

THEY OPENED THEIR TREASURES
AND OFFERED HIM GIFTS
OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH.

MATTHEW 2:11

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 5, 2020

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.

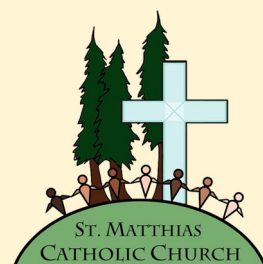
Marriage

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.



St. Matthias Staff Directory

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Our Call to Justice & Charity

MLK Jr. Day of Service

Monday, January 20, 2020



Peninsula Multifaith Coalition, a group comprised of many different faith traditions, is bringing together our diverse community to build bridges of understanding and respect through an annual day of service.

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 is now open by clicking the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pmcs-8th-annual-mlk-jr-multifaith-day-of-service-tickets-82917517527>

St. Matthias is a member of Peninsula Multifaith Coalition. To find out more about PMC, visit www.peninsulamultifaith.org

Reading Partners Needed

Our mission at Reading Partners is to help children become lifelong readers by empowering communities to provide individualized instruction with measurable results. We believe that reading is the foundation for all future learning whether that be in science, math, or even history. Reading Partners delivers a highly effective and evidence-based program that has helped thousands of children master the fundamental reading skills they need to succeed in school and beyond.

As a volunteer tutor, you will work 1:1 with an elementary school student who is reading 6 months to 2.5 years below grade level. Sessions are held on school campuses during and after school hours. We work with 15 Title I schools across the Silicon Valley. Our school partners in Redwood City are Henry Ford and Selby Lane Elementary. Our partner in Belmont is Nesbit Elementary. We are also located in Mountain View, Sunnyvale, San Jose and Milpitas.

Our website is www.readingpartners.org/locations/silicon-valley, we can also be reached at (408) 945-5720, or be reached at volunteersv@readingpartners.org.

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. Leave scarfs and hats in the basket at the back of Church by **January 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.



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, Jan 4 <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>	5:00 pm	Olive Murphy †
Sunday, Jan 5 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	People of St. Matthias Michael Rabette †
Tuesday, Jan 7 <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Mary Silva †
Wednesday, Jan 9 <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Carlo Gnemmi †
Saturday, Jan 11 <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Benito & Florencia Pangilinan †
Sunday, Jan 12 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	Maria Dolores Falzon † People of St. Matthias

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...

Sean Duck
Jean Balibrera
Candy Gray
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**

Special Thanks to Our Electronic Givers

St. Matthias would like to thank the ~30 families who are currently giving electronically. You may not see these fellow parishioners place an envelope in the basket every week, but their consistent giving does not go unnoticed in our parish office. Each month our parish receives a steady and predictable stream of income from those donors who have made the commitment to give to God first by having a designated contribution automatically transferred to our parish through our Online Giving Program. If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving, please contact *Lisa Bamford* at 366-9544 or lisa@stmatthiasparish.org or check out our website at www.stmatthiasparish.org/SupportUs/OnlineDonation.

Offertory Envelopes

For those who use preprinted Offertory Envelopes, the 2020 envelopes are available for pickup in Fr. Lacey Hall.

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 ear-phones. Contact Sabrina for more information.

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

January Senior Luncheon

Please join us on January 8th at noon for a delicious brunch as we ring in 2020 with your friends from St. Charles and St. Matthias!

All registered parishioners 60 years + are cordially invited to our monthly luncheon held on the first Wednesday of each month at noon in Borromeo Hall.

To reserve your spot please RSVP to Kathy Fagliano at 591-7349 x 402 or email her at kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org. Caregivers are welcome.

All reservations must be received by noon, Monday, January 6th. We cannot accept late reservations as we need to shop. We hope to see you there! If you need a ride please contact Kathy.

Diaconate Formation Informal Evenings

The Office of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate will hold Informal Evenings for men considering the possibility of serving the Church as Permanent Deacons. The evening will include a discussion of the ministry of the Deacon in the Church, the Formation program and the application process. Please join us.



Deacon Fred Totah, Director of Deacon Formation
Deacon Mike Ghiorso, Director of Permanent Diaconate
Guy Marston, Program Coordinator

Who should attend? Single and married men between the ages of 30 and 60 may apply for the program and are invited to the evening. However, marriage applicants must be married at least five years. All married applicants need the complete support of their wives in order to pursue the program; therefore, wives are encouraged to attend.

Dates: Wednesday, January 8th @ St. Isabella Church, 1 Trinity Way, San Rafael

Wednesday, January 15th @ St. Timothy Church, 1515 Dolan Avenue, San Mateo

Wednesday, January 22nd @ Archdiocese of San

Francisco, One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco

Time: 7:00—8:30 pm

For more information call Diaconate Formation Office (415) 614-5531 or Email diaconateformation@sfarch.org or marstong@sfarch.org

Parishioner Survey Available Online

Survey available until Jan 31, 2020 | sfarch.org/parish-survey-English

Survey cards were made available in most parishes of the Archdiocese on December 21-22. Thanks to all the Mass-goers who filled them out. The survey is now online, in English and Spanish. If you did not submit a card during the weekend of Dec 21-22, or if you want to submit more information or commentary on any of the questions, please use the survey at the Archdiocesan website, above. The survey is anonymous and takes just a few minutes. With help from each parishioner we will be able to know and understand better our Catholic people and their needs. Please complete the survey by January 31, 2020.

Ministry Schedule

We are pleased to announce that Susan Torres has volunteered to help coordinate our Ministry Schedule starting in January. The ministry schedule for January-February has been published. We are asking all of our ministers to sign up for at least 3 spots for this schedule. If you did not receive the schedule, please contact sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org

Our Call to Community Building

Walk for Life

Saturday, January 25, 2020 from 9:30 am | St. Mary's Cathedral to Civic Center Plaza | visit walkforlifewc.com for more information

The Walk for Life West Coast 2020 is coming up. Join fellow Catholics and pro-lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the smallest among us at the 16th Annual Walk for Life West Coast. There will be Mass at 9:30 am at St. Mary's Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Alexander Sample from Portland, Oregon. The rally begins at 12:30 pm in Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk down Market Street, begins at 1:30 pm. Last year's Walk drew more than 50,000 participants. For complete information and download flyers, visit www.walkforlifewc.com.

We Celebrate Baptism

On Saturday, December 21 during the 5:00 pm Mass, our parish community welcomed two new members who were baptized by Fr. Dave. We welcome Mackenzie Rae Mansfield. Her parents are Aaron and Erica Mansfield. We also welcome Jackson William Loase. His parents are Stephen and Megan Loase. Parishioner Cheryl Clawson is the mother of Erica and Megan. Congratulations and welcome to our Catholic community!

Mackenzie and Jackson are now claimed as a children of God in our community of believers. *Let's pray that throughout their lives, God will help them to be a faithful witnesses to your Son, Jesus Christ, for they are marked with his cross. Amen.*

We Celebrate Confirmation

Three of our St. Matthias young people, Mary Jane Hartman, Mika Bamford and Dario Salazar will receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit through the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, January 18th at 5:00 pm at St. Charles. These young people, their parents and sponsors have been preparing for the sacrament since the

fall of 2018. They have participated in a retreat, the Rite of Welcome Mass and monthly classes. Please keep them in your prayers.

We Celebrate First Reconciliation

Eleven of our St. Matthias children; Hudson & Bowie Boyle, Lana Cid, Cameron Latham, Eliza Crowell, Beata Ang-Dutta, Nathan Gibson, Lilly Campos, Luke & Erin Sweeney and Matthias Madriaga will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, January 11th at 3:00 pm. Please keep them in your prayers as they along with their families, finalize their preparation in the coming weeks.

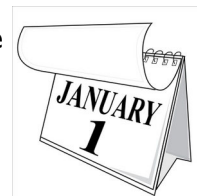
Important Message from the Archdiocese of San Francisco

Scammers are out in force this holiday season. Churches and pastors throughout the Bay Area are experiencing a tremendous increase in activity wherein parishioners receive an email or text message from a priest asking for emergency help in the form of cash or gift cards. These are NEVER real requests. If you think your pastor is asking for help via email or text, CALL YOUR PARISH, even on the weekends or at night. Please spread the word to others in your parish to prevent anyone from being taken advantage of. Thank you.

2020 Calendars & Poinsettias

Thank you to our sponsors, Crippen & Flynn and Al Stanley for the 2020 calendars and the poinsettias which enlivened our liturgical space for the Christmas season.

Calendars can be found in the back of the Church or in Fr. Lacey Hall.

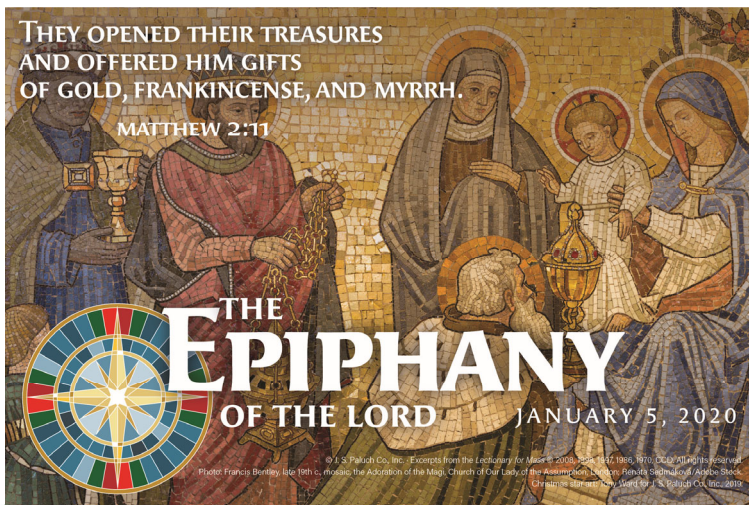


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This Week @ St. Matthias

Epiphany Sunday, Jan 5th	Monday, Jan 6th	Tuesday, Jan 7th	Wednesday, Jan 8th
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am GIFT Gathering (Hall)	7:00 pm Level II Confirmation Meeting (Rectory)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR) 6:00 pm First Reconciliation Meeting (UR) 6:30 pm Preschool Advisory Board Meeting (Rm5)	6:00 pm Preschool Staff Meeting (Rm 5)
Welcome Weekend			
Thursday, Jan 9th	Friday, Jan 10th	Saturday, Jan 11th	Sunday, Jan 12th
1:00 pm Parish Staff Meeting (DR) 5:30 pm Daily Mass 7:00 pm Finance Council Meeting (DR)	9:15 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	1:30 pm Level II Confirmation Retreat at St. Charles 3:00 pm First Reconciliation (Church) 5:00 pm Vigil Mass	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass FISH & SALT Meet 5:00 pm High School Youth Group Meeting

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



Welcome Weekend

Jan 11-12 | 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.

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)



LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.

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