie Grelli jazzirosie@comcast.net with any questions. Donations can be dropped off to the Rectory during business hours.

Restaurant Fundraiser—Canyon Inn

Thank you to all who ate at the Canyon Inn on March 13th. We just received our check for **\$615!** Parishioners and friends of St. Matthias ordered ~\$2500. Tim, the owner, contributed another \$100 in gratitude for our support of his business!

AED Training

Monday, April 8th @ 7:00 pm | St. Matthias—Fr. Lacey Hall

St. Matthias Church and Preschool has two AED machines; one is located in Fr. Lacey Hall, the other in the Preschool office. These AED's or "Automated External Defibrillator" are to be used for a cardiac emergency of heart attack and it is to be accompanied by an immediate call to 911. Use of an AED has significantly improved the outcomes of people suffering from a heart attack. We will be hosting a training on the use of the AED on Monday, April 8th at 7:00 pm. All parishioners are invited—a simple dinner will be served. Please RSVP to Bob Allen bob.allen@sbcglobal.net if you are planning to attend. Free of charge.

Our Call to Prayer & Worship

SALT (Preschool) and FISH (K-4th) will NOT 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.

Friday, March 29th Stations of the Cross will be hosted by the Following Christ group and will use the "Stopping Along the Way" Stations of the Cross.

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



We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

The Passion of Jesus Christ: A Sacred Concert

Saturday, April 6th from 7:30-
8:30 pm | St. Pius Church

"The Passion of Jesus Christ According to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John" is a musical setting for chorus and orchestra composed by Tony Eiras. Draw deeper in your encounter with the suffering Christ through "The Passion of Jesus Christ," set to music.

The stirring melodies of this original work will enrich your spirit and prepare your heart for Holy Week and Sacred Triduum. Tickets are available at stpius.eventsmart.com



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This Week @ St. Matthias

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

| 2nd Collection: SVdP | | | |
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| <u>Sunday, March 31st</u> | <u>Monday, April 1st</u> | <u>Tuesday, April 2nd</u> | <u>Wednesday, April 3rd</u> |
| 8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am GIFT Gathering (Hall) | 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) | 7:00 pm St. Pius/St. Matthias Parish Mission (St. Pius) | 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Following Christ (DR) |
| 2nd Collection: St. Matthias' Building Fund | | | |
| <u>Thursday, April 4th</u> | <u>Friday, April 5th</u> | <u>Saturday, April 6th</u> | <u>Sunday, April 7th</u> |
| 7:00 pm Prayer & Worship Commission Meeting (DR) | 9:15 am Rosary for Peace (MR) 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper (Hall) | 5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Church) | 8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass FISH & SALT during 10:30 am Mass |
| Tickets for the Murder Mystery go on sale online April 6-7th! | | | |

RCIA—The Scrutinies

At the Rite of Election on Sunday, March 10, several hundred catechumens and candidates for the Sacraments of Initiation gathered at St. Mary's Cathedral. Archbishop Cordileone blessed them and asked everyone in the Archdiocese to keep them in prayer as they continue their spiritual journey to the Easter Vigil.

At our 10:30 Mass on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent, our catechumen (elect), Jessica Sanchez will participate in the Scrutinies. At the Easter Vigil, Jessica will be Baptized, then receive Confirmation and Eucharist.

The Scrutinies are ancient rites of the Church which are intended to "heal all that is sinful and bring out, then strengthen, all that is upright, strong and good" in the elect. These Scrutinies (prayers) are about the overwhelming grace of God and grace-filled encounters with the healing power of the Spirit.

Please keep our St. Matthias catechumen, **Jessica Sanchez**, and our candidates **Jessica Talavera**, **Kathy Sweeney** and **Lisa Cox** in your prayers.

A Parish Mission: A Lenten Journey with Jesus

DATE CHANGE: Parish Mission will ONLY be on Tuesday, April 2nd from 7-8:30 pm | St. Pius Church

St. Pius Church invites you to its annual Parish Mission: Three hours that will transform your life and prepare you for Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum. Come and listen to retreat director Bishop Carlos Sevilla, S.J., Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Yakima, Washington. Bishop Sevilla was a former Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco who was named the sixth bishop of Yakima in 1996. He became Bishop Emeritus in 2011 and now lives with the Jesuit community at Bellarmine Prep, San Jose. He continues to be an active spiritual director and presenter at retreats and conferences. This mission will be time well spent in reflection as we take in the insights of Bishop Sevilla. Admission is free. For information, contact Elvira Cabahug-Garcia, Elvira@pius.org 650-361-1411.