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Sunday of Advent

December 1, 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.

**They shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
one nation shall not raise the sword against another.**

Isaiah 2:4

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 Prayer & Worship



First Sunday of Advent— Do What You Can

The reading from the prophet Isaiah this Sunday contains a remarkable prediction—the end of war between nations (Isaiah 2:4). While most

of the good predictions of the prophets were fulfilled in Jesus, we still await the end of all wars. So why hasn't that one been fulfilled? We can look to the second reading and the Gospel for some hints.

Both readings talk about being awake and ready for our salvation (Romans 13:12) or the coming of the Son of Man (Matthew 24:39). Being awake doesn't mean consuming lots of coffee or turning the music volume all the way up. Paul calls it "putting on the Lord Jesus Christ" as a soldier would put on armor before a battle. He even mentions rivalry and jealousy as attitudes to avoid. Both of those vices have been the cause of many wars in our history. What if we not only avoided them, but also taught our children to avoid them? What if everyone eventually learned not to be jealous and hateful?

We are a long way from ending all wars. There are still people who teach hate to the poor instead of helping to feed them. There are still people who get rich selling the weapons of war. This brings us back to the first reading, in which Isaiah speaks of beating swords into plowshares. Do we have enough faith in God's love to stop building weapons and use those resources to feed the hungry or cure diseases in underprivileged countries? Until we convert everyone to following Jesus, that's not likely.

The Gospel calls us to be ready. Maybe we need to be ready to share our faith. Maybe we have to be awake to any opportunity to show God's love to those around us. Are we afraid to offer to pray for someone in need? Maybe we need to put on the "armor of light," as St. Paul calls it. Instead of trying to stop all wars, could we at least show forgiveness to someone who has hurt us?

Jesus never said to do the impossible. If we can be ready to see Jesus in those around us, to show his love to those who need it, or just be patient with other people's faults and weaknesses, we may not stop all wars, but we will be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace.

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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.



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. please email lisa@stmatthiasparish.org.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov 30 <i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i>	5:00 pm	Ricardo Hizon †
Sunday, Dec 1 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias
	10:30 am	Georgia Kidwell †
Tuesday, Dec 3 <i>St. Francis Xavier, Priest</i>	5:30 pm	Tom McEntee †
Thursday, Dec 5 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Rose & Richard Marino
Saturday, Dec 7 <i>St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i>	5:00 pm	Ruby Vasquez †
Sunday, Dec 8 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 am	Leo Hollenkamp †
	10:30 am	Bruce Paris †

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 Wednesdays and Saturdays from 12-4 pm.

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...

Anna Vugrinecz
Kurt Wallace
Bruce Dinkel
Rose Herrera
Margaret Henry
Liz Vugrinecz
Jim Donnelly
Sarah Rose Hove
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

July 2019-June 2020 (income needed to balance budget)	\$332,000.00
Year-To-Date Received	\$85,688
Monthly Need	\$27,667
October Sunday Collections	\$20,195
+ Electronic Donations	\$4,665
Total Offertory for October	\$20,195
Difference (Monthly Need - Received)	<-\$7,472>



**CREATING A
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Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2019 Called to Care & Share

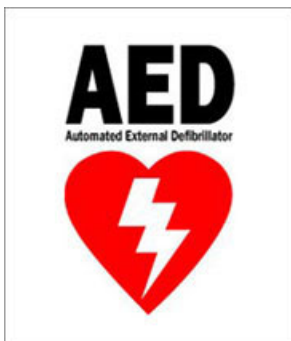
We are almost there! We need an additional \$4,971 to make our goal. On the weekends of Dec 1st and Dec 15th, we will have a special second collection to help us meet our goal. Please consider a donation to help meet our Archdiocesan Annual Appeal obligation.

Total Goal	\$65,273
Previously Received	\$32,885.00
Matching Donations	\$27,416.91
Combined Total	\$60,301.91
Balance Needed to Meet our Goal	\$4,971.09

92%

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.



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.

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

Giving Tree for St. Francis Center

November 30-December 15th

Our annual Giving Tree will be set up November 30th. Unwrapped gifts will be collected for children of all ages and will be distributed through St. Francis Center. The deadline to bring your gifts will be Dec 15th at 11:30 am. This is a lovely way to share our many blessings with our neighbors in need.



Breakfast with Santa



Saturday, December 14 at 10:00 am | Fr. Lacey Hall

All St. Matthias families and parishioners are invited to bring their friends and family members to enjoy our annual Breakfast with Santa. Santa will visit and be available for photos between 10:45 am and 11:15 am. Choose the seating time that works best for your family (10 am or 11 am). Breakfast will be served by St. Matthias middle and high school youth. We Ho, Ho, Hope you can join us! Tickets are \$5 per person and are available for purchase from Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/breakfast-with-santa-2019-tickets-82899110471>

December Senior Luncheon

Wednesday, December 4 at 12:00 pm | Borromeo Hall at St. Charles

"O Come, all Ye Faithful!" All registered St. Matthias parishioners 60+ years are cordially invited to lunch on the first Wednesday of each month. Please join us on Wednesday, December 4th at noon in Borromeo Hall at St. Charles. You will be treated to an appetizing lunch prepared especially for you by the "elves" of St. Charles. To reserve your spot please RSVP to Kathy Fagliano at 650-

591-7349 ext. 402 or email kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org. Caregivers are welcome. The doors will open at 11:45 am. All reservations must be received by noon on Monday, December 2nd.

Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass

Tuesday, December 10 at 7:30 pm | Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

The Archdiocese's Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass heralds the beginning of Simbang Gabi Masses celebrated in its various parishes in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Reception and fellowship immediately following Mass. Come join us as the Archdiocese sends us forth on a mission to be the light of Christ.



Assisted Listening System

For anyone wanting to improve their ability to more clearly hear during Mass: A parishioner has donated and installed a new low-power 200 foot range FM transmitter on 88 MHZ. The transmitter is only on during Mass and can be used for those who wish to receive a clear, personal reception during Mass. All that is needed is a small FM pocket radio with headphone jack and earphones. Contact Sabrina for more information.

Our Call to Community Building

World Wide Marriage Encounter



How would you rate your marriage? You deserve a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! It's a weekend of experiences designed for married couples of all ages and backgrounds to enrich their marriage.

Make this season special by committing to devote one weekend to your marriage. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: Feb 14-16, 2020 in Sacramento and Feb 21-23, 2020 in Danville. For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at 408-782-1413.

California Catholic Ministry Conference

December 5-7, 2019 | San Jose Convention Center | <https://cacmc.net/>

The California Catholic Ministry Conference, formerly known as the Faith Formation Conference, will be held this year at the San Jose Convention Center from Thursday, December 5th through Saturday, December 7th. Participants can attend one day, two days or all three days. Join with 3000 other Catholics from the Archdiocese of San Francisco and Dioceses of Oakland, San Jose, Stockton and Monterey.

Sessions offered will include "Young Prophetic Voices for the Church of Today ... Building the Church of Tomorrow," "Is Social Justice an Impossible Dream?," "The Mundane Mercy of Catholic Faith Life," "The Immaculate Misconception—7 Things Catholics Think They Know, but Don't," "What in the World is Reconciliation" and many, many more.

Registration brochures are on the table in the back of Church and full conference details including registration information can be found here <https://cacmc.net/>

Catechists who attend all or part of this conference earn credit towards certification and there are many offerings for spiritual enrichment. Sabrina will be attending and can share more information.

Ecuador Pilgrimage for Youth in 2020

In July 2005, ten members of St. Matthias parish went on a parish pilgrimage trip to the Working Boys' Center: A Family of Families in Quito, Ecuador. They visited Sr. Cindy Sullivan and Sr. Miguel, members of Sr. Dee's religious community who run the Center with Fr. John Halligan, SJ. They participated in a "minga," helping to build a house for a family, and helped out around the center with their educational and trade programs.

In 2010, a tradition was born at St. Matthias of a bi-annual trip to Ecuador with high school students. The trip is lead by Sabrina Harper and Maria Cornell. Starting in 2010, then again, in 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018, youth and leaders from St. Matthias and St. Pius parishes have visited the Working Boys' Center in Quito and Casa Damien in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

We are working on planning our 6th trip for the summer of 2020. The dates are selected – July 22-31, 2020. All young people who will be entering 9-12th grade in the Fall of 2020 are eligible to participate. If your son or daughter is interested in this trip, please email Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org for more information.

Winter Hat & Scarf Drive

Time to get out those knitting needles, crochet hooks and looms. Our Winter Hat and Scarf drive for the homeless begins now and will continue through January. Use washable yarns preferably not cotton. There will be a basket in the back of church to collect them.

Scarves should be about 60" long to wrap around twice for warmth. Thanks in advance. Questions: Laurie at lpmcoulter@yahoo.com

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This Week @ St. Matthias

2nd Collection: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal			
<u>Sunday, Dec 1st</u>	<u>Monday, Dec 2nd</u>	<u>Tuesday, Dec 3rd</u>	<u>Wednesday, Dec 4th</u>
First Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass SALT & FISH Meet	6:30 pm Preschool Advisory Board Meeting	5:30 pm Mass (MR) 6:00 pm First Reconciliation Family Meeting (UR)	
<u>California Catholic Ministry Conference—San Jose Convention Center</u>			2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious Immaculate Conception
<u>Thursday, Dec 5th</u>	<u>Friday, Dec 6th</u>	<u>Saturday, Dec 7th</u>	<u>Sunday, Dec 8th</u>
5:30 pm Mass (MR) 7:00 pm Prayer & Worship Commission	9:15 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	5:00 pm Mass/RCIA & Confirmation Rite of Welcome & Acceptance (Church)	Second Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am GIFT Gathering
CR = Rectory Conference Room DR = Rectory Dining Room MR = Merry Room UR = Upper Room PS = Preschool			



Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Sunday, December 8th.

Mass for the holy day will be celebrated at St. Charles on Monday, December 9th at 8:30 am. All are invited to honor the Holy Mother with us that day.

Bethlehem AD Angels

Each year, on Dec 21, 22 & 23, right here in Redwood City, you can visit Bethlehem AD, a living re-creation of the village of Bethlehem on the night of the first Christmas. This free event is fun for the whole family as visitors travel through the town and experience the town's people, Roman centurions, three wise men, shepherds tending to live camels, Brahma bulls, llamas, donkeys, sheep and other animals. The Holy Family, including a live baby Jesus is surrounded by a group of

choreographed angels. On the first day of Advent, Dec 1st at the 10:30 am Mass, the Bethlehem Angels will perform two of their dances during the reflection period after communion and will have more information for parishioners to bring home.

Leave the Light On

Wednesday evenings, 6:30-7:30 | St. Charles
Each Wednesday evening during the season of Advent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated with parishioners of both St. Charles and St. Matthias at St. Charles Church.

Weekday Mass in the Merry Room

Beginning on Tuesday, December 3rd, daily Masses, held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 pm will be celebrated in the Merry Room instead of the Church building.