



LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST CONTROL YOUR HEARTS,
THE PEACE INTO WHICH YOU WERE ALSO CALLED IN ONE BODY.
COLOSSIANS 3:15

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THE HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 29, 2019

St. Matthias

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Redwood City, CA 94062
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Website: www.stmatthiasparish.org
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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 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 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/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.

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 28 <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	5:00 pm	Carlo Gnemmi †
Sunday, Dec 29 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	8:00 am	Alfredo S. Bon †
	10:30 am	People of St. Matthias
Tuesday, Dec 31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm at St. Charles	
Wednesday, Jan 1 <i>Solemnity of Mary</i>	10:00 am	Maria Campos †
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	People of St. Matthias
	10:30 am	Michael Rabette †

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
Glafira Valencia
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 Deglienton
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%

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.

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

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, NDNU 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.

Offertory Envelopes

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



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.

Parish Offices Closed

Parish offices will be closed 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

Our Call to Community Building

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

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 profilers 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

We welcomed Mia Aurora Talavera, and her parents, Benjamin and Jessica Talavera into the Body of Christ through the sacrament of Baptism on December 14th at 2:00 pm.

Mia is now claimed as a child of God in our community of believers. *Let's pray that throughout her life, God will help her to be a faithful witness to your Son, Jesus Christ, for she is being 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

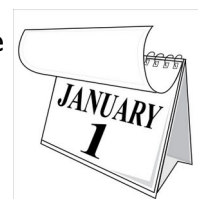
Eleven children will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, January 11th at 3:00 pm. Please keep them in your prayers as they along with their families, finalize their preparation in the coming weeks.

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

2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul		Preschool Closed	
<u>Sunday, Dec 29th</u>	<u>Monday, Dec 30th</u>	<u>Tuesday, Dec 31st</u>	<u>Wednesday, Jan 1st</u>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass FISH & SALT Meet Donuts following 10:30 am Mass		5:00 pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary @ St. Charles No Mass at St. Matthias	Solemnity of Mary 10:00 am Solemnity of Mary Mass @ St. Matthias
Preschool Closed			
<u>Thursday, Jan 2nd</u>	<u>Friday, Jan 3rd</u>	<u>Saturday, Jan 4th</u>	<u>Sunday, Jan 5th</u>
5:30 pm Daily Mass	9:15 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory) 10:30 am Sunday Mass 11:30 am GIFT Gathering (Hall)

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



New Year's Mass Schedule

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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the last century, a few new feasts were blended into the Church year, including today's. After World War I, the chaos of daily life in Europe made its impact felt on the family structure. Partly to offer Christians an image of hope and holiness in married family life, and also to promote the welfare of children, today's feast was "invented" in 1921. In 1969, it became a feast of Christmas.

The prayers today remind us not only of family life, but of life in the community of faith. We ponder the mystery of a God who loves us dearly enough to embrace the struggles, joys, and daily sorrows of family life. The message of Christmas shines through: God-with-us is available to us in the ordinary patterns of our lives and commitments. The lives of people who raise their children in difficult circumstances, and of people who remain faithful to life in the Church in spite of some of their own family struggles, occupy a special place in our hearts today in prayer.