

THE POOL  
OF SILOAM  
JERUSALEM

I was blind and now I see.

JOHN 9:25

MARCH 22  
2020

fourth Sunday  
OF Lent

# 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.



Masses this weekend (March 21-22) are suspended due to the March 16, 2020 San Mateo County Public Health announcement to shelter in place.

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## **Spirituality in the time of quarantine**

By Thomas Reese, reprinted in excerpts from National Catholic Reporter March 16, 2020 Edition

Churches around the world have had to cancel Sunday services because of the coronavirus. In the Vatican, service for Holy Week, the most sacred time of the liturgical year, will exclude the faithful.

The cancelling of church and sporting events has convinced most Americans that something significant is happening; after all, there is nothing more sacred to Americans than religion and sports.

The decision to cancel church gatherings was not easy, but it was correct. Religious leaders who don't follow the advice of public health officials are being reckless and immoral by putting their congregants and others at risk. We know that COVID-19 is usually passed through human contact (handshakes and touching), through droplets in the air (sneezes and coughs) or contact with infected surfaces (doors, pews, hymnals). This is not the time to get scrupulous about Sunday obligations or to worry about Sunday collections.

What would Jesus do? Jesus would tell you to stay home for your own good and the good of your neighbor. But is that it? As Christians, we know that spirituality is not just about avoiding evil. It is also about doing good. Even crisis is an opportunity to do good. Here are some suggestions about what individuals, families, neighbors and parishes can do during this quarantine.

We may not have church services and the Eucharist, but we still have the Scriptures. Catholics can find the daily Scripture readings at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) in both written and audio form. They are also available through podcasts and apps on your smartphone or Amazon Echo.

There are two ways to pray with Scripture. First, there is meditation, in which you ask, what is the Scripture passage telling me? What does it tell me about God? What does it tell me about how to live my life? The second is contemplation, in which you use your imagination to put yourself into the story. Become a participant.

Different ways of praying can be summarized through the acronym "ACTS." Prayer can be Adoration (God, you are awesome), Contrition (sorry, God), Thanksgiving (thank you, God) and Supplication (please, God). Many people get stuck in prayers of contrition and supplication and forget about thanksgiving and adoration.

Reflection and prayer on the Scriptures can be done not only individually, but also as a family or in a virtual community.

**Here is Fr. Dave's message to parishioners dated, Tuesday, March 17th:**

Dear St. Matthias Parishioners & Friends:

A walk of faith, hope, and love on the feast of St. Patrick,  
As many of you know, it has been a blessing for me to travel on pilgrimages in Spain and Italy. Yesterday in the midst of my walk to St. Matthias the song "You'll never walk alone" started to play on my iTouch (yes I know that I am dating myself with this outmoded form of listening to music). The words of this song took on a new significance during this moment in my life.

*When you walk through a storm  
Hold your head up high  
And don't be afraid of the dark.  
At the end of the storm  
There's a golden sky  
And the sweet silver song of a lark.  
Walk on through the wind  
Walk on through the rain  
Though your dreams be tossed and blown.  
Walk on, walk on  
With hope in your heart  
And you'll never walk alone.  
**You'll never walk alone.***

I have found in the outpouring of love from our church members that these words are so very true. People have called, emailed, and text messaged the desire to help in any way possible. To run errands, to contact the homebound, to simply stay connected with one another. But those words also remind me that none of us walk alone as I learned on my pilgrimage treks. Our God is always at our side and we simply need to open our eyes to that presence in those around us.

I hope today that we will be able to post the daily celebration of mass in the chapel but once again when it comes to these wonderful modes of communication, your pastor has a lot to learn. Social distancing does not help when one is trying to social network. This would be a good time to encourage our young people to consider if they might be called to serve the church as they seem to be hardwired for this means of communication.

In faith, hope, and love, Fr. Dave

**Per a letter to priests from Archbishop Cordileone dated March 16, 2020 - Update on Coronavirus Precautions:**

As you are all aware by now, the Health Officers of six Bay Area counties (San Francisco, Marin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda and Contra Costa) earlier today issued a "shelter in place" order for the purpose of containing the spread of the coronavirus. The order remains in effect until April 7th, when an assessment will be made regarding continuing, modifying or dropping the order.

**Fr. Dave will be implementing a livestream of daily Mass in the St. Charles Chapel. As soon as this is available, videos will be posted to the St. Charles and St. Matthias websites:**

[www.stcharlesparish.org](http://www.stcharlesparish.org)  
[www.stmatthiasparish.org](http://www.stmatthiasparish.org)

We are using our "email blast" system to get updates out to parishioners as quickly as possible. If you are not receiving these updates, please go to <https://mailchi.mp/361fa7ebb8b6/important-masses-suspended-effectivemarch-15-1336529> and **SUBSCRIBE.**

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

Connie Barrick  
Diane Donnelly  
Nick Pacumio  
Mahmood Behbood  
Alyssa Beemer  
Jack Greenalch  
Jean Balibrera  
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**...that they may be comforted by the loving embrace of Jesus.**

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