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.
Our this time of sheltering in place because of the coronavirus, we are doing everything possible to stay connected with parishioners. Please contact a member of our staff if you need anything. There are parishioners who are able to deliver groceries, run errands, etc. if you are in need.

First Reading

**ACTS 2:14A, 36-41**

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: “Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, “What are we to do, my brothers?” Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call.” He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

Responsorial Psalm

**23: 1-3A, 3B4, 5, 6**

R. (1) *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Second Reading

**1 PT 2:20B-25**

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. *He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.*

When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Alleluia

**JN 10:14**

R. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

R. *Alleluia, alleluia.*
Gospel

**JN 10:1-10**

Jesus said:

“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber.

But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.

But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.”

Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, “Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep.

All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate.

Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

By making an Act of Spiritual Communion, we express our faith in Christ’s Real Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us. Here is the Act of Spiritual Communion written by St. Alphonsus de Liquori:

*My Jesus,*

*I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love You about all things, and I deserve to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment received You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.*

*Never permit me to be separate from You.*

*Amen.*

**IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD**

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

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

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...that they may be comforted by the loving embrace of Jesus.

All services will be live-streamed to St. Charles’ Facebook page which can be accessed on the internet at https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesParishSC/. It is not necessary for you to be a member of Facebook to access the live streams.

St. Charles/St. Matthias Masses are also available on www.stmatthiasparish.org
May 3, Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday and give thanks to our priests and deacons. As our Shepherd we look to them for our spiritual food and protection. They have dedicated their lives to watching over their flock and keeping us safe from the prowling wolves of this world. Jesus assures us,

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10: 11).

Fathers Dave, Samuel and Malachy, Deacons George, Ernie, Rich and David, We Thank You and We Love You.

Parishioners of St. Matthias and St. Charles

Prayer for Vocations

God, our Father, in Your love and providence, You call each of us to a holy life. We pray for young people in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Open their hearts and minds to know the vocation You have planned for them for all eternity. If they are being invited to follow You as a Priest, Deacon, Brother or Sister, give them a generous heart to respond to Your call and the strength to follow wherever You lead them. May families desire to please You by encouraging and supporting vocations within their homes.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.