



Jesus said to them, "I tell you,
the tax collector went home justified,
not the Pharisee;
for whoever exalt themselves
will be humbled,
and those who humble themselves
will be exalted."

LUKE 18:14



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.



**THIRTIETH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 27, 2019**

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Our Call to Worship

Training for New & Experienced Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & Readers

Saturday, November 9th from 10am to 3pm and Saturday, November 16th from 10am to 12pm | Fr. Lacey Hall St. Matthias Church



LITURGY AS SOURCE AND SUMMIT

The Office of Worship offers six hour formation sessions for new and experienced Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers.

In the morning of the first Saturday, ministers are introduced to sacramental theology, particularly that of the Eucharist.

Next, presenters who are experts in the field, offer technical and spiritual direction for the minister's specific liturgical role.

Finally, extraordinary ministers prepare for bringing Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, while readers conclude with coaching in proclamation and oral interpretation.

In order to receive a certification of completion, ministers must attend BOTH Saturdays and will focus on one ministry at the training. For questions, contact Deacon Rich via email rich@stmatthiasparish.org

Our Call to Community Building

Lifetouch Parish Directory

We would like to create a new family parish directory and need your help to coordinate the project and possible volunteer assistance like contacting families, greeting families at photography events, etc. Our last photo directory came out in 2011 for our 50th Anniversary and its time for a new one. This would likely take place in the spring of 2020. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Sabrina via email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org.

Spiritual Care Service Volunteer Training at Stanford Hospital

Would you be interested in visiting Catholic patients at Stanford Hospital and offering them Communion as a Eucharistic Minister? If you are a compassionate listener, empathic, well grounded in your faith, and open to serving a couple hours per week, then, becoming a Spiritual Care Service Volunteer at Stanford might be the right opportunity for you. Stanford Health Care is offering its next training class for new volunteers on Saturday, November 9th at Stanford Hospital. To learn more about this special ministry and request an application, please contact Raksha Patel at 650-723-5101 or spiritualcare@stanfordhealthcare.org.

No Hospitality October 27th

Due to the Family Fun and Food Trucks event on Saturday, we will not be serving coffee and donuts after the 10:30 Mass this Sunday morning. Join us again on Welcome Weekend November 9-10th.



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. 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.

Mass Intentions for Oct 27th-Nov 3rd

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| Saturday, Oct 26 <i>Weekday</i> | Due to Family Fun & Food Trucks Event NO 5:00 pm MASS | |
| Sunday, Oct 27 <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 8:00 am | James, Emma & John Aveggio † |
| | 10:30 am | Paul Wang † |
| Tuesday, Oct 29 <i>Weekday</i> | 5:30 pm | Tito & Baby Boy Ora † |
| Thursday, Oct 31 <i>Vigil Mass for All Saints Day</i> | 5:30 pm | Josefina K. Bon † |
| Saturday, Nov 2 <i>All Souls Day</i> | 5:30 pm | People of St. Matthias † |
| Sunday, Nov 3 <i>Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 8:00 am | Paul & Maria Dolores Falzon † |
| | 10:30 am | Dolores Eggert † |

St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County

Strategically located in South San Francisco, San Mateo and Redwood City, St. Vincent de Paul's Homeless Help Centers offer clients basic survival necessities such as a hot meal, clothing, sleeping bags, bus tokens, ID cards, laundry and mail services.

To expand our services for our neighbors in need, SVdP recently opened a Clothing Closet in Redwood City. We are in need of volunteers to help with this effort!

Hospitality volunteers work one-on-one with SVdP clients to provide much-needed clothing, necessities and dignity. Shifts are available on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

If you are interested, please contact Alicia at arangel@svdpsm.org or call (650) 588-5734. Thank you for being compassion in action!

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

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

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

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

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| July 2019-June 2020 (income needed to balance budget) | \$332,000.00 |
| Year-To-Date Received | \$65,493 |
| Monthly Need | \$27,667 |
| September Sunday Collections | \$21,534 |
| + Electronic Donations | \$4,570 |
| Total Offertory for September | \$26,104.95 |
| Difference (Monthly Need - Received) | <-\$1,562> |



**CREATING A
CULTURE OF
GENEROSITY**

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2019 Called to Care & Share

Fr. Dave talked about our responsibility as a parish to meet our assessed goal of \$65,273 for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. A few weeks ago, all registered parishioners received a letter urging participation. Please help us to meet this goal by the first week of December.

Contact Fr. Dave, Sabrina or Deacon Rich for more information or questions.

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| Total Goal | \$65,273 |
| Previously Received | \$32,831 |
| Matching Donations | \$14,860 |
| Combined Total | \$47,691 |
| Balance Needed to Meet our Goal | \$17,582 |

73%

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, January 20, 2020

MLK Jr. Multifaith Day of Service

Jan 20, 2020 | Multiple Sites

Please plan to join us for this unique opportunity to work side by side with those of other faiths and cultures to benefit our local community. The day begins with an inspiring welcome from faith leaders at a volunteer breakfast. After breakfast, groups of volunteers work together on 20+ family friendly projects. Registration opens in early December. More information will be published as it becomes available.

Thank You for Your Warmth

Thank you for your generous response to our Share the Warmth Drive for the homeless last weekend. We are always amazed at the way our parishioners respond with such big hearts for those in need. More than 15 large bags of coats, blankets and socks were collected and will be distributed to the homeless through the Fair Oaks Homeless Help Center in Redwood City. Thank you for helping keep our neighbors warm this winter.

Gratefully,
St. Matthias St. Vincent de Paul
Conference

Justice & Charity

Celebrating All Saints and All Souls

Each year, just as the harvest is finished in much of the world, Christians keep their own harvest feast - God's harvest, the harvest of the saints - on the first day of November. We begin this day on the holy vigil of All Saints, Halloween. We continue the harvest feast on the next day to remember the dead - November 2, All Souls - and on through November, when the earth itself seems to fall asleep.

All Saints and All Souls are a foretaste of the fullness of time, when God will "harvest" all creation into heaven. To celebrate the saints, we fill our homes with signs of the harvest; pumpkins, apples, and maize. All Saints and All Souls begin our November-long remembrance of the dead. During this time of year, the earth itself speaks of death. Woods and fields give testimony. Frosted gardens provide evidence. Even the geese sing the music of death high over our heads.

During November families display photos and other mementos of the dead in your homes. Light a candle and reminisce. Tell stories. Ask the older generations for their recollections. Make an autumn wreath, a sign of Christ's victory over death. Begin a winter's worth of care for the lonely, the troubled, the homebound.

At St. Matthias, we will celebrate the twin feasts of All Saints and All Souls in three ways and we'd like to invite you to participate.

1. Masses of Remembrance: on the weekend of November 2 & 3, we will celebrate our annual Masses of Remembrances. At each of the Masses, friends and family members of those who have passed away this past year are invited to come to Church and light a candle in remembrance of their loved one. Please contact Lisa Bamford at the Parish Office as soon as possible if you would like to participate.

2. Dia de los Muertos: We will also be honoring all those who have entered into heaven through an "ofrenda" (offering in Spanish), an offering table to the dead. This table will be located in the back of Church. Parishioners are invited to bring photos and other mementos of their loved ones to display during the month of November. You are invited to write a short paragraph about the person you are honoring and place it with the items you bring to offer. We offer our love and prayers to those who have departed.

3. Offer a Mass Intention for your loved one: 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 Intention, please email 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.

Father, welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship. There we hope to share your glory when every tear will be wiped away. On that day we shall see you, our God, as you are. We shall become like you and praise you forever through Christ our Lord. Amen. (from the funeral rite of the Roman Catholic Church)

GIFT: Generations in Faith Together



Our next GIFT gathering will be on November 3rd at 11:30 am. It is not too late to sign up for GIFT! As our primary family-based faith formation program, all families with school aged children are invited to attend GIFT. GIFT attendance is required for families with children in First Communion or Confirmation preparation. If you are not already registered, but would like more information, please contact Sabrina via email (sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org) or simply attend this first gathering. All are welcome.

At Vallombrosa Retreat Center

Our annual **Thanksgiving Prayer service** with the Vallombrosa Choir under the direction of Patrick Feehan. Please register online to help us with set-up. Usually the event sells out so please plan accordingly. Sunday, November 17 at 2:00 pm | \$20 Suggested Donation

Art is Prayer an artistic retreat designed to bring us together in prayer, creative expression and in community. No previous art experience is required...just arrive with a longing to explore and an open mind! Sunday, November 24 at 9:00 am | \$45 includes lunch

Becoming the Christ You Were Meant to Be an Advent overnight retreat with Fr. Nathan Castle, OP. Saturday, November 30 to Sunday, December 1st. \$140-\$150. Please register on Vallombrosa.org/calendar or call (650) 325-5614.

Notre Dame Belmont Empowering Young Women Since 1851

For families with 8th grade daughters, shadow dates are now open at Notre Dame High School in Belmont! 8th graders spend

a day at Notre Dame, experiencing classes, lunch, activities, and getting a taste of all that Notre Dame has to offer. Parents will learn about the admissions process, take a tour of the school, and have their questions answered by the Director of Admissions and the Head of the School. To register for a shadow visit or other event: <https://ndhsb.schooladminonline.com>. Learn more about Notre Dame at www.ndhsb.org

Vocation Awareness Week

The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate **National Vocation Awareness Week, November 3-9, 2019**. During this week, dioceses across the country will be encouraging the fostering of vocations among the faithful and praying for those currently discerning a call to marriage, ordained ministry or consecrated life.

In his message for the 2019 World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis reminded the faithful that unlike a secular career, a vocation is a gift born from God's own initiative: "The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God into our freedom; it is not a cage or burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be a part of a great undertaking."

Additional resources on vocations can be found on the back table in Church and on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website (www.usccb.org).

All are welcome to attend a Holy Hour for Vocations to Holy Orders and Religious Life on Sunday, November 3, 3 - 4 p.m. at St. Pius Church, 1100 Woodside Rd., Redwood City.

St. Matthias Church Office Hours have changed. The office will now be open as follows: Monday—Wednesday 10:00 am—4:00 pm Thursdays from 12:00—5:30 pm

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This Week @ St. Matthias

| <u>Sunday, Oct 27th</u> | <u>Monday, Oct 28th</u> | <u>Tuesday, Oct 29th</u> | <u>Wednesday, Oct 30th</u> |
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| 8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am SALT & FISH Meet 1:00 pm Confirmation Level II Meeting (Rectory) | | 5:30 pm Mass (Church) | 7:00 pm Discovering Christ Session 8 (Hall) |
| Masses of Remembrance | | | |
| <u>Thursday, Oct 31st</u> | <u>Friday, Nov 1st</u> | <u>Saturday, Nov 2nd</u> | <u>Sunday, Nov 3rd</u> |
| 3:00 pm Preschool Halloween Parade 5:30 pm All Saints Day Vigil Mass (Church) | 6:30 am All Saints Day Mass (St. Charles) 8:30 am All Saints Day Mass (St. Charles) 9:15 am Rosary for Peace (MR) 7:00 pm All Saints Day Mass (St. Charles) | 5:00 pm Mass (Church) | 8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass No SALT & FISH due to GIFT 11:30 am GIFT Session (Hall) |

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



Rest in Peace, Alice Stromsky

Snyder, Age 94, of Redwood City, CA, and most recently of Canton, OH, passed away Sunday, October 13, 2019.

Alice was born June 16, 1925 in Maynard, Ohio to Michael and Anna Stromski. After graduation from high school, she moved to Wheeling, WV where she met her husband of 65 years, John "Eddie" Snyder. After several years living in Wheeling, they migrated west to California and settled in Redwood City. Alice was a 38 year employee of AAA Rental retiring in 2016 at age 90. Alice and Eddie were lifetime charter members of Redwood City Elks Lodge #1991 and parishioners of St. Matthias Catholic Church where she served as a Eucharistic Minister.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Eddie; sisters,

Mary and Verna; brothers, John, Stanley, Louis and Adam. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews and many friends.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, October 25 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Saint Clairsville, Ohio with Fr. Tom Chillog officiating. Interment to follow at Saint Clairsville Union Cemetery.

Memorial donations in Alice's name may be made to St. Matthias Catholic Church.

Senior Luncheon at St. Charles

All parishioners 60+ years in age are cordially invited to give thanks for our wonderful parish community at St. Charles' monthly Senior Luncheon, Wednesday, November 6th at noon. Come to Borromeo Hall at St. Charles, located at 880 Tamarack Ave. in San Carlos and enjoy a hot turkey sandwich!

To reserve your spot, please RSVP to Kathy Fagliano by noon on Monday, Nov. 4th, by calling (650) 591-7349 or emailing kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org. Caregivers are also welcome.