



*Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

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.

**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.



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Our Call to Catechesis

St. Matthias Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

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.

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.

Keeping Kids Catholic ... and our Grandkids too!

Thursday, Sept 19th and Thursday, Sept 26th from 7pm—9pm | Fr. Lacey Hall | Contact Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org

During this two part series, Master Catechist, Sabrina Harper will share why Catholic children are pulling away from the Church and what parents, grandparents and parish communities can do about it. Discussions will include ways in which we can actively engage and communicate our love for our faith and concrete strategies to help bond our youth to our Catholic communities. Simple refreshments will be provided for these free presentations. No registration is needed. Please invite your friends!

SALT & FISH Liturgy of the Word Programs Begin Sept 22nd during the 10:30 am Mass

St. Matthias has two volunteer-led Liturgy of the Word programs for children. SALT (Sharing and Learning Together) is for our preschool-aged parishioners and FISH (Friends in Service to Him) is for our kindergarten to fourth graders. SALT takes place in Room 1 of the Preschool building. Parents are invited to drop off their children there before Mass. For FISH, children are dismissed with their catechist at the beginning of Mass and return during the Offertory.



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 September 14-22

Saturday, Sept 14 <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	5:00 pm	Al Piparo †
Sunday, Sept 15 <i>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	People of St. Matthias Santiago Castro Lim †
Tuesday, Sept 17 <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Raquel Martinez †
Thursday, Sept 19 <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Alfredo Bon †
Saturday, Sept 21 <i>Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-Sang</i>	5:00 pm	People of St. Matthias
Sunday, Sept 22 <i>Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	Sam Masci †

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.

Welcome Weekend

Sept 14-15 | St. Matthias Church
This weekend is designated as "Welcome Weekend." All are invited to Fr. Lacey Hall following Masses for hospitality. All who are new or visiting will be invited to stand for a special blessing at the end of each Mass.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:1-2)

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

Bruce Dinkel
Rose Herrara
Margaret Henry
Liz Vugrinecz
Jim Donnelly
Sarah Rose Hove
Roxanna Bulger
Marge Bartlemus
Erin Magee
Will Richardson
Shirley Roybal
Gerard Kaz
Pamela Foley
Andres Gutierrez
Marian Deglientoni
Rose & Richard Marino
Peggy Perez

...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 2019-June 2020

(income needed to balance budget) **\$332,000.00**

Year-To-Date Received **\$39,388**

Monthly Need **\$27,667**

August Sunday Collections **\$15,475**

+ Electronic Donations **\$5,095**

Total Offertory for August **\$20,570**

Difference (Monthly Need - Received) **<-\$7,097>**



**CREATING A
CULTURE OF
GENEROSITY**

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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Annual Ozanam

Liturgy & Brunch

On Saturday, September 28th, Mgrs. John Talesfore will preside at 9:00 am Mass at the Hilton San Francisco Airport Bayfront Hotel. Mass will be followed by a presentation of Ozanam Service Medallions, other awards and a buffet brunch. This event honors Vincentians and supporters. Family, friends and prospective Vincentians are all welcome to attend.



Many St. Matthias parishioners will be honored at this years event including;

Bob & Joanne Thompson and Tom Vance, for 30 years of service; Kay Sylvia for 25 years of service; Enrica Poggio for 20 years of service; Betty Casey, Denise Carr, Sharon & Steve Ondry, Mary Schorr and Marina Turner for 15 years of service; and Ginny Curtin, Ollie Murphy, Jennifer O'Holleran and Angie Sullivan for 10 years of service. Congratulations for this achievement and our gratitude for your years of commitment to serving the underserved population of Redwood City.

Becoming A Fully Initiated Catholic – RCIA

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 this 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.

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).

BACAR Presents: "A Call to Engage This Chaotic and Painful World"

Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 9am—3pm | Notre Dame High School, 1540 Ralston Avenue, Belmont | To register, contact Kathy Noether knoether@aol.com

Karl Rahner stated, "in the future Christians will be contemplatives or they will not be at all." This conference will explore the contemplative practice and the resulting action that is required. Through examining Pope Francis' writing, we will explore the mandate for political engagement and the challenge to live 21st century holiness. Prayer is not a private practice, but rather one that impels us into action. Let us together explore the call to engage this chaotic and painful world.

Keynote Speaker: BACAR is privileged to have the knowledge and expertise of Sr. Simone Campbell, Sister of Social Service (SSS) as our Keynote speaker this year. Sister Simone is a lawyer, lobbyist, and executive director of NETWORK. She is an outspoken advocate for social justice and the Nuns on the Bus campaign. She founded the Community Law Center in Oakland, CA in 1978. BACAR, Inc.: Bay Area Conference of Associates and Religious, Inc.

Our Call to Catechesis

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.

"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.

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.

Hospitality Ministry 2020 ... Help Needed!

We are in need of some volunteers to help with Donut Sunday next year after the 8:00 am Mass, and a few "extra hands" would be helpful after the 10:30 am Mass since hospitality is provided twice a month on the second and fourth weekends. We are also looking for someone to coordinate hospitality after the 5:00 pm Mass on the second Sunday of each month.

Along with serving coffee and juice, responsibilities include set up and/or clean up. Please consider joining our hospitality ministry! It's a great time of fellowship and service, and the commitment is minimal...three or four times during the year. And families are welcome to join as a team! Give Lynda Allen a call at (650) 363-1129 or email her at bljcfamily@sbcglobal.net.

Peninsula Multifaith Coalition

Hear Padre Melo, Honduran Human Rights Activist on Monday, Sept 16th at 7:00 pm at First Congregational Church of Palo Alto, 1985 Louis Road. Padre Melo has been a tireless advocate for the oppressed and the poor in Honduras and has risked his life on behalf of people there. He has spoken in Europe and Canada and before the Lantos Committee on Human Rights in the U.S. Congress. His visit is an opportunity to hear about his work and to raise funds to support it.

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<u>Sunday, Sept 15th</u>	<u>Monday, Sept 16th</u>	<u>Tuesday, Sept 17th</u>	<u>Wednesday, Sept 18th</u>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am SALT & FISH Catechist Meeting (MR)	7:00 pm Bible Study (Hall)	3:00pm Prayer Shawl (MR) 5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 6:30 pm Preschool Back to School Night (Hall) 7:00pm Fundraising Mtg (DR)	7:00 pm Discovering Christ Session 1 (Hall)
<u>2nd Collection: Priests' Retirement Fund</u>			
<u>Thursday, Sept 19th</u>	<u>Friday, Sept 20th</u>	<u>Saturday, Sept 21st</u>	<u>Sunday, Sept 22nd</u>
1:00 pm Justice & Charity (DR) 5:30 pm Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Keeping Kids Catholic, Part 1 (Hall)	9:15 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass SALT & FISH Meet 3:00 pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor— Brendan Smith (Ch/Hall)

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



Mark Your Calendars for St. Matthias' Family Fun & Food Trucks on Saturday, October 26!

Saturday, October 26 from 3:00—7:00 pm | St. Matthias

Welcome to our fall fundraiser—St. Matthias' Family Fun & Food Trucks event! This afternoon will feature a raffle, lawn games, children's games, music, dancing, bingo, food trucks and a cupcake gallery. We have three food trucks lined up to provide a diverse dining experience including, the Waffle Roost (chicken and waffles), Capelo's BBQ and a taco cart.



Musical entertainment will be provided by local band, Wild Child.

Please mark your calendars. Raffle tickets and more event information will be mailed to each registered family the week of Sept 23rd. Tickets will be available to purchase online beginning Sept 23rd.

There will be many opportunities for volunteers to get involved—stay tuned for more information. Regular updates will appear each week!