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From the cloud came a voice that said,
"This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him."

MATTHEW 17:5

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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.



second Sunday
OF Lent

St. Matthias Staff Directory

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Our Call to Prayer & Worship

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.

Our Call to Catechesis

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 or call (650) 325-5614

Peninsula Multifaith Coalition Speaker Series



Tuesday, March 17 from 6:30-8:00 pm | Island United Church, 1130 Balclutha Drive, Foster City

Peninsula Multifaith Coalition's annual speaker series is designed to answer questions about others' faith traditions. Presenters seek to share what they wish everyone knew about their faith. The next offering in the series will be about Judaism with Rabbi Nat Ezray. Presentations begin at 6:30 pm followed by questions and answers and a simple soup supper will be provided with vegetarian and gluten free options following. All are welcome. RSVP to revkristi@aol.com

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, March 7 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	Danilo Nicolas †
Sunday, March 8 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	People of St. Matthias Frank Mena †
Tuesday, March 10 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Amalia Bon
Thursday, March 12 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	Anita Bon
Saturday, March 14 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	People of St. Matthias
Sunday, March 15 <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	Intercession of the BVM

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 Pacumio
Mahmood Behbood
Alyssa Beemer
Cely DeGuzman
Jack Greenalch
Jean Balibrera
Joey Hizon
Bruce Dinkel
Rose Herrara
Margaret Henry
Liz Vugrinecz

...that they may be comforted by the love of Jesus.

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



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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

Tax Letters

If you would like a tax letter for your contributions for 2019, please contact Lisa in the parish office via email at lisa@stmatthiasparish.org or by phone (650) 366-9544.

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!

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. 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

Thank you to the many people who responded to our call for additional Family Support Group volunteers. This vital ministry of the parish provides comfort and support to those who are grieving at the time of a loved ones death or illness. If you would like to get involved, contact Lisa in the parish office for more information.

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.

St. Charles' 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.

Film Screening: The Two Popes

Sunday, March 22 at 1:00 pm | Upper Room in Fr. Lacey Hall

Join us for a film screening and discussion of the popular Netflix film, *The Two Popes* on Sunday, March 22nd at 1:00 pm in the Upper Room of Fr. Lacey Hall. *The Two Popes* chronicles the transfer of power from Pope Benedict XVI to Pope Francis while providing an introspective look at each Pope's background and ministry. A discussion will be conducted after the film to explore what elements are historically accurate and what is the artistic license of the filmmakers. Sabrina will host and snacks will be provided. Email Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org.

Essential Oils of the Bible

Thursday, March 26th at 7:00 pm | Upper Room in Fr. Lacey Hall

Join Sabrina Harper and Maria Cornell for a mini-retreat focused on the essential oils of the bible. More details to follow.

Our Call to Community Building

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. An email blast was sent last week which included a signup sheet and all the options to donate food, gift cards, middle school volunteers, chaperones and delivery folks.

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

St. Vincent de Paul Easter Basket Project

March 14/15, 21/22 and 28/29

Please help our St. Vincent de Paul Conference fill 40 Easter Baskets for underserved youth from St. Francis of Assisi parish in East Palo Alto. Our Conference members are asking for donations of Easter candy. Please bring individually wrapped candy only such as: chocolate bunnies, peeps, Cadbury eggs, Reeses Peanut Butter eggs, solid chocolate foil wrapped eggs, etc. to Masses on the weekends of March 14/15, 21/22 and 28/29. A collection point will be set up in Fr. Lacey Hall. Conference members will assemble the baskets and deliver them to St. Francis Church.



A Story from Our Share the Warmth Drive

Each year, in October, St. Matthias parishioners are asked to "Share the Warmth" and donate coats, blankets and warm sweaters. These items are delivered to the Redwood City Homeless Help Center located at Fair Oaks Community Center. A volunteer recently shared this story with our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. It is a lovely testament to the big impact that a small action can have in someone's life.

"I was working in the trailer at Redwood City's Homeless Help Center when a man came and asked if we might have a blanket because it had been SO cold! I had just found a strange unmarked bag which happened to have a large Mickey Mouse throw. I asked if he had to carry the blanket or not and he said he had an encampment so he didn't have to carry it. I pulled out the bag and took out the throw—he was so thrilled. Under the throw there was a hand crocheted throw. The man saw it and his eyes grew big—"Wow!" he said. "You should take that too," I said and he took a step back and started to refuse because it was too nice for him. "Go on, you deserve something nice too," I said. The other volunteer encouraged him too and he took it, hugged it and got tears in his eyes. It must have brought back precious memories of someone or sometime in his life that really touched him. He took it and wrapped it up carefully in the bag and went off speechless.

I will never forget the look on his face. I felt for a flash that I was looking at the face of Jesus! It changed me forever! A flash of pure, generous, grace, I believe."

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This Week @ St. Matthias

Sunday, March 8th

Second Sunday of Lent
8:00 am Sunday Mass
9:15 am RCIA (Rectory)
10:30 am Sunday Mass
2:30 pm Confirmation Level I Mini-Retreat (St. Charles)

Monday, March 9th

7:00 pm Murder Mystery Planning Meeting (DR)

Tuesday, March 10th

5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)
6:00 pm First Communion Mtg (UR)
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (Hall)

Wednesday, March 11th

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

Thursday, March 12th

1:00 pm Staff Meeting (DR)
5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)
7:00 pm Finance Council Meeting (DR)

Friday, March 13th

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

Saturday, March 14th

Welcome Weekend
10:00 am Baptismal Prep (Rectory)
Maple Street Shelter Dinner
5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, March 15th

Third Sunday of Lent
Welcome Weekend
8:00 am Sunday Mass
9:15 am RCIA (Rectory)
10:30 am Sunday Mass
5:00 pm High School Youth Group

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.

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

Welcome Weekend

March 14 & 15 | after all Masses | St. Matthias Church

All are invited to Fr. Lacey Hall following Masses for hospitality.

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)



✝ PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN ✝

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