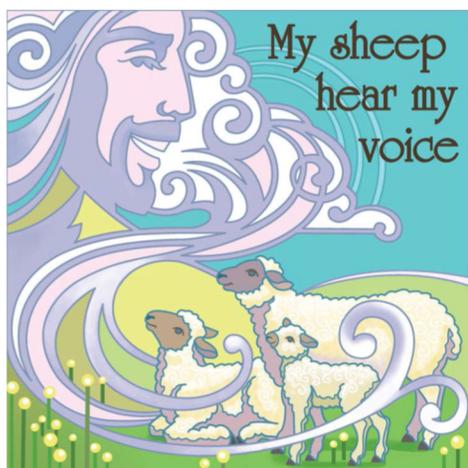


ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Matthias



Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 11-12, 2019



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First Reading — The word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

Psalm — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

Second Reading — I had a vision of a great multitude (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

Gospel — My sheep hear my voice; I know them and give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

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

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Fr. Tom's Column

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I recently received my monthly copy of Sports Illustrated. I always look forward to catching up on the latest news in the sports world especially as it relates to baseball scouting reports, team standings, etc. The May edition of SI caught my attention for another reason. The cover reads: "Sorry, Grownups: The Golden Age is Now." The premise of the author Sam Page is that no previous athletic greats could remotely compete against today's superstars. Yes, Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio, Bill Russell and Joe Montana would be left in the dust. This is a debate for another day. Page writes that "The term 'Golden Age' can describe the best period of something. But it can also mean the original era—a fondly remembered beginning." You may be rightly asking at this point, "What does this have to do with the Scriptures?" Well, everything!

During the Easter Season, we hear proclaimed in the first reading the Acts of the Apostles. Acts reflects the great energy and movement of the Holy Spirit in the early Church. The words of the journalist Sam Page have some resonance with the experience of the early Christian communities. Basking in the glow of Easter morning when we celebrate the triumph of life over death through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we come to know its implications through the stirrings and activity of the first believers. I would submit that Acts reflects a "Golden Age" in Christendom: "the original era—a fondly remembered beginning." The 1971 edition of The Jerusalem Bible, in its introduction to the Acts of the Apostles, suggests that the motivation of Saint Luke in writing this chronicle of the apostolic age was to report on the "spiritual energy inside Christianity that motivates its expansion and (its spiritual doctrines)."

Reflecting upon this "spiritual energy" is essential to understanding that Easter is not simply a day marked in finite time. Hopefully as Christians Easter becomes a part of the fabric of our very nature, a pervasive attitude by which we view and interact in the various circumstances of life. It is important from time to time to re-read Acts of the Apostles so that we can contemplate and reflect upon how God is operative in this "Golden Age" of human history and the life of the Church. The energy and excitement, congruent with danger and uncertainty, to be sure, of the early Church is instructive and relevant for us today. These aspects can help us to re-energize and re-commit ourselves individually and as a community to the truly dynamic nature of what it means to be a Christian. Paul and Barnabas took seriously the mission that "I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth." Their travels from Perga to Pisidian Antioch were geographically treacherous but they kept on. Even against the rebuke of Jewish leaders in Antioch, "they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium (and) the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."

They had come to believe in the triumph of Jesus the Good Shepherd. The early disciples heard the voice of Jesus, knowing that He was the Way, the Truth, and the Life and so wanted to share that Good News with others. In that "Golden Age", as in ours, there will be rebuke and hardship for speaking the Truth. We need not be afraid. Be steadfast, stouthearted... firm in faith, hope and love. - Fr. Tom

Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

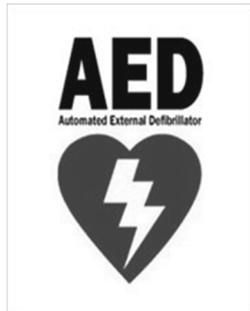
Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

Saturday, May 11th <i>Easter Weekday</i>	NO 5:00 pm Mass due to the Murder Mystery Dinner and Silent Auction		
Sunday, May 12th <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Tom
	10:30 am	Philip Brox †	Fr. Tom
Monday, May 13th <i>Easter Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Tony & Ana Azcarrate †	Fr. Ted
Weds., May 15th <i>Easter Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Baby Boy Ora †	Fr. Ted
Saturday, May 18th <i>Easter Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Joanne Masar †	Fr. Edgardo
Sunday, May 19th <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	Fr. Coleman
	10:30 am	Richard & Rose Marino (Special Intention)	Fr. Coleman

SAVE THE DATE: On Saturday, June 1st our 5:00 pm Mass will be celebrated by Bishop William Justice in honor of Deacon George Salinger's 90th birthday. Please join us for the celebration and a reception to follow in Fr. Lacey Hall.

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.



Caring for Ourselves

We have an AED, "Automated External Defibrillator", located in Fr. Lacey Hall. It is to be used for a cardiac emergency of heart attack and it is to be accompanied by an immediate call to 911. Please familiarize yourself with its location. Use of an AED has significantly improved the outcomes of people suffering from a heart attack.

We pray for the sick in our community...

Adelaide Sciandri

Will Richardson

Shirley Roybal

Georgia Graf

Gerard Kaz

Pamela Foley

Andres Gutierrez

Julie Polati

Kelly Corbett

Marian Deglientoni

Rose & Richard Marino

...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.

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 **\$260,640.25**

Monthly Need **\$26,666**

April Sunday Collections (includes Easter) **\$27,779**

+ Electronic Donations **\$4,785**

Total Offertory for April \$32,564

Difference (Monthly Need - Received) <\$5,898>

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 April 12, 2019 we have received 34% of our assessment. Thank you for supporting the work of the parish and the Archdiocese. We will continue to update you on our progress.

Thank you for supporting our ongoing fundraising efforts!

Each month we've organized another fundraising event at a local restaurant. In April, we "Let the Good Times Roll" at Creola Bistro in San Carlos and will be receiving a check for 20% of the sales, \$423.36. The prior month was at Canyon Inn and we received \$650. Thank you to all who attended our "Murder on a Movie Set" Murder Mystery this Saturday night. We'll have more information to report to you about that next week!

Stay tuned for the June restaurant—date and place to be announced soon!



**CREATING A
CULTURE OF
GENEROSITY**

Our Call to Build Community

Catholic Charities Collection

Sunday, May 12 | catholiccharitiessf.org

Mothers' Day is Catholic Charities Sunday. This second collection is an annual invitation to parishioners in the Archdiocese of San Francisco to personally invest in the lives of thousands of marginalized and vulnerable residents in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin counties. Your generous support keeps families together by preventing poverty and homelessness; enriches the lives of aging and disabled adults; welcomes and supports immigrants and unaccompanied minors, and nurtures the healthy development of children and youth. Pew envelopes are available on Catholic Charities Sunday. You can also text CCSunday to 41444 or visit catholiccharitiessf.org/ccsunday/ to donate. Please respond with a generous and open heart. For more information contact Jane Ferguson Flout 415-972-1227 or email jfergusonflout@CatholicCharitiesSF.org

Justice and Charity + St. Vincent de Paul Backpack Collection

May 18-19th | Fr. Lacey Hall—St. Matthias

Before and after Masses on May 18-19th, our St. Vincent de Paul Conference Members will be collecting backpacks for the St. Francis of Assisi, East Palo Alto Summer Youth Program. This program serves 3rd, 4th and 5th grade boys and girls. The backpacks are distributed to the children so that they have clean, new supplies for the school year. We will be collecting 60 backpacks this year. If you are able to purchase a new backpack for a child, it should be a solid color, but not red or blue. Thank you in advance!

Acknowledgements & Gratitude

On Saturday, April 27th, Serra High School Senior, Sebastian Salazar, and a group of volunteers, cleaned and reimagined the Rectory patio for his Eagle Scout project. They cleaned the area, spread tanbark, and built planter boxes and a table.

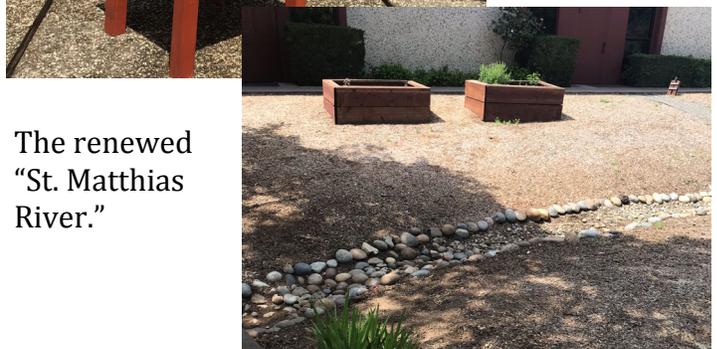
At the same time, a parishioner and another high

school volunteer, reset the rocks in the "St. Matthias River" between the Church and Rectory buildings, trimmed bushes and beautified that area.

We also celebrated First Holy Communion with six of our young members on Sunday, April 28th. And the prior weekend, we celebrated Easter! Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Easter and Holy Week celebrations!



Sebastian Salazar with the table and planter boxes he built.



The renewed "St. Matthias River."



Our Easter Vigil musicians.

Our Call to Prayer & Worship

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

Pentecost

Saturday & Sunday, June 8 & 9th | St. Matthias

We will be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost on June 8 and 9th. Pentecost marks the founding of Christ's Church. We read in Scripture how the Apostles, guided by the power of the Holy Spirit, share the Good News of Jesus and how they were heard by those pilgrims in Jerusalem who spoke many languages.

We are seeking parishioners who speak languages other than English to say one or two lines during a reading at one or more Masses on Pentecost weekend. Please contact the parish office or see Deacon David or Deacon Rich if you have the gift of multiple languages and can help us.

Bible Study: Encountering Jesus in the Gospel of John with Deacon Rich

Beginning Monday, April 29 through June 17 from 7:00—8:30 pm | Fr. Lacey Hall, St. Matthias Church

This seven session series will examine Jesus as he is revealed in the four parts of this book of the

Bible through presentations, discussions and analysis. The four parts include: The Prologue, The Book of Signs, The Book of Glory and the Resurrection Epilogue. Handouts will be provided.

Please bring your Bible, notepad and pen. The preferred Catholic Bibles are *New Revised Standard Version* and *The New American Bible*. Bibles are available for use in the Hall.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Rich rich@stmatthiasparish.org

Welcome Weekend

May 12th | Fr. Lacey Hall—St. Matthias



This weekend is "Welcome Weekend." However, there will be NO 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, May 11th due to the Murder Mystery Dinner and Silent Auction that evening. For the Sunday Masses, name tags will be available for all upon entering the Church. Any visitors will be invited to stand for a special blessing and welcome by the community. Then, following the Masses, all are invited to join together in Fr. Lacey Hall for hospitality. Please come and enjoy coffee and donuts with the 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

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This Week @ St. Matthias

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

Catholic Charities Mother's Day Welcome Weekend		Feast of St. Matthias	
<u>Sunday, May 12th</u>	<u>Monday, May 13th</u>	<u>Tuesday, May 14th</u>	<u>Wednesday, May 15th</u>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Bible Study (Hall)	7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (Hall)	10:00 am Deanery Meeting (St. Pius) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group (Hall)
SVdP/JCC Backpack Drive			
<u>Thursday, May 16th</u>	<u>Friday, May 17th</u>	<u>Saturday, May 18th</u>	<u>Sunday, May 19th</u>
	9:15 am Rosary for Peace (MR) 5:00 pm Preschool Celebration of Learning	5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Church)	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass / Baptism

Happy Mother's Day



Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you...

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**