



Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

FEBRUARY 23 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

St. Matthias Reconciliation

Tuesday or Thursday after 5:30 pm Mass

St. Charles Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 pm

First Communion and Confirmation

Email Sabrina Harper for information.

Baptism or Marriage

Email Deacon Rich Foley for information.

See the Staff Directory Inside the Cover for Contact Information.

SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Lenten Mission: Being "In Christ" Says It All

Monday, March 2nd & Tuesday, March
3rd from 7:00-8:30 pm | St. Matthias
Church, 1685 Cordilleras Road, Redwood
City

Lent is a time of prayer and reflection. St. Matthias and St. Charles parishes are hosting a two-evening mission led by Fr. Dave Pettingill, a well-known and inspiring retreat leader. Each evening, song and Scriptural readings will frame Fr. Dave's presentation on the theme of "Being 'In Christ' Says It All."

On Monday evening, Fr. Dave will explore the question, "How did we get to be 'In Christ?'" On Tuesday evening, Fr. Dave will describe what being "In Christ" looks like using Scriptural references, stories and real-life experiences.

Come join us for one or both nights. Begin Lent as a community gathered together in prayer, remembering that Jesus suffered, died and is risen to save all of us. Thus, being "In Christ" says it all!

Our parish mission will be held on Monday, March 2 and Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. at St. Matthias Church in Redwood City. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Deacon Rich Foley for more information via email rich@stmatthiasparish.org

Lenten Stations of the Cross & Soup Suppers

Fridays beginning Feb 28th at 6:00 pm | St. Matthias Church, 1685 Cordilleras Road, Redwood City

Stations of the Cross is a traditional devotion focusing on the events of the passion and suffering of Jesus, Our Savior. Stations of the Cross consists of 14 stations, highlighting the events of Jesus' last day as a human being. Stations of the Cross is a mini-pilgrimage. As the group moves from station to station, the scene is described. Followers hear about the event along the way of the cross, pray, sing and meditate. It is common practice to offer this devotion on the Fridays of Lent.

St. Matthias will offer the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 6:00 pm followed by a simple soup supper. Each week, a different scriptural based text will be used. Leaders will provide booklets for participants to use as they pray the 14 stations.

All are welcome. We encourage parishioners to bring their own bowl and spoon. You may also choose to bring a vegetarian soup or bread and butter to share with the group. Drinks will be provided. See the poster in the back of the Church for the schedule.



Hospice Volunteers

Needed Sutter Care at Home Hospice is looking for volunteers to provide compassionate companionship to patients 1-2 hours per week, or who would like to volunteer in their San Mateo Office. No experience is required as thorough training and on-going support are provided. If you are interested in finding out more about this valuable ministry, please call Volunteer Coordinator Jennifer Fisher at (650) 685-2803



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, Feb 22 <i>The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle</i>	5:00 pm	Shirley Nelson †
Sunday, Feb 23 <i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	Sharon Eileen McQueen † People of St. Matthias
Tuesday, Feb 25 <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Special Intention in Thanksgiving
Wednesday, Feb 26 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7:00 pm	
Thursday, Feb 27 <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>	5:30 pm	Danilo Nicolas †
Saturday, Feb 29 <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	5:00 pm	Josef Duller †
Sunday, March 1 <i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	People of St. Matthias

Supporting Affordable Housing

St. Francis Center in Redwood City has the opportunity to acquire three affordable housing properties totaling 47 units. Forty of the units are already affordable and operated by the Sisters of Charity in East Palo Alto who are selling them. St. Francis would like to buy them and maintain them as affordable homes. Seven units on two properties near the Center's services are also in negotiations. There are matching grants totaling \$2M for the properties making this a great opportunity for St. Francis Center to add to the affordable housing supply that they already maintain in our community.

If you support these real and sustainable efforts to provide affordable housing and prevent homelessness, please consider contributing at <https://www.stfrancisrwc.org>.

We pray for those who are ill in our community...

Diane Donnelly
Nick Paucomo
Mahmood Behbood
Alyssa Beemer
Cely DeGuzman
Jack Greenalch
Jean Balibrera
Joey Hizon
Bruce Dinkel
Rose Herrera
Margaret Henry
Liz Vugrinecz
Sarah Rose Hove
Marge Bartlemus
Erin Magee
Shirley Roybal
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 **\$138,735**

Monthly Need **\$27,667**

January Sunday Collections **\$24,377.20**

+ Electronic Donations **\$5,376.00**

Total Offertory for January \$29,753.20

Difference (Monthly Need - Received) \$2,086.20



**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.

Thank you for supporting restaurant fundraisers!

As part of our parish fundraising strategy, we are partnering with local restaurants who agree to host our parishioners on a given night and donate 20-25% of parishioners' sales back to St. Matthias.

On average, these restaurant nights provide \$500 per month to our Church. The total received from Amici's Pizzeria was \$425.35.

Thank you for dining out to support St. Matthias!



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Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

Each year we are called to give our support to the work of the Archdiocese through the Annual Appeal. Last year, the parishioners of St. Matthias contributed **\$70,968**, exceeding our goal and resulting in a refund to the parish of **\$5695!** Thank you for your incredible generosity!

Our AAA goal for 2020 is **\$67,341**. A brochure and pledge envelope are being sent home to all registered parish families this week. We hope you will take the time to read about how these funds are used and consider an early donation to the Annual Appeal.

Please contact us in the Office if you have any questions. 366-9544 or lisa@stmatthiasparish.org

st. matthias presents

murder *on the* **freedom train**



murder mystery dinner silent auction

April 25, 2020 @ 5 pm

Murder on the Freedom Train

Saturday, April 25 | 5:00 pm

Please mark your calendars for our next murder mystery, dinner and silent auction. At our first planning meeting, we decided to change the start time of this event to 5:00 pm to allow guests more time for socializing and appetizers. There Our planning committee welcomes new voices and fresh perspectives. There are many ways that you can get involved including:

- Help with publicity—put flyers or posters up in the community
- Help with set up on Friday, April 24th
- Help with clean up after the event
- Help solicit donations from local businesses for the silent auction
- Contribute a prize, vacation home rental, sporting event tickets, theatre tickets, etc. for the silent auction.

Watch for an email blast with more opportunities to get involved. Planning meetings will be held every other Monday evening at 7:00 pm. Our next meeting will be on Feb 24th. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Sabrina Harper via email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org.

St. Charles Senior Luncheon

Wednesday, March 4th, at Noon Borromeo Hall

"When Irish Eyes are Smiling" Wear your green and join us for a corned beef sandwich prepared especially for you by the leprechauns of "St. O'Charlie's." To reserve your spot please RSVP to Kathy Fagliano at 591-7349 ext. 402 or e-mail her at Kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org.

All reservations must be received by noon on Monday, March 2nd. Caregivers are welcome.

All registered St. Matthias Parishioners 60 years +are cordially invited to lunch on the first Wednesday of the month in Borromeo Hall at St. Charles Parish, 880 Tamarack Avenue, San Carlos. We hope to see you there!!

Men's Club St. Patrick's Dinner

Saturday, March 14 | 6:00 pm Borromeo Hall

Tickets are now on sale! Show your green and join the Men's Club for a Corned Beef dinner feast, no-host bar, and all sorts of things Irish! Tickets are \$35 per person. Reserve a table of 8. Online registration at

scmc-stpatricksdinner.eventbrite.com. More info at the St. Charles website or email stcharles-mensclub@gmail.com.

Women's Club

Deacon Dominick Peloso addresses: "Why Mercy? Why Now?" on Wednesday, March 18th at 7:00 pm. Light refreshments, materials, and sacramental will be provided. Sponsored by the St. Charles Women's Club/Divine Mercy Ministry

Multifaith Song Fest

Sunday, March 1st at 3:00 pm | Peninsula Temple Shalom, 1655 Sebastian Drive, Burlingame

Peninsula Multifaith Coalition presents the 7th annual Multifaith Song Fest. The joy of music unites people across faith traditions! Choirs, songs, cantors, chants will be shared. A dessert reception will be provided following the concert.

Calling all St. Matthias Golfers

If you have an NCGA Index and are interested in playing in a future golf tournament to represent St. Matthias and/or St. Charles, please contact Bob Allen at (650) 363-1139 or bob.allen@sbcglobal.net

Our Call to Community Building

FISH & SALT meet during 10:30 am Mass.

Annual Maple Street Shelter Dinner

Saturday, March 14th | Maple Street Shelter, Redwood City

One of the highlights of our year at St. Matthias is providing dinner for the residents at Maple Street Shelter. This event, coordinated by the Justice and Charity Commission, provides a venue for our middle school students to engage in direct action and to show love and dignity to a segment of the homeless population in Redwood City. Parishioners are invited to make home-cooked dishes and drop them off in Fr. Lacey Hall. Volunteers deliver the food to Maple Street, then our young people set up, serve, and eat the meal with the residents. Following clean up, our youth lead and play Bingo with the residents. Parents are asked to provide support and chaperone the event.

There are many ways that you can help:

- 1) Donate food. A link to the sign up sheet will be emailed to parishioners next week. Food donations should be dropped off to Fr. Lacey Hall between 2:00–3:30 pm.
- 2) Donate \$5 gift cards to Safeway, Target or Subway. These are used as prizes for the residents during our Bingo game.
- 3) Middle School Youth are invited to volunteer. Meet at St. Matthias at 3:30 pm. We return to St. Matthias around 7:30 pm.
- 4) Parents of middle school youth are invited to chaperone.
- 5) Volunteers are needed to transport food from St. Matthias to Maple Street from approximately 3:00–4:00 pm.

Contact Sabrina via email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org for more information.



Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

6:30 am St. Charles

8:30 am St. Charles

10:30 am St. Charles (School Mass)

7:00 pm St. Matthias

Ashes will be distributed at all of our Ash Wednesday Masses. Ashes will also be available by request to take home for sick family members who are not able to attend Mass. Please contact the parish office to request ashes for home.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: these disciplines, prescribed by Jesus himself in the Sermon on the Mount, along with strict instructions not to flaunt them in public to win recognition and praise (Matthew 6:1-18), have been embraced by all the saints at the beginning of every Lent for almost two thousand years. But mention Lent, and many react with a grimace or slight shudder—even now, years after official obligations have been reduced to a minimum! No wonder the Eastern Rite’s “Lenten Announcement” sounds surprising: “Let us receive with joy, O faithful people, the divinely inspired announcement of Lent! The Lenten Spring shines forth! Begin the fast with joy! Let us fast from passions as well as food, taking pleasure in the good works of the Spirit, and accomplishing them in love!” Saint John Chrysostom, whose feast is September 13, elaborates: “Do you fast? Give proof by your works. If you see a poor person, take pity. An enemy, be reconciled. A friend gaining honor, don’t be jealous.” A positive approach! May the saints help us keep such a Lent!

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This Week @ St. Matthias

Sunday, Feb 23rd

FISH & SALT Meet
 8:00 am Sunday Mass
 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory)
 10:30 am Sunday Mass
 11:30 am Donut Sunday
 1:00 pm First Communion Family Retreat (UR)

Monday, Feb 24th

7:00 pm Murder Mystery Planning Meeting (DR)

Tuesday, Feb 25th

5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)
 6:00 pm First Communion Mtg (UR)

Wednesday, Feb 26th

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Mass (Church)

Thursday, Feb 27th

5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)
 7:00 pm Pastoral Council Mtg (DR)

Friday, Feb 28th

9:15 am Rosary for Peace (MR)

Saturday, Feb 29th

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

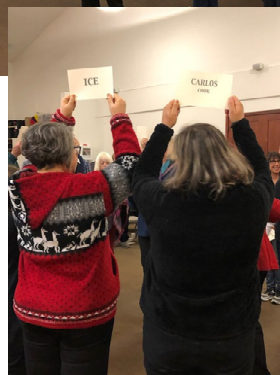
Sunday, March 1st

First Sunday of Lent
 2nd Collection: Building Fund
 8:00 am Sunday Mass
 10:30 am Sunday Mass/RCIA Rite of Sending
 11:30 am GIFT Gathering
 3:00 pm Rite of Election (St. Mary's Cathedral)

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

Catholic Network to End Human Trafficking

On Tuesday, February 11th, St. Matthias' Justice and Charity Commission and St. Vincent de Paul Conference hosted a presentation about Human Trafficking, modern-day slavery. Our presenters, Sr. Elizabeth Avalos, BVM and Sr. Marilyn Wilson, BVM facilitated the evening including a simulation of trafficking. They demonstrated that when someone is trafficked, besides the victim, there are many people who are affected including family members, co-workers, law enforcement and friends. Here are some photos from the evening:



Health Advisory: San Francisco Department of Public Health Statement on Novel Coronavirus

Parish safety coordinators received the following update from the Archdiocesan Safety Coordinator on Feb 4, 2020: SF has zero reported cases of novel coronavirus. Santa Clara County, Orange County and Los Angeles County each have one reported case. Tips to protect yourself include: flu shot, hand washing, stay home if you are sick, avoid travel to Wuhan, China.