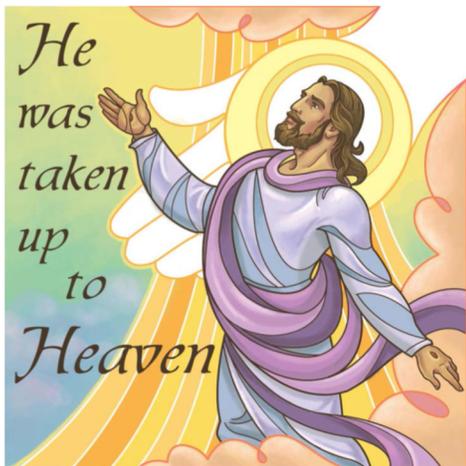


# ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

## St. Matthias



### The Ascension of the Lord - June 1-2, 2019



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**First Reading** — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

**Psalm** — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

**Second Reading** — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or *Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23*.

**Gospel** — As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).

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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](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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## From Fr. Tom

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord. In the forty days since his Resurrection, Jesus has been preparing his disciples for this precise moment. Jesus has completed his earthly mission and now returns to sit at the right hand of His Father in heaven. The number forty is significant in biblical history as we recall the forty years the People of Israel spent in the desert and the forty days Jesus himself spent in the desert. These desert experiences are a time of discernment and relationship-building with the Father. During these particular forty days in the post-Resurrection period, Jesus prepares his disciples for the mission he has entrusted to their care. He does not leave them empty-handed without the tools necessary to carry out the mission of witnessing to the Good News “to the ends of the earth.”

In a very joyful and hopeful way, Jesus assures his companions that the Holy Spirit, the Advocate and Paraclete, will infuse their lives to impel them forward with missionary zeal. It is interesting to note, that despite all that has happened, the disciples still hold tenaciously to the hope that Jesus is the messiah who will restore the kingdom of Israel. There is still the very human desire to see Jesus as the temporal or political messiah. Jesus’ response to the disciples has poignant meaning for us as well. “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority...” The gifts that God imparts to us, of grace and the Holy Spirit, help and support us. They help us to let go of our own preoccupations and longing for how things ought to be and to trust with greater docility and openness God’s plan for us. This spiritual insight also helps us to remember that our earthly life is impermanent; indeed, our ultimate destination is Heaven and Jesus himself shows us the way.

Saint Jose Maria Escriva, in his book, Christ is Passing By, writes that “Our Lord’s Ascension also reminds us of another fact. The same Christ, who encourages us to carry out our task in the world, awaits us in heaven. In other words, our life on earth, which we love, is not definitive. ‘Here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come’ (Heb 13;14), a changeless home, where we may live forever. Christ awaits us and we are citizens of heaven and at the same time fully-fledged citizens of this earth, in the midst of difficulties, injustices and lack of understanding, but also in the midst of the joy and serenity that comes from knowing that we are children of God.” These words of profound depth are a source of consolation and encouragement as we strive to be men and women in the world but not of the world. We are firmly ensconced in the reality of temporal existence while realizing that God has a final destination that lasts far beyond this workaday world.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Bishop William J. Justice, our Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus as he joins us in celebrating the ninetieth birthday of our beloved Deacon George Salinger. I am grateful for the generosity Deacon George has shown over many years of dedicated service, especially to those who needed a compassionate, empathetic, and non-judgmental friend. Deacon George, who served at my First Mass, is a dear friend, incredible role model, and an example of how true Christians ought to be. Well done, good and faithful servant!

# Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

## Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

<b>Saturday, June 1st</b> <i>St. Justin, Martyr</i>	5:00 pm	Yvonne Salinger †	Bishop Justice
<b>Sunday, June 2nd</b> <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias	
	10:30 am	Erin Magee (Sp. Int.)	
<b>Monday, June 3rd</b> <i>St. Charles Lwanga and Companions</i>	5:30 pm	Alfredo & Amalia Bon †	
<b>Weds., June 5th</b> <i>St. Boniface, Bishop &amp; Martyr</i>	5:30 pm	Erin Magee (Sp. Int.)	
<b>Saturday, June 8th</b> <i>Easter Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Kathleen Russell †	
<b>Sunday, June 9th</b> <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	8:00 am	Joanne Masar †	
	10:30 am		

**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](mailto:liz@stmatthiasparish.org) or call 366-9544 x 2012.

## 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.

### What is a Mass Intention?

A Mass Intention is a special way to honor a beloved friend or family members, whether in death, for healing, in celebration of a special day, or simply for prayers and guidance. If you would like to request a Mass In-

tention, please email [lisa@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:lisa@stmatthiasparish.org), call 366-9544, or stop by the office to schedule it for any of our weekday/weekend Masses. We can only accept ONE intention per Mass, so if you have a specific date in mind, it is a good idea to plan ahead. A \$10 donation is suggested.

## 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

*We pray for the sick in our community...*

Adelaide Sciandri

Will Richardson

Shirley Roybal

Georgia Graf

Gerard Kaz

Pamela Foley

Andres Gutierrez

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](mailto:lisa@stmatthiasparish.org). Please let us know when your friend or loved one's health has improved.

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.

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

If you believe you are a victim of sexual abuse, please call our hotline at (415) 614-5506.

# 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.

<b>Year-To-Date Received</b>	<b>\$260,640.25</b>
<b>Monthly Need</b>	<b>\$26,666</b>
April Sunday Collections (includes Easter)	\$27,779
+ Electronic Donations	\$4,785
<b>Total Offertory for April</b>	<b>\$32,564</b>
<b>Difference (Monthly Need - Received)</b>	<b>&lt;\$5,898&gt;</b>

## Online Giving

Online giving is *safe, secure and easy*. Visit our website at [stmatthiasparish.org](http://stmatthiasparish.org) and click on "Support Us" then "Online Donation" to sign up.

Thank you to those who have recently made the switch! A monthly online donation saves on paperwork and transaction fees.

## 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 May 20, 2019 we have received 37% 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

## *Deacon George's 90th Birthday Celebration!*

On Saturday, June 1st, our 5 p.m. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop William Justice in honor of Deacon George Salinger's 90th birthday. Deacon George and his late wife, Yvonne, came to our parish many years ago. According to George, they found St. Matthias and its community to be both welcoming and caring.

George, with the full support of Yvonne, was ordained a Deacon of the Archdiocese of San Francisco in June of 1999. He has served our parish and its parishioners for twenty years as one of our deacons. In that time, Deacon George has baptized many babies, witnessed several marriages and presided over numerous funeral vigils and committals.

Deacon George also served as Assistant Chaplain at San Quentin Prison for over 14 years. He continues to bring the Word of God and Holy Communion into San Mateo County Jail most Sundays.

Please join us for this celebration and the opportunity to wish George a very Happy 90th Birthday and express our thanks for his many years of service to the St. Matthias Community. Members of Deacon George's family will be joining us. A reception will follow in Fr. Lacey Hall.

## *Changes and Transitions*

During the Masses of May 11-12, Fr. Tom read a letter from the Archdiocese announcing that Fr. Dave Ghiorso, current pastor of St. Charles in San Carlos, has been appointed as pastor of St. Matthias effective July 1, 2019. Fr. Dave will serve as pastor to both parishes.

For the past three years, Fr. Paul and Fr. Tom have worked collaboratively with the St. Matthias parish leaders to further develop a unique "model of leadership." They have guided our councils and commissions in engaging our parishioners in the spirituality of stewardship (time, talent and treasure). Our Pastoral Plan, *Shaping Our Future*, continues to be implemented through the many parish ministries and activities. We thank Fr. Tom for his support and service to our parish.

Fr. Dave brings years of experience as a pastor of St. Charles. This change will also provide the opportunity for Fr. Tom to focus on the needs of St. Pius Church and School. Fr. Tom is working with Fr. Dave and our staff to ensure a smooth transition. We will keep you informed.

The question most people have asked us is, "What is the difference between a pastor and a parish administrator?" A pastor provides for the pastoral care of the parish community, usually for a set term (e.g. six years). A parish administrator also provides for the pastoral care of the parish community. However, the appointment of a parish administrator is usually intended to be a temporary assignment.

In addition, Fr. Ted has been assigned to St. Bartholomew parish in San Mateo effective July 1st. We will miss Fr. Ted and Fr. Edgardo. We thank them for their service to our parish community.

Fr. Samuel Musiimenta, currently at St. Isabella in Marin County, has been assigned as the new parochial vicar for St. Charles and St. Matthias, beginning July 1st.

Two St. Matthias staff changes will also be occurring at the end of June. Kim Nave, our Preschool Director, is moving on to another professional opportunity in Early Childhood Education. Kim has positively impacted the quality of the program and the reputation of our Preschool in our community. We are fully enrolled for next year. We are in the process of hiring a new director.

Finally, Liz Vugrinecz is retiring as our Adult Faith Formation Coordinator. Liz coordinates many valued ministries in our parish including Baptism preparation, Funeral services, faith formation series and events (e.g. Discovering Christ, retreats). Although Liz is retiring, she will continue to contribute to the life of the parish. Please join us for a reception for Liz on June 23rd after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please help us thank Liz for her many years of service.

As you can see, we are in the midst of change and several transitions. The Archdiocese is committed to support St. Matthias parish. We have been blessed to have wonderful and dedicated priests and lay leaders like Liz. Please take the opportunity to thank each of them for all they have done and will continue to do for the people of God.

Deacon Rich Foley, Parish Life Coordinator and Sabrina Harper, Pastoral Associate

# Our Call to Prayer & Worship

FISH and SALT are on hiatus during the summer months and will resume in September.

## *Pentecost Sunday*

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: the Gospel of John*

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

## *Beating Back the Gates of Hell: How a Weak Church Strengthens Saints and Sinners Alike*

Friday, July 26, 6:30 pm through Sunday, July 28, 11:00 am | Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Menlo Park (650) 325-5614

Are you discouraged and heartbroken about the scandals rocking our Church? Find out how a weak Church strengthens Saints and Sinners with a 3 day retreat at the peaceful Vallombrosa Retreat Center. Bishop Robert Christian, Rector of St. Patrick's Seminary and Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco will confront the realities of sin in the Church and show how we can still live Jesus's victory today. Full weekend rates and commuter rates at vallombrosa.org/calendar.

## *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

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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: Catholic Communication Campaign			
<u>Sunday, June 2nd</u>	<u>Monday, June 3rd</u>	<u>Tuesday, June 4th</u>	<u>Wednesday, June 5th</u>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass / Baptism	5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Bible Study (Hall)		5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)
<b>Welcome Weekend / Pentecost</b>			
<u>Thursday, June 6th</u>	<u>Friday, June 7th</u>	<u>Saturday, June 8th</u>	<u>Sunday, June 9th</u>
7:00 pm Prayer & Worship Commission (DR)	9:15 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Church)	8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass / Baptism—Tennyson

## *Liz's Retirement Message*

After eight years as St. Matthias' Adult Faith Formation Coordinator, I have decided to retire. It has been a wonderful and rewarding ministry. I thank Fr. Craig Forner for taking a chance on me in 2011.

Over these years, I have had the privilege and opportunity to perform a variety of functions from offering courses, retreats and classes on a variety of spiritual topics to enhance our faith life. I have also had the pleasure of being the Baptism Coordinator, meeting young couples and preparing them for the baptism of their children and welcoming some of them to our St. Matthias Community I have worked with Deacon Rich on Marriage Preparation and have more recently worked with other staff as the Funeral Coordinator. My work with the Eucharistic ministers was a very special and important part of my ministry as was my work with the Prayer and Worship Committee. This has all been a part of my life and faith journey that has enriched me in so many ways.

I want to thank the wonderful staff of St. Matthias (small but mighty) who made my job and my time at St Matthias so very special. It is the best place and job that I have ever had. We are very fortunate to have Deacon Rich and Sabrina Harper as our Administrators. They

are faith-filled, knowledgeable, capable, hard-working and very supportive of the entire staff.

I also want to thank the community for being so supportive when I have asked for your help on a variety of projects and events. You always came through and made my job feel easier.

I have been discerning recently about the next phase of my journey. I have a number of things I would still like to do and need to do, one of which is to spend more time with my mom and my husband. I will always be a part of St. Matthias but in a different way. — *Liz Vugrinecz*

## *Youth on a Mission Discipleship Training*

June 20-23rd | Holy Names University—Oakland

"Youth on a Mission" is a Northern California Youth Discipleship Training for high school students. Have you ever felt compelled, motivated, or called to take a journey that will impact others around you? Now is your chance to take the opportunity to make a difference. Join others to encounter Christ, learn practical skills for servant leadership, discover God's call to evangelize, and be challenged to take the next step in discipleship. Register by June 1 for \$249 per person. Contact Amanda George for more information (415) 614-5595