

THE JUDEAN  
DESERT  
WESTERN ISRAEL

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert  
to be tempted by the devil.

MATTHEW 4:1

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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.**

**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  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY  
OF LENT

## St. Matthias Staff Directory

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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. Please contact the parish office if childcare is needed. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Deacon Rich Foley for more information via email  
rich@stmatthiasparish.org

### Lenten Stations of the Cross & Soup Suppers

Fridays at 6:00 pm during Lent | 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.



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

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday, Feb 29</b> <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	5:00 pm	Josef Duller †
<b>Sunday, March 1</b> <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	People of St. Matthias
<b>Tuesday, March 3</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Sonia K. Bon
<b>Thursday, March 5</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>Saturday, March 7</b> <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Danilo Nicolas †
<b>Sunday, March 8</b> <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	People of St. Matthias Frank Mena †

## 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](http://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**



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## 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](mailto:lisa@stmatthiasparish.org) or check out our website at [www.stmatthiasparish.org/SupportUs/OnlineDonation](http://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](mailto: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**

**Murder Mystery—Dinner—Silent Auction**

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.

Planning meetings will be held every other Monday evening at 7:00 pm. Our next meeting will be on March 9th. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Sabrina via email.

### **Family Support Group**

This weekend at all Masses, parishioners will hear from two long-time members of our Family Support Group, Pam Tavernier or Mary Schorr. This group provides support to families when planning and celebrating funerals and memorial services. This ministry of presence is in need of additional members. There are many different roles that the Family Support Group members fill including; being a greeter at services, sending cards to parishioners who are sick or dying, providing support for receptions, serving as an Usher, Eucharistic Minister, setting up for Mass, etc. If you would like to find out more, talk to either Mary or Pam after Mass. Training will be provided for those who volunteer.

### **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 sacramentals will be provided. Sponsored by the St. Charles Women's Club/Divine Mercy Ministry

### **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](mailto:Kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org). All reservations must be received by noon on Monday, March 2nd. Caregivers are welcome.

**Our Call to Community Building**

## RCIA: Rite of Election

Sunday, March 1 | St. Mary's Cathedral

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process designed to guide, form and support those adults seeking full initiation into the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Catechumen are those who will receive all three sacraments. Candidates are those who have been Baptized and will complete the sacraments of initiation.

St. Charles and St. Matthias RCIA catechumens and candidates with the support of their sponsors and parish team members are approaching the next phase of their preparation.

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent. Today, in each parish we celebrate the "Rite of Sending." Our catechumens, candidates and their sponsors will be presented and receive a blessing. All parishioners are asked to pray for them as they continue their journey.

All parish RCIA teams and their families from the Archdiocese will gather at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 1st. Archbishop Cordelione will preside over the "Rite of Election." As part of this ritual, each catechumen will sign the "Book of the Elect."

These rites of "sending" and "election" reflect the early days of the Church when local Church communities prepared, supported and celebrated the initiating of new members into God's Church.

During the 8:30 am Mass at St. Charles, the following individuals will be presented to the community: **Charles Harder** (sponsors: Phil & Bobby Feiner), **Christina Jerrold** (Doug Jerrold), **Tiffany Muniz** (Greg Muniz), **Ashley Sullivan** (Lisa Cox) and **Russ Sullivan** (Ed Cox)

During the 10:30 am Mass at St. Matthias, the following individuals will be presented to the community: **Sheerin Latham** (Susie Crowell), **Christine Klein** (Dorothy Farkas),

**Chih Zee** (Brandon Becerra), **Matthew Fish** (Kate Motrini-Fish), **Thomas Gammer** (Cindy Gammer), **Jessika Marcelino** (Brandon Becerra)

Congratulations to all! We ask all parishioners of the St. Matthias and St. Charles communities to keep our entire RCIA team in your prayers as they journey toward the Easter Vigil celebration.

## 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. Watch for an email blast this week which will include all the options to donate food, gift cards, middle school volunteers, chaperones and delivery folks, and a sign up sheet.

Contact Sabrina via email [sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org) for more information.

## Mandala Art Workshop

Saturday, March 14th from 9 am—1 pm | Vallombrosa Retreat Center

Vallombrosa Retreat Center is pleased to offer a Mandala Art Workshop with Artist Sarah Dwyer. Fee is \$45 and includes all materials and lunch. Register at [vallombrosa.org/calendar](http://vallombrosa.org/calendar) or call (650) 325-5614

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# This Week @ St. Matthias

## 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)

## Monday, March 2nd

7:00 pm Being "In Christ" Says It All Lenten Mission (Church)

## Tuesday, March 3rd

5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)  
 6:00 pm First Communion Mtg (UR)  
 7:00 pm Being "In Christ" Says It All Lenten Mission (Church)

## Wednesday, March 4th

6:30 pm Leave the Light On Reconciliation (St. Charles)  
 7:00 pm Following Christ (DR)

## Thursday, March 5th

5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)  
 7:00 pm Prayer and Worship Commission Meeting (DR)

## Friday, March 6th

9:15 am Rosary for Peace (MR)  
 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper (Church)

## Saturday, March 7th

10:00 am Baptismal Prep (Rectory)  
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

## Sunday, March 8th

Second Sunday of Lent  
 8:00 am Sunday Mass  
 9:15 am RCIA (Rectory)  
 10:30 am Sunday Mass  
 1:00 pm Confirmation Level I Mini-Retreat (St. Charles)

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

## Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Roman Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Roman Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

## Divine Mercy 101

The St. Charles Divine Mercy Committee has extended an invitation to the St. Matthias community. You are warmly invited to a special presentation called Divine Mercy 101 on Thursday, March 5th at 6:00 pm immediately following our 5:30 pm Mass. Refreshments will be served. Contact Aida Paragas at (650) 208-6362 for questions.

## Help Needed for St. Charles Scripture Camp 2020

We need a Director or Directing Group to get Scripture Camp 2020—Rocky Railway—on the rails! The Director for the last three years wants to help the new Directing Forces to get Camp organized. Please consider supporting our campers and Junior Leaders so that the Camp can leave the station! Be an engine that can — and help lead Scripture Camp! Hearing a whistle even if distant, please contact Alison at scripturecamp@stcharlesparish.org. Support for the Director/Directing Group abounds!

## 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



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 GOD'S CHILDREN**

**If you believe you are a victim of sexual abuse,  
 please call our hotline at (415) 614-5506**