

**AUGUST  
25  
2019**

# Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## St. Matthias

### ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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#### St. Matthias Mass Schedule

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

#### St. Charles Mass Schedule

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.

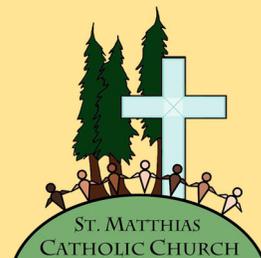
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Cover for Contact Information.**

Strive to enter through the narrow gate,  
for many, I tell you,  
will attempt to enter  
but will not be strong enough.

LUKE 13:24

**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**

### **St. Matthias Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Programs**

All families with school-aged children are encouraged 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.

There will be two parent education workshops, "Keeping Kids Catholic" on Sept 19th and 26th. This two-part offering will be at 7:00 pm each night in Fr. Lacey Hall. All parents are welcome to attend (whether or not they sign up for GIFT).

Registration for our faith formation programs for families, children and teens is NOW OPEN. 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@stmatthiasparish.org to express interest or ask questions.

### **St. Matthias Preschool—School's Open**

This is our 48th year of providing quality early childhood education for parents in the Redwood City / San Carlos area. The Preschool is open year-round, Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. We have 15 students in each of our 5 classes based on age and developmental levels. There are 2-3 teachers per room. In addition to our focus on social, emotional and physical growth through play, we offer Spanish and music classes. Also, a STEAM lab is in development. The Preschool will host a Back to School Night on Sept 17th at 6:30 pm. Preschool and parish families will have an opportunity to come together for our fall fundraiser, Family Fun & Food Trucks on October 26, 2019.

### **Help Wanted @ Catherine Center**

Catherine Center is looking for a relief staff person to work nights, holidays and weekends. This is a part time (20 hours per week) paid position. Employee will transport women to meetings, offer compassionate listening, keep the women safe and be in charge of the site when day staff are not present. Must have a clean driving record. If you know of anyone who might be a good fit, please encourage them to contact vclausing@svdpsm.org or 650-838-9800.

## 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 24-Sept 1

<b>Saturday, Aug 24</b> <i>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i>	5:00 pm	<b>People of St. Matthias</b>
<b>Sunday, Aug 25</b> <i>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	<b>William Pacumio †</b>
<b>Tuesday, Aug 27</b> <i>St. Monica</i>	5:30 pm	<b>Alfredo &amp; Amalia Bon †</b>
<b>Thursday, Aug 29</b> <i>The Passion of Saint John the Baptist</i>	5:30 pm	<b>Anita &amp; Josefina Bon †</b>
<b>Saturday, Aug 31</b> <i>Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	
<b>Sunday, Sept 1</b> <i>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	<b>People of St. Matthias</b>

## Second Monthly Hospitality

Our second monthly hospitality will be held on Sunday, August 25th after the 10:30 am Mass only. Please join the parish community in Fr. Lacey Hall to enjoy some coffee or juice, a donut and fellowship.



## 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 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](http://www.stmatthiasparish.org).

## Treasure Received

### July 2018– June 2019

(income needed to balance budget)	<b>\$320,000.00</b>
<b>Year-To-Date Received</b>	<b>\$310,275.75</b>
<b>Monthly Need</b>	<b>\$26,666</b>
June Sunday Collections	\$22,004.50
+ Electronic Donations	\$4,480
<b>Total Offertory for June</b>	<b>\$26,484</b>
<b>Difference (Monthly Need - Received)</b>	<b>&lt;-\$182&gt;</b>



**CREATING A  
CULTURE OF  
GENEROSITY**

## 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.

## 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 August 1, 2019 we have received 44% of our assessment. Thank you for supporting the work of the parish and the Archdiocese. We will continue to update you on our progress.

### WELCOME THE STRANGER

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? "They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the Lord."

In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to "strive to enter through the narrow gate" into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:rich@stmatthiasparish.org)).

## Christ Life Evangelization

ChristLife is a three-part evangelization series; part one is called Discovering Christ, part two is called Following Christ, and part three is Sharing Christ. The objective of Discovering Christ finds its expression in the second goal of the U.S. Bishops' evangelization plan, *Go and Make Disciples*: "To invite every person in the United States to come to know Jesus in the fullness of our Catholic Faith" (53). Discovering Christ intends to ambitiously meet this goal by equipping Catholic individuals and parishes with a simple set of tools to invite others to hear and embrace the Gospel.

*"I feel Jesus wants us to invite him into each and every part of our lives. The Christ Life series helped me to see this. Invite him to the party as well as to the time to clean up afterwards."* - Suzie

Parents who are attending GIFT are especially invited to participate in ChristLife. "This experience invites every person, baptized or unbaptized, to encounter the love of God the Father, enter into or renew a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as God's children (ChristLife)." We feel that, especially for parents, this personal relationship with Jesus must be developed and nurtured so that it can be modeled for, and passed on to their children.

All are welcome to attend. Do you know anyone in your life, community or even at St. Matthias who wonders about the meaning of life? Discovering Christ creates this open door for anyone who is searching for deeper meaning and provides an opportunity to share the Good News and nurture their personal love of Jesus Christ. Following Christ helps participants understand Jesus' desire for us to be disciples, and Sharing Christ is designed to give participants the courage and skills necessary to go out and share the Good News!

*"These sessions have accelerated my spiritual growth, connection to Jesus, and have made me more aware of his call for*

*me."* - Mary

All three parts of the ChristLife series will be offered this year beginning on September 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm with Discovering Christ. To find out more about Christ Life, contact Sabrina.

## Women's Mini-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!



'Let us learn from the visit of God to his people. Be present to others, be close, feel compassion, sow hope.'

-Pope Francis

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<b>St. Francis Center Collection</b>			
<b>Sunday, Aug 25th</b>	<b>Monday, Aug 26th</b>	<b>Tuesday, Aug 27th</b>	<b>Wednesday, Aug 28th</b>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass 1:00 pm Sharing Christ Retreat (Rectory)		5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church)	7:00 pm Book Club "Letter to a Suffering Church" (Hall)
<b>Thursday, Aug 29th</b>	<b>Friday, Aug 30th</b>	<b>Saturday, Aug 31st</b>	<b>Sunday, Sept 1st</b>
5:30 pm Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Pastoral Council (DR)	9:15 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass

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

### **Moving Through the Loss of a Loved One: The Next Steps**

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.

### **High School Youth: Mark Your Calendars for OnFire!**

Saturday, September 14th from 9 am—9 pm | Six Flags, Vallejo

Join youth from St. Matthias & St. Charles for this all-day event which gathers youth from parishes and schools all over northern California and Nevada! The day features music, Mass, rides, speakers, all you can eat lunch, friends and inspiration. For more information and to purchase tickets visit: <http://onfirenorcal.com>. Contact Sabrina to find out more [Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org)

### **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