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Sunday of Advent

December 8, 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.

On that day, a shoot shall sprout
from the stump of Jesse,
and from his roots a bud shall blossom.

Isaiah 11:1

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

Second Sunday of Advent

Have you ever known a moment when, just for a brief instant, you felt that all was right with the world? It is just such a moment, stretched into eternity, that the writer of Isaiah describes in today's first reading: the perfection of everything, centered in God's spirit, where knowledge, justice, and awe in God's presence reign. In such a paradise, everyone sees eye to eye and thinks in harmony with each other, as Saint Paul describes in his letter to the Romans. Even animals with a natural animosity toward one another coexist peacefully. John the Baptist understood that such harmonious relationships do not simply happen. They are the fruit of living in right relationship with God and others.

EDEN, REVISITED

Remember Eden? God created humans and all creatures in love, for love. The failure of humanity recorded in the book of Genesis is that from the beginning people have tended to desire, not to be like God, but to be gods. Instead of seeing the fingerprint of our creator in others, we tend to see them as competition. Where there is abundance, we see scarcity. We seek the things of this world rather than seeking and finding God's life and goodness in our midst. The writer of Isaiah paints a far better picture, which Christians have seen as a foretelling of the Christ, the Anointed One of God, Jesus.

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND

Knowing Jesus as the One for whom the people of God have longed helps us to understand John the Baptist's strong words to the Pharisees and Sadducees in today's Gospel passage. They had the responsibility to lead the people toward right relationship with God and others, and instead had failed to produce the fruits of faithful living themselves. John did not prevent them from approaching him for the baptism of repentance, but asked them to turn their lives more faithfully to God and live accordingly. John understood himself as the forerunner of the One for whom the people had been waiting—the one upon whom the spirit of the Lord rests, the spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel and strength, knowledge and fear of the Lord.

In Advent, we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the Lord. Not that Jesus has not already come, or that the Lord is not already in our midst; rather, we take this season to appreciate in a new and fuller way that God's coming as a child in Bethlehem and Christ's promised return are about the establishment of the kingdom of God—already in our midst and yet not known in its fullness until the Lord returns in glory.

Today's Readings: Is 11:1–10; Ps 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17; Rom 15:4–9; Mt 3:1–12

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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, 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 †
Tuesday, Dec 10 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Rose & Rich Marino
Thursday, Dec 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	5:30 pm	Bart Coulter †
Saturday, Dec 14 <i>St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>	5:00 pm	Bart Coulter †
Sunday, Dec 15 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 am	People of St. Matthias
	10:30 am	Linda Meek Keller †

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	\$111,749
Monthly Need	\$27,667
November Sunday Collections	\$21,631
+ Electronic Donations	\$4,430
Total Offertory for November	\$26,061
Difference (Monthly Need - Received)	\$1,606



**CREATING A
CULTURE OF
GENEROSITY**

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2019 Called to Care & Share

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! WE HAVE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL FOR THE 2019 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: CALLED TO CARE & SHARE.

Total Goal	\$65,273
Previously Received	\$33,139.00
Matching Donations	\$35,646.91
Combined Total	\$68,603.91
REFUND DUE TO St. Matthias	\$3,512.91

Our St. Matthias community never ceases to amaze!

105%

Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good work of their elders. Your generosity is appreciated.

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>

Make Room for Jesus in the Manger of Your Heart: Communal Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 pm | St. Pius

Join the Catholic Churches of Redwood City and San Carlos for a Communal Reconciliation Service for Advent with individual confessions in English and Spanish on Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00 pm at St. Pius Church, 1100 Woodside Road.

Simbang Gabi Masses



An annual tradition from the Filipino spiritual tradition will be celebrated for nine days leading up to Christmas. Simbang Gabi in Deanery 11

(comprised of 9 parishes in San Carlos, Redwood City, East Palo Alto, and Menlo Park) is being hosted in 6 parishes this year as listed in the schedule below. The novena of Masses begins on December 15 and culminates on December 23. Those who will be going from church to church to complete the nine-day celebration are encouraged to return to their home parish for Christmas Masses. Through Simbang Gabi, the deanery hopes to offer a deeper spiritual experience leading to a more meaningful Christmas season for all. This celebration of faith also hopes to strengthen the bonds between cultures and between parishes, thereby strengthening fellowship and family life in our community and deanery.

12/15	5:00 pm	St. Pius
12/16	6:00 pm	Nativity
12/17	7:00 pm	St. Matthias
12/18	7:00 pm	Vallombrosa
12/19	7:00 pm	St. Charles
12/20	5:00 pm	St. Raymond
12/21	5:00 pm	Mt. Carmel
12/22	TBD	call 650-323-7914
12/23	7:00 pm	St. Denis

Welcome Weekend

Dec 14-15 | St. Matthias Church

Next 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.

Our Call to Community Building

Rite of Welcome & Acceptance

On Saturday, December 7th, at our Vigil Mass, our community welcomes candidates from St. Matthias and St. Charles parishes who are preparing for sacraments. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process which helps adults learn about our faith and prepare for sacraments through study, discussion and prayer. The RCIA team includes Deacon Rich, Deacon David, Lisa Cox, Dorothy Farkas, Phil & Bobbie Feiner, Kathy Sweeney and Kate Severin. The RCIA candidates and team meet each Sunday morning between our two Masses. Candidates are preparing to receive one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) during the Easter Vigil Mass.

The following candidates and their sponsors were presented to the community:

Catechumens (those preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist):

Catechumen	Sponsor
Charles Harder	Phil & Bobbie Feiner
Christine Jerrold	Nick Jerrold
Sheerin Latham	Suzie Crowell
Joey Latham	
Chih Zee	Jessika Marcelino
Ashley Sullivan	Lisa Cox
Tiffany Muniz	Greg Muniz
Christine Klein	Dorothy Farkas

Candidates (those preparing for Eucharist and/or Confirmation):

Candidate	Sponsor
Russ Sullivan	Ed Cox
Matthew Fish	Kate Motroni-Fish
Thomas Gammer	

In addition, our youth candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation are presented to the community by their sponsors. Confirmation is the third and last

Sacrament of Initiation for those Baptized as infants or very young children. This sacrament involves a laying on of hands and anointing with oil by the Bishop and imparts the Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Right Judgement, Courage, Reverence, and Wonder and Awe.

Sabrina coordinates the preparation process and the annual retreat. During the preparation process, young people and their sponsors reflect on these gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they can be more fully aware of, and present to, the gift of faith that God has freely given them.

The following candidates and their sponsors were presented to the community:

Candidate	Sponsor
Kate Kizer	Angie Kizer
Jane Rak	Nina Clinton
Ryder DiTargiani	Rhonda Kreitem
Naomi Torres	Claire Helf
Daniel Schembri	Kimberly Calderaro
Jocelyn Sanchez	

We ask all members of the St. Matthias Community to keep our catechumens and these candidates along with their sponsors in your prayers.

The Best Christmas Eve Pageant

Tuesday, December 24th at 4:30 pm | Church

Our annual Christmas Eve Pageant will be on Tuesday, December 24th at 4:30 pm, and Mass will follow. Our St. Matthias Preschool children are invited to be part of the assembly. Younger elementary and middle school aged children dress in costumes and process into the Church (they are not required to memorize lines). They help tell the Christmas story, the story of our Savior's birth, through their presence and with song. Two high school aged youth are the narrators of the story. Contact Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org for more details or to sign up.

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This Week @ St. Matthias

2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious Immaculate Conception			
<u>Sunday, Dec 8th</u>	<u>Monday, Dec 9th</u>	<u>Tuesday, Dec 10th</u>	<u>Wednesday, Dec 11th</u>
Second Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am GIFT Gathering	8:30 am Mass for Immaculate Conception at St. Charles 6:30 pm Preschool Staff Meeting	5:30 pm Mass (MR) 6:00 pm First Reconciliation Family Meeting (Rectory) 7:00 pm St. Vincent De Paul Meeting (Hall)	6:30 pm Leave the Light On—Reconciliation at St. Charles 7:15 pm Preschool Family Christmas Celebration
		Welcome Weekend Annual Financial Report to the Parish	
<u>Thursday, Dec 12th</u>	<u>Friday, Dec 13th</u>	<u>Saturday, Dec 14th</u>	<u>Sunday, Dec 15th</u>
5:30 pm Mass (MR) 7:00 pm Prayer & Worship Commission	9:15 am Rosary for Peace (MR) 4:00 pm Set up for Breakfast with Santa	10:00 am Breakfast with Santa (Hall) 5:00 pm Vigil Mass	Third Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am Giving Tree Gift Deadline 1:00 pm Confirmation Level II Meeting (Rectory)
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.

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 & Saturday Reconciliation 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. Beginning on Saturday, December 7th, Reconciliation at 3:45 pm will be available in the Merry Room instead of the Confessional.

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.