

**AUGUST
18
2019**

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus endured
the cross,
despising
its shame,
and has taken
his seat
at the right
of the throne
of God.

HEBREWS 12:2

St. Matthias

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Matthias Mass Schedule

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| Tuesday & Thursday | 5:30 pm |
| Saturday | 5:00 pm |
| Sunday | 8:00 am & 10:30 am |

St. Charles Mass Schedule

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| Monday—Saturday | 8:30 am |
| Fridays | 6:30 am |
| Saturday | 5:00 pm |
| Sunday | 8:30 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm |

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:45 pm or by
appointment

First Communion and Confirmation

Email Sabrina Harper for information.

Baptism

Email Deacon Rich Foley for information.

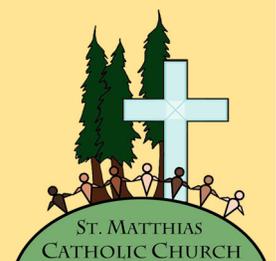
Marriage

Email Deacon Rich Foley for information.

**See the Staff Directory Inside the
Cover for Contact Information.**

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 Pastor 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.



St. Matthias Staff Directory

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Our Call to Catechesis

Keeping Kids Catholic: Faith Formation Day for Parents and Catechists

Saturday, August 24 from 9:00 am—4:00 pm | St. Denis Church

Sabrina Harper and other Parish Catechetical Leaders from So. San Mateo County are pleased to present a one day seminar for parents and catechists. Sessions will be presented about the importance of parents as primary catechists, a study of disaffiliation in young Catholics, Ten Ways to Help Children Participate in Mass, Four Things that Parents Can Do to Keep Kids Catholic, Catholic Social Teaching and Its Application in Today's World, and Developing Personal Prayer Habits. RSVP to Lucy Soltau
lsoltau@stdenisparish.org.

St. Matthias Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Programs

Registration Begins in August | Email Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org for information.

All families with school-aged children are welcome to participate in our many faith formation and youth ministry programs including GIFT (Generations in Faith Together), Youth Ministry for Middle School and High School youth, and Sacramental Preparation programs for reconciliation, first Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Our GIFT (Generations in Faith Together) program, is our primary form of faith formation for the entire parish community. This intergenerational approach features gatherings that include children, teens and their parents as well as adults without children. Our gatherings are held on the first Sunday of each month from 11:30-1:30 pm and will resume October 6th.

Registration for our faith formation programs for families, children and teens begins in August. If you have previously attended our programs, look for an email to re-register for the coming year. If you are new to our programs – please email Sabrina to express interest or ask questions.

Women's Catholic Scripture Study

Thursdays, Sept 12—May 7 from 9:45 am—12 noon | St. Mark Catholic Church

The Women's Catholic Scripture Study of San Mateo County invites you to join us for our 2019-20 study, Participants prepare by reading the Bible passages and the lesson pages. Writing responses to the questions is optional. For more info, please visit our website, www.cssbelmont.com. To receive an application to join us, please contact Diane Masetti at diane@cssbelmont.com or (650) 593-2681.

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 call the parish office at (650) 366-9544.



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.



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

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

Mass Intentions for August 10-18th

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| Saturday, Aug 17 <i>Weekday</i> | 5:00 pm | |
| Sunday, Aug 18 <i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 8:00 am 10:30 am | People of St. Matthias |
| Tuesday, Aug 20 <i>St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church</i> | 5:30 pm | |
| Thursday, Aug 22 <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | 5:30 pm | |
| Saturday, Aug 24 <i>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i> | 5:00 pm | People of St. Matthias |
| Sunday, Aug 25 <i>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 8:00 am 10:30 am | William Pacumio † |

“You Are Wonderfully Made: Welcome and Respect for Transgender Individuals and Their Families”

November 8-10 | San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville

Presenter Deacon Ray Dever serves pastorally at St. Paul Parish, Tampa, Florida. In a *US Catholic* article, he writes on his experience as both a Catholic deacon and a proud dad to a transgender daughter. The retreat will provide a safe and inclusive environment to reflect on the experience of being transgender or having a loved one who is transgender.

We pray for those who are ill in our community...

- Jim Donnelly
- Sarah Rose Hove
- Roxanna Bulger
- Will Richardson
- Shirley Roybal
- Gerard Kaz
- Pamela Foley
- Andres Gutierrez
- Peggy Perez
- Marian Deglientoni
- Rose & Richard Marino
- Erin Magee
- Marge Bartlemus
- Suzanne Schaffner
- Mike Socash
- Marcia McAuliffe
- Chastidy Ronan

...that they may be comforted by the love of Jesus.

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**

Year-To-Date Received **\$310,275.75**

Monthly Need **\$26,666**

June Sunday Collections **\$22,004.50**

+ Electronic Donations **\$4,480**

Total Offertory for June **\$26,484**

Difference (Monthly Need - Received) **<-\$182>**



**CREATING A
CULTURE OF
GENEROSITY**



St. Francis de Assisi Backpack Collection

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, over 60 backpacks were collected for the summer youth program at St. Francis de Assisi Church in East Palo Alto. The packs filled with school supplies, were distributed to the participants last week upon completion of the summer program. As you can see in the photo, the joy on their faces says it all! This would not have been possible without your help. With gratitude, the St. Matthias St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

St. Francis Center Collection—August 24-25th

Our annual collection for St. Francis Center will be held the weekend of August 24-25th. Sister Christina is requesting the following donations to help our local families: baby clothes, teen and tween clothing, towels. As storage space is limited at the Center, please only bring the requested items before or after all Masses that weekend. Thank you, St. Matthias' St. Vincent de Paul Conference and Justice & Charity Commission.

LISTEN TO JESUS AND THE PROPHETS

Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe. Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets, and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of his time and ours of the divisions that his words would cause, showing himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus' teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that he has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen.

Becoming A Fully Initiated Catholic – RCIA

Do you know someone who has thought about becoming Catholic or, for whatever reason, has been baptized but has not been confirmed or received Holy Communion? What does it mean to become fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church? Do you or someone you know have questions about the sacraments and what it means to be a

Catholic? Please consider RCIA.

The Catholic Church has a process for adults to discern whether God is inviting them to learn more about our faith and, perhaps, to become Catholic. This process is also a pathway to complete the Sacraments of Initiation for those already Baptized (Confirmation, Eucharist).

This process is called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). The RCIA process provides guided weekly sessions on the fundamental beliefs of our faith including an understanding of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist (Mass). In addition, the process emphasizes prayer, discernment and spiritual formation candidates respond to their call to become followers of Jesus through the Catholic Church.

Participants include candidates from St. Matthias and St. Charles parishes along with their sponsors and team members. RCIA sessions will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the St. Matthias rectory. The first RCIA gathering will be held on Sunday, September 15th. Parishioners who would like to participate as an RCIA team member and support our candidates are also welcome.

Deacon Rich and Deacon David will lead and facilitate RCIA sessions. If you have any questions, know of someone who would like to discuss joining RCIA, are considering being a team member, or would just like to experience the RCIA process, please contact Deacon Rich before or after Mass or email him at rich@stmatthiasparish.org.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit calls individuals to seek a deeper relationship with Almighty God through His Church.

Bible Study: Letters of St. Paul

Deacon Rich will present a six-week Bible Study on *St. Paul's Letters to the Colossians and to the Ephesians* beginning Monday, September 9th from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in Fr. Lacey Hall at St. Matthias Church.

According to theologian Fr. Raymond Brown, "Next to Jesus, Paul has been the most influential figure in the history of Christianity." Although Paul was not one of the twelve Apostles, he called himself "The Apostle to the Gentiles." In his letters, St. Paul describes the implications of Jesus' ministry and his teachings for particular communities of believers.

Since Paul's letters are a part of the New Testament and proclaimed at most Masses, no Christian has been unaffected by what he has written. Paul's letters provide further context and insight into the developments within the early Church as described in the Acts of the Apostles. What can we learn from Paul's writing that will help each one of us to deepen our belief in a loving God and guide us more fully to live our Catholic Christian faith?

All are welcome. No prior experience with Bible study is needed. Bibles are available in the parish hall or you may bring your own Bible, notepad and pen. While any Catholic Bible will suffice, the preferred Bibles are the *New Revised Standard Version* and *The New American Bible*. Please join us for any or all sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Rich (rich@stmatthiasparish.org).

Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis

Continuing Wednesday's at 7:00 pm through Sept 4th | Fr. Lacey Hall

Bishop Robert Barron's recent book, "Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis," was written to all who are heartbroken about the sexual abuse scandals which have unsettled, hurt and angered many in the Church. In the preface of the book, Bishop Barron says, "I am not speaking in the name of my brother bishops, or of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, or of the Vatican. I have no authority whatsoever to do so. I am speaking in my own name, as a Catholic, a priest, and a bishop." Bishop Barron seeks to share his reflections which he hopes will encourage Catholics who are attempting to navigate these very choppy waters.

If you are interested in Bishop Barron's message, please join Sabrina for the Book Club. Copies of the book will be provided.

Christ Life Evangelization

The ChristLife evangelization process is a proven method of igniting the new evangelization by providing a relational context to begin to make missionary disciples at the parish level. ChristLife helps parishes make missionary disciples by helping people discover Jesus Christ personally, follow Him in their daily lives as Catholic disciples, and share Him with others.

ChristLife is designed to be repeated and become the "core curriculum" for evangelizing and forming adults as missionary disciples. Once a person discovers Jesus, begins to follow Him, and learns to share Him, they want to invite more people on a life-changing adventure with Jesus Christ!

There are three essential steps: Discovering, Following, and Sharing. If you are interested in participating in this life-changing, spiritually-enriching process, the series will begin again

on September 11th at 7:00 pm in Fr. Lacey Hall. Contact Sabrina for more information.

Mini-Women's Retreat at St. Charles

Saturday, September 7th from 9:00 am—3:00 pm | Borremeo Hall St. Charles Church
St. Charles' Women's Club invites all St. Matthias women to a Mini-Retreat called, "Hearing the Prophetic Voice of Our Biblical Sisters" led by Mary Romo, PhD. Advance registration of \$25 required and includes continental breakfast and a box lunch. Please contact Donna McKay at 650-575-6471 for more information and to register.

Prayers for Peace & Potluck Picnic

Monday, September 2, 2019 | Prayers begin at 11:00 am | Twin Pines Park, Belmont

The Peninsula Multifaith Coalition brings together our diverse faith community to build bridges of understanding and respect.

This gathering will bring together members from seven faith traditions who will share prayers for peace. Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Jews, Sikhs, and Bahai's will offer prayers. Prayers will be spoken, sung and chanted quietly as all of us respectfully participate in spirit.

A potluck picnic will follow! Bring your favorite foods, music and games to share!

All Ages, All Faiths, All People Welcome!

Moving Through the Loss of a Loved One: The Next Step

Monday, September 16, 2019 @ 7:00 pm | St. Pius | This focused support group is being offered by the St. Pius Grief Ministry this fall. This session is intended for those who have previously attended a Grief Support group and/or would like to participate in a support group focused on progressing through personal grief. The sessions will be held on Monday evenings for 8-weeks beginning Monday, Sept 16th at 7:00 pm at St. Pius' Parish Center. For more info contact (650) 361-0655.

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This Week @ St. Matthias

| Missionary Co-Op | | | |
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| Sunday, Aug 18th | Monday, Aug 19th | Tuesday, Aug 20th | Wednesday, Aug 21st |
| 8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass 1:00 pm Sharing Christ Retreat (Rectory) | Preschool Begins! | 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Stewardship Commission Meeting (DR) | 7:00 pm Book Club "Letter to a Suffering Church" (Hall) |
| St. Francis Center Collection | | | |
| Thursday, Aug 22nd | Friday, Aug 23rd | Saturday, Aug 24th | Sunday, Aug 25th |
| 5:30 pm Mass (Church) | 9:00 am Rosary for Peace (MR) | 9:00 am "Keeping Kids Catholic" at St. Denis 5:00 pm Vigil Mass | 8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass 1:00 pm Sharing Christ Retreat (Rectory) |

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

MISSIONARY CO-OP — August 17-18th

This weekend, St. Matthias is hosting Fr. Raphael Makori from the Diocese of Musoma in East Africa. Fr. Makori will celebrate all three of our parish Masses. The Catholic Diocese of Musoma in Tanzania is located between two famous landmarks: Lake Victoria, the second largest fresh water lake in the world (after Lake Superior) and the Serengeti National Park, a home of millions of wild animals.



This request intends to seek financial support towards the construction of a Church...

Saint Stanislaus Church in Maburi -Serengeti was heavily damaged when a strong storm blew the roof off the church building last year. No one was injured during the storm. Christians were thankful the storm did not happen during the day when there could have been worship services. Christians are seeking support of about \$70,000 to construct another Church building. Please consider a generous donation for this appeal.

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