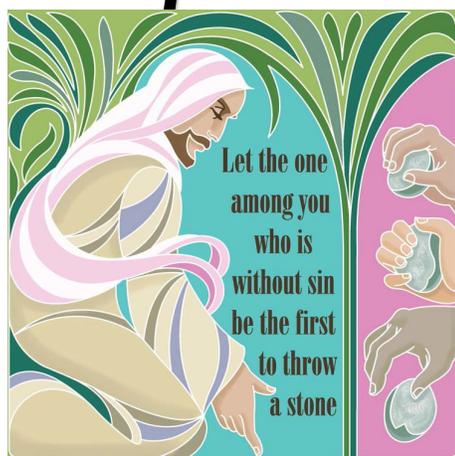


ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Fifth Sunday of Lent - April 6-7, 2019



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First Reading — See, I am doing something new! (Isaiah 43:16-21) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) or Psalm 130.

Second Reading — I have been taken possession of by Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:8-14) or Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — Go, and from now on do not sin any more (John 8:1-11) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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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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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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From Fr. Ted

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are now more than halfway in our Lenten journey and hopefully you have participated in some of the events and activities offered in our parishes for spiritual nourishment and renewal.

In our gospel this Sunday, the scribes and the Pharisees brought to Jesus a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. St. John writes that they wanted to “test” Jesus on the issue of retribution so “they might have some charge to bring against him.” There were many incidents where they planned to set-up Jesus, to test and trap him, like in an issue with paying taxes, but Jesus is smarter than them.

This incident happened while Jesus was preaching, when suddenly, there was a rude interruption. The scribes and the Pharisees broke into the assembly, bringing a captive woman. They demanded a condemnatory judgement from Jesus. But the Lord said nothing. The inquisitors continued to press him for a verbal response. It was at this point that he made the statement: “He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone.” Jewish law treated adultery as a serious crime, one of the three gravest sins punishable by death. If Jesus said the woman must be pardoned, he would be accused of breaking the law of Moses. If he said the woman must be stoned, he would lose his reputation for being the merciful friend of sinners.

This was a trap laid for Christ. There was malicious intent here! So, Jesus initially gave a non-verbal response by writing something on the ground. Whatever Christ wrote on the ground had a powerful impact upon his critics. Silently they slipped away into the shadows, progressing from the older to the younger. This effect usually is interpreted as an indication that the Lord’s written message impacted the more mature first, and then the younger. It is hard to focus upon another’s sin when your own is exposed. Perhaps Jesus was writing down a list of the sins of the accusers standing before him. Jesus now turns the challenge towards his accusers. The Lord leaves the matter to their own consciences.

The accusers abandoned their prey. They were no match for the Son of God. The Lord rose and spoke to the woman. He inquired: “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” Then he added, “Neither do I condemn you.” Jesus both expresses mercy and strongly exhorts her to not sin again.

Pope Francis was once asked what he will do to people, lay or clergy who have homosexual orientation, and his response was “Who am I to Judge?” St. Luke 6:37, exhorts us: “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven.” We are expected to be forgiving people as we ourselves have been forgiven.

During Lent we are given another chance to repent and to try our best to sin no more. God’s grace enables us to confront our sin for what it is, and to turn back to Him with a repentant heart and a thankful spirit for His mercy and forgiveness. The scribes wished to condemn, while Jesus wished to forgive and to restore the sinner to health. His challenge to the woman involved a choice— go back to her sinful living or accept God’s forgiveness and offer of restoration and new life in his kingdom of peace and righteousness.

As we always say, “No one is perfect,” and so we need to be careful when we pass judgment on others. There is a secular saying: “Remember, when you point a finger at someone, there are three more fingers pointing back at you.”

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, April 6th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Mary Pacumio †	Fr. Edgardo
Sunday, April 7th <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	8:00 am	Lyla Chamorro †	Fr. Ted
	10:30 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Coleman
Monday, April 8th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Josefina K. Bon †	Fr. Ted
Weds., April 10th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Tito and Baby Boy Ora †	Fr. Edgardo
Saturday, April 13th <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Allen Taylor †	Fr. Ted
Sunday, April 14th <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	8:00 am	Maria Dolores & Paul Falzon †	Fr. Ted
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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
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 **\$22,8076.25**

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 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 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 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



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.

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 this weekend. Visit <http://www.stmatthiasparish.org/support-us/murder-mystery/> to find the link to Eventbrite for ticket sales. Limited to 100 tickets so buy yours early. All proceeds 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.

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.

Can't come on May 11th? Consider making a donation to sponsor the event to help us offset the costs of the event 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

Thank you for your support of our fundraising efforts!

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, April 12th, Stations of the Cross will be hosted by our Readers and will follow "Stations of the Cross—A Journey in Prayer," by Timothy Radcliffe.

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 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 Ona in Gaza, where despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit crsrice-bowl.org for more.



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.

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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: Building Fund			
<u>Sunday, April 7th</u>	<u>Monday, April 8th</u>	<u>Tuesday, April 9th</u>	<u>Wednesday, April 10th</u>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass FISH & SALT during 10:30 am Mass	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm AED Training (Hall)	6:30 am Preschool Advisory Board Meeting (Rm 5) 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (Hall)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Following Christ (DR)
<u>Palm Sunday—Meet on the Front Steps of Church</u>			
<u>Thursday, April 11th</u>	<u>Friday, April 12th</u>	<u>Saturday, April 13th</u>	<u>Sunday, April 14th</u>
5:30 pm Archdiocesan Chrism Mass (St. Mary's Cathedral)	9:15 am Rosary for Peace (MR) 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper (Hall)	10:00 am—4:00 pm Following Christ Retreat (Rectory) 5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Church)	8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass

Week of the Young Child

April 8-12th | St. Matthias Church

This is National Week of The Young Child and we invite you to celebrate with the children of St. Matthias Preschool! In the Church and Hall we are displaying documentation and art work from our school. 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 of encouraging children to be thinkers and to consider other people's perspective as well. Each documentation tells a story of learning and embraces these teachable moments. We invite you to take a look around the easels that are set up in the back of the church to look closer at what amazing children we have among us.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 13-14th | St. Matthias—Fr. Lacey Hall

Next weekend is Palm Sunday. At each Mass, we will gather on the front steps of the Church facing Cordilleras Road for the Gospel and the Procession. We will then follow the presider, altar servers and musicians in a solemn procession into the Church building. Palms will be available at the entrances of the Church upon your arrival.

No Welcome Weekend in April

April 13-14th | St. Matthias

Due to Holy Week, we will not have Hospitality after masses on the weekend of April 13 and 14. However, there will be cake and coffee on Sunday, April 28 following the 10:30 Mass in celebration of those receiving their First Communion.



Seder Supper & Mass of the Lord's Supper

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.