

# ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

## St. Matthias



### *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - April 13-14, 2019*



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**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

*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](http://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,

Over these past weeks as we have celebrated this solemn Lenten season, we have sought to dispose ourselves to prepare for the dramatic events of salvation history to which we now bear witness as we enter into this holiest of holy weeks in the Christian world. In a very special and particular way, the Church has invited us to exercise the Lenten call to prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. These three spiritual exercises have helped to prepare us to understand more ardently and clearly God's plan of salvation through the gift of His Son. Hopefully we have come to inculcate more deeply in our lives the identity of Jesus as one who prayed, fasted, and gave utterly and completely of himself. Our preparation for the unfolding events of Holy Week now finds us standing at the portal or threshold of such dramatic events in human history: the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem amidst great cheers and adulation; a meal shared with his companions in the upper room in commemoration of Passover; his being brought before the Roman tribunal for condemnation and sentence; his long road of suffering culminating with his crucifixion.

Luke's Gospel provides an impactful and riveting sequence of events leading up to the passion and death of Jesus. At the Passover meal with his disciples, he explicitly tells them he will suffer. He offers bread and wine; the bread is his body which he will surrender for us. The wine speaks of the transformation of the Covenant given to the Jewish people which will become the New Covenant by Jesus shedding his blood on the Cross. Jesus then tells his disciples that one of them will betray him. Being all too human, the disciples not only argue over who will betray Jesus but also quibble over which among them is his favorite.

He then teaches them about authentic Christian leadership and service. "Let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. For who is the greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? ***I am among you as the one who serves.***" *This very identity of Jesus as one who serves is what enables him to surrender to His Father's will, carry his cross, and die for us. It is an interesting observation that the two bookends of this unfolding drama include a Eucharistic meal in which Jesus speaks of service to others and the exchange between Jesus and the two condemned criminals who flank his sides upon the Cross. The one criminal redeems himself by recognizing his own sinfulness. This integrity and honesty leads to reconciliation and forgiveness. He says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replies, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."*

During my recent annual retreat, I meditated upon the Gospel of Luke which we read in Cycle C this year. I concentrated upon the Annunciation and Mary's Fiat or "Yes" to God's will and the Passion narrative. I came to recognize that, despite the fact that I am a sinner deeply in need of reconciliation and mercy, the Lord still invites me to discipleship and in a particular way to priestly ministry. I invite each one of us to reflect this Holy Week upon our unique as well as corporate call to serve the Lord and one another. Let us recognize in ourselves the various roles of those who participate in Jesus's suffering and passion. Let us ask for the grace to be brothers and sisters walking alongside Jesus during this time...and to be present to him in a new and extravagant way when we come to the tomb early in the morning only to find that our Lord Jesus Christ has risen from the dead.

I pray that you and your families will join us in the beautiful Triduum celebrations this week. May we be present to our Lord, amidst the many demands of daily life, in a truly intimate way. May we seek to understand more profoundly both the depths of God's unconditional love for us and to communicate that love both within our own lives and the lives of those around us. Please be assured of my prayers for you during this most privileged time.

Father Tom

# Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

## Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

<b>Saturday, April 13th</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Allen Taylor †	Fr. Ted
<b>Sunday, April 14th</b> <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	8:00 am	Maria Dolores & Paul Falzon †	Fr. Ted
	10:30 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Ted
<b>Monday, April 15th</b> <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	5:30 pm	Alfredo Bon †	Fr. Ted
<b>Weds., April 17th</b> <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	5:30 pm	Bill & Rosalie Becker †	Fr. Ted
<b>Saturday, April 20th</b> <i>Holy Saturday</i>	8:00 pm	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Ted
<b>Sunday, April 21st</b> <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	8:00 am	George & Giselle Beyrouti †	Fr. Ted
	10:30 am	Bob, Tom, Jimmy & Susie Bassett †	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.

## Week of the Young Child April 8—12th

In the Church and Hall this weekend we are displaying documentation and art work from St. Matthias Preschool. Documentation is a way for us to capture and share with you the life of our school. We take photos, quote the children and ask them about their ideas. This technique of teaching is a beautiful way to encourage children to be thinkers and to consider other people’s perspective as well. We invite you to take a look around the easels that are set up in the back of the church and to look closer at what amazing children we have among us.

## 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  
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](mailto: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](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 **\$228,076.25**

Monthly Need **\$26,666**

March Sunday Collections **\$21,777**

+ Electronic Donations **\$4,800**

**Total Offertory for March \$26,577**

**Difference (Monthly Need - Received) <\$89>**

## 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 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 28, 2019 we have received 31% 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](http://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

Our Murder Mystery Dinner and Silent Auction is a 1950s themed whodunit mystery featuring performances by our talented musicians and youth. Enjoy a gourmet dinner in Fr. Lacey Hall with silent auction and beer and wine available for purchase. The mystery will take place in the Rectory.

Tickets are \$75 per person and will be available via Eventbrite beginning Monday, April 8th. Include link: <http://www.stmatthiasparish.org/support-us/murder-mystery/>

Limited to 100 tickets so buy yours early. All pro-

ceeds after expenses support the programming and events provided by St. Matthias.

Do you have 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.

## *A Sunday Only Retreat for Mothers with Mary Abinante*

Sunday, April 28th from 9:00 am—3:00 pm | Val-lombrosa Retreat Center, 250 Oak Grove, Menlo Park | \$49 per person | Call 650-325-5614

This day is for mothers of all ages and in all stages of life. Motherhood is a special calling. We'll reflect on how God blesses, sustains and consoles us as we live our unique vocation.

Light snacks and coffee in the morning. Lunch is included and Eucharist will be celebrated. Seating is limited.

Mary da Silva Abinante has worked in parish, retreat, and high school ministries in California and Northwest for over 30 years. She recently retired from the Adult Spirituality Team at St. Ignatius College Prep in San Francisco. She has a M.A. in Religious Education from the University of San Francisco and has done additional graduate work in adult formation. She and her late husband Phil have three young adult children.

## *No Welcome Weekend in April*

April 13-14th | St. Matthias

Due to Holy Week, we will not have Hospitality after masses this weekend. However, there will be cake and coffee on Sunday, April 28 following the 10:30 Mass in celebration of those receiving their First Communion.

# Our Call to Prayer & Worship

SALT (Preschool) and FISH (K-4th) will NOT meet Sunday during 10:30 am Mass.

## *CRS Rice Bowl: Encounter Lent*

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

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.



## *Daily Mass & Anointing of the Sick (Healing Service)*

Monday, April 15th | 5:30 pm Mass

Those who are seriously ill or facing surgery are especially invited to attend Mass and received the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

## *Seder Supper & Mass of the Lord's Supper—April 18th*

Thursday, April 18th @ 5:30 pm | St. Matthias—Fr. Lacey Hall

A special part of our Holy Week celebration is the Seder Supper that we will celebrate this year on April 18th. The Seder Supper will begin at 5:30 pm followed by Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm. Sign-up sheets are available in the back of the Church. If anyone would like to help prepare the food or help with setup for the Seder Supper, please contact Liz Vugrinecz at 366-9544 x 2012 or [liz@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:liz@stmatthiasparish.org).

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper, there will be the washing of the feet of "12 disciples" after which the community will be invited to come up and have their feet washed by one of those 12 people. In turn, those who have had their feet washed are invited to serve others by washing the feet of those who follow. It is a very profound and hum-

bling experience as we recreate this act of service instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper.

The final act of the liturgy is the procession to the Altar of repose. Fr. Ted (our celebrant for the Triduum) will lead this procession into the Hall and Merry Room where adoration will take place. The Merry Room will be open for prayer and adoration until 9:30 pm.

## *Sacred Paschal Triduum*

Christians around the world will soon be celebrating our high holy days. The Sacred Paschal Triduum celebrates the memorial of the crucified, buried and risen Lord. The Triduum actually begins with the observance of the Lord's Last Supper.

Originally, the three days were the day of Jesus's death, the day he lay in the tomb, and the day of his resurrection. However, in the revised liturgy the observance of the Triduum now begins with the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, so that it is included in the observance of the one event of the dying and rising of the Lord.

At St. Matthias, we have developed a tradition of hosting a Seder Supper on Holy Thursday prior to Mass. Jesus gathered his disciples in the Upper Room in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover Meal or Seder Supper. Jews in Jesus' time and Jews today remember and give thanks to God for "passing over" their ancestors in Egypt; and, through Moses, guiding them to the promised land. We gather to pray, eat and give thanks to God for sending His Son, the Paschal Lamb, Our Savior.

The Season of Lent comes to an end before the Mass of the Last Supper. All faithful are invited to participate in the Holy Thursday evening Mass. Our participation demonstrates the unity of the Church at prayer and that each one of us accompanies Jesus as he prepares to suffer and die for us.

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# This Week @ St. Matthias

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

## Holy Week

<u>Sunday, April 14th</u>	<u>Monday, April 15th</u>	<u>Tuesday, April 16th</u>	<u>Wednesday, April 17th</u>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA 10:30 am Sunday Mass FISH and SALT during 10:30am Mass	5:30 pm Daily Mass & Anointing of the Sick (Church)	Music Ministry Rehearsal	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 6:00 pm RCIA Potluck & Retreat (Hall)
<b><u>Sacred Paschal Triduum</u></b>			<b><u>Easter Sunday—Easter Egg Hunt after 10:30 am Mass</u></b>
<u>Holy Thursday, April 18th</u>	<u>Good Friday, April 19th</u>	<u>Holy Saturday, April 20th</u>	<u>Easter Sunday, April 21st</u>
5:30 pm Seder Supper (Hall) 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	12:00 pm Good Friday Services	8:00 pm Easter Vigil	8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass

Triduum liturgies include very special prayers and actions. During the Mass of the Last Supper, the washing of the feet takes place demonstrating the scene in John's Gospel when Jesus washes the feet of his disciples. The Mass does not conclude with a dismissal, rather the Blessed Sacrament is taken by procession to the Merry Room (Altar of Repose) for adoration by the faithful during Holy Thursday night.

Good Friday liturgy includes the reading of the Lord's passion, the veneration of the Cross and distribution of Communion. Holy Saturday is a day of mediation and prayer, We await for the resurrection with anticipation.

The Easter Eucharist is probably the most ancient of all liturgies. At the Easter Vigil, we light the new Easter Candle symbolic of Jesus, The Light of the World. Our vestments are white. Flowers enhance the liturgical environment. We sing the "Gloria" again and our hymns reflect joy and gratitude because "Jesus Christ, Has Risen Today."

Please join us at St. Matthias for our celebration of the Sacred Paschal Triduum. As a community we pray and accompany Jesus during the Passover meal, to the cross and his resurrection. Jesus came to save us all and bring us to eternal life. Thanks be to God!

## Los Angeles Archdiocesan Youth Day

On March 20-23rd, four of our St. Matthias youth (Landon Pierce, Joshua Navarro, Phoebe Rak and Nyah Herbert) travelled with chaperones, Sabrina Harper and Maria Cornell to Anaheim for the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Youth Day. This annual event features liturgy, speakers and prayer and is designed to promote spiritual growth and leadership. As part of the visit, the group toured Homeboy Industries, the largest gang prevention, training and rehabilitation program in the United States. The group also visited Disneyland. Thank you for your prayers and support.



At the Anaheim Convention Center. L to R: Landon Pierce, Phoebe Rak, Sabrina Harper, Nyah Herbert, Joshua Navarro



At Homeboy Café.