



FOURTH

# Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

# St. Matthias

## ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

“Joseph, son of David,  
do not be afraid to take Mary  
your wife into your home.”

Matthew 1:20

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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.

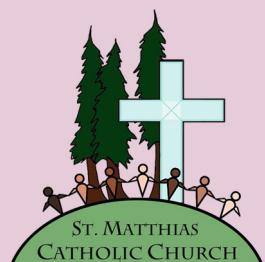
#### Marriage

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 Prayer & Worship**

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

What great lengths God will go to in loving and saving us! Think of the most outlandish circumstance you might conceive. That seems to be what the Lord is saying to Ahaz in today's first reading. "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Not only is the idea of a virgin conceiving beyond comprehension in Ahaz's time, so would the concept of God wanting to be with us be, as the name Emmanuel indicates. And yet, this is what we celebrate in the Incarnation—God wants so completely to be one with us that God came to be with us in a son born to a virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is more to this story than even these amazing and outlandish occurrences, however. God wants to be one with us so deeply that God partners with us to make God's presence known.

#### **MARY AND JOSEPH**

Mary and Joseph play a key role in our Catholic devotional and spiritual life. No doubt, much of our devotion to Jesus' mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph, is rooted in our appreciation of their willingness to put themselves at the disposal of the will of God, to seek what God most desired of them and to carry it out. We find their example inspiring, and their proximity to the Lord consoling and encouraging. Knowing that they said yes to God in such dramatic and pivotal ways, even when there was so much at stake and there were so many obstacles to take into account, gives us much to ponder. Yet there is something else we must not forget: while God could have come to be with us as a child in any manner at all, God chose to be with us through the active and humble cooperation of a woman and a man, Mary and Joseph.

#### **EMMANUEL**

Of all of the names connected to our Lord, two stand out in the ways that they describe the identity and mission of the Lord: "Emmanuel: God is with us" and "Jesus: God saves." The most stunning thing about our Christian faith is that God is not distant, abstract, demanding, a god of wrath and military might. Rather, God desires to be near to us, in relationship, one with us in our challenges and in our joys. God is with us even when remaining with us will lead to betrayal, persecution, and violent death. God who is beyond all of this struggle remains with us so that we might transcend the limitations of our human nature in order to become more like God, to embrace the divine light that resides within each of us. As we approach the celebration of Christmas, consider this: what does it mean to you that God is with us, now and always? What does this call you to be and to do as a Christian, as a follower of God's Son, Jesus, who is with us and who saves us?

Today's Readings: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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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  
lisastmatthiasparish.org.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 21 <i>Late Advent Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Mimi Piparo †
Sunday, Dec 22 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	Paul & Dolores Falzon † People of St. Matthias
Tuesday, Dec 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	4:30 pm 9:00 pm	Paul & Emily Flores † Jackie Polati †
Wednesday, Dec 25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	10:00 am	Patty Stanley †
Saturday, Dec 28 <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	5:00 pm	Carlo Gnementi †
Sunday, Dec 29 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	Alfredo S. Bon † 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...

Jean Balibrera  
Candy Gray  
Glaflira Valencia  
Anna Vugrinecz  
Kurt Wallace  
Bruce Dinkel  
Rose Herrara  
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 Family & Pastoral Care

# 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](http://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 + Electronic Donations	\$21,631 \$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.

Our St. Matthias community never ceases to amaze!

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

105%

## 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.

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



# Our Call to Community Building

## 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. Our rehearsal will be held on Sunday, December 22nd at 11:30 am. Contact

Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org for more details or to signup. <https://signup.com/go/SWBzChq>

## Jacqueline Victoria Kerns Recital

Saturday, December 28th at 7:00 pm | Church

Jacqueline Victoria Kerns will be returning to St. Matthias Church in Redwood City to perform a Benefit Recital on Saturday, December 28th. The recital will benefit the Music Ministry Program at Saint Matthias Church.

Mezzo-soprano Jacqueline Kerns is a recent graduate of Northwestern University, where she studied voice with Sunny Joy Langton and history in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. Her training credits include Opernfest Prague (2019), Houston Grand Opera's Young Artist Vocal Academy (2019), Seagle Music Colony (2018), and Songfest (2015). Her stage credits include Didymus from Handel's Theodora (Northwestern University), Ernesto from Billy Goats Gruff by Davies (Seagle Music Colony), Tango Singer from Harbison's The Great Gatsby (Seagle Music Colony), Barbarina from Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro (Notre Dame de Namur University) and Hansel from Humperdinck's Hansel and Gretel (cover, NDU Opera Theatre). She has appeared as a guest soloist with the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Kirk Muspratt. Jacqueline is excited to return to the Bay Area after her recent success here in September starring in Meira

Warshauer's new opera Elijah's Violin in San Francisco.

Date: Saturday, December 28th

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Saint Matthias Church  
1685 Cordilleras Rd.  
Redwood City, CA 94062

Tickets: Suggested donation of \$5 to \$10 per person will be collected at the door for the Saint Matthias Music Ministry program. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jacqueline-victoria-kerns-recital-2019-tickets-85808113377> 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

## Parish Offices Closed

Parish offices will be closed Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25, Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1 in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

## 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](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org)

# Our Call to Catechesis

## 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/pmc-s-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](http://www.peninsulamultifaith.org)

## New Year's Eve Retreat

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 from 7:00–10:30 pm | Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose

The Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Center for Education & Spirituality present: New Year's Eve Retreat with Fr. Bartholomew, Hutcherson, O.P. on Tuesday, December 31 from 7:00–10:30 pm. Free will offerings gratefully accepted. Located at Dominican Center, 43326 Mission Circle (entrance off Mission Tierra) Fremont, CA 94539. Register by 12/28/19 <http://bit.ly/2019NewYrRtrt> or call (510) 933-6360

## 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 had 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/](http://www.readingpartners.org/) locations/silicon-valley, we can also be reached at (408) 945-5720, or be reached at [volunteersv@readingpartners.org](mailto:volunteersv@readingpartners.org).



**READING  
PARTNERS**

## Remembrance Table

If you brought a photograph or memento to our Remembrance Table in November and have not collected your items yet, they have been moved for safe keeping to the Rectory.

Please call 366-9544 or stop by during office hours to pick them up.

Thank you!

# AD PAGE

# This Week @ St. Matthias

2nd Collection: St. Matthias' Building Fund	Preschool Closed		
<u>Sunday, Dec 22nd</u>	<u>Monday, Dec 23rd</u>	<u>Tuesday, Dec 24th</u>	<u>Wednesday, Dec 25th</u>
Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (Church)		Christmas Eve 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Pageant Followed by Mass 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass	Christmas Day 10:00 am Christmas Day Mass
Preschool Closed		2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul	
<u>Thursday, Dec 26th</u>	<u>Friday, Dec 27th</u>	<u>Saturday, Dec 28th</u>	<u>Sunday, Dec 29th</u>
NO 5:30 pm Mass	9:15 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	5:00 pm Vigil Mass 7:00 pm Jacqueline Victoria Kerns Recital (Church)	8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass FISH & SALT Meet Donuts following 10:30 am Mass

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

## Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

### Tuesday, December 24th

4:30 pm Children's Christmas Eve Pageant and Mass

9:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

### Wednesday, December 25

10:00 am Christmas Day Mass

### Tuesday, December 31

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary at St. Charles

### Wednesday, January 1

10:00 am Mass for the Solemnity of Mary at St. Matthias



We have received on the first Christmas the greatest gift we can ever have: "a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger" (Lk 2:12), the "Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn 1:14). With Jesus Christ Our Lord, we can never be alone.