

St. Matthias

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Matthias Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm (Church)*

Sunday 9:45 am (Outdoors)

St. Charles Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday 5:00 pm*

Sunday 8:30 am*, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

*Live streamed Masses. See details inside.

St. Matthias Reconciliation

By appointment, call the parish office.

St. Charles Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm

First Communion and Confirmation

Email Sabrina Harper for information.

Baptism

Email Deacon Rich Foley for information.

Marriage

Email Deacon Rich Foley for information.

See Staff Directory inside for contact information.

WATCH THEREFORE;
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN
THE LORD OF THE HOUSE IS COMING,
WHETHER IN THE EVENING, OR AT MIDNIGHT,
OR AT COCKCROW, OR IN THE MORNING.

MARK 13:35



FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2020

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Mass Times: Saturday 5pm and Sunday 9:45am

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest; and on earth
peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your
great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God,
almighty Father.

Lord God, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world, have
mercy on us; you take away the sins of the
world, receive our prayer;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are
the Lord. You alone at the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father. Amen.

Reading 1

IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father,
our redeemer you are named forever.
Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your
ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear
you not? Return for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would
rend the heavens and come down,
with the mountains quaking before you,
while you wrought awesome deeds we could
not hope for, such as they had not heard of
from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye
ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds
for those who wait for him.

Would that you might meet us doing right,
that we were mindful of you in our ways!
Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful;
all of us have become like unclean people,
all our good deeds are like polluted rags;

we have all withered like leaves,
and our guilt carries us away like the wind.
There is none who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to cling to you;
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us up to our guilt.
Yet, O LORD, you are our father;
we are the clay and you the potter:
we are all the work of your hands.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

R. (4) **Lord, make us turn to you; let us see
your face and we shall be saved.**

Reading II

1 COR 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my
God always on your account
for the grace of God bestowed on you in
Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in
every way, with all discourse and all
knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was
confirmed among you, so that you are not
lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the
revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He will keep you firm to the end,
irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus
Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were
called to fellowship with his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alleluia

PS 85:8

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Show us Lord, your love;

and grant us your salvation.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

MK 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man traveling abroad.

He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work,

and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all:

"Watch!"

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible
and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only

begotten Son of God. Born of the Father before
all ages. God from God, Light
from Light, true God from true God, begotten,
not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made. For us men
and our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and
rose again on the third day in accordance with
the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father. He will come again in
glory to judge the living and the dead and his
kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver
of life, who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified, who has spoken
through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic
Church. I confess one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the life of the world
to come. Amen.

To Access Live Streamed Masses

St. Matthias and St. Charles are live streaming Masses each week.

Saturday at 5:00 pm on St. Matthias' YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRRy371aMVoldjaDoj8droA>. *Saturday 5:00 pm Mass will be celebrated in the Church; Sunday 9:45 am Mass will be celebrated in the Church parking lot. The 9:45 am Mass will continued to be celebrated outdoors unless it's raining. In that case, Sunday morning Mass would be moved inside.*

Monday-Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:30 am on St. Charles' Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesParishSC/>.

St. Charles' Sunday 8:30 am Mass is celebrated outdoors, all are welcome to attend.

If you wish to attend one of our Outdoor Masses, please bring your own chair, wear a mask and maintain social distance of 6 feet between the members of your household and others.

Please regularly check the "COVID-19 Updates" page of the parish website for updates.

STAFF DIRECTORY

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:00 pm — Patricia Taylor (+)
Sunday 9:45 am Rockwell Chan (Special Int)

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive 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 separated from You. Amen.

Immaculate Conception, A Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. St. Matthias will celebrate Mass at 7:00 pm that evening. Mass will be live-streamed to our YouTube channel for those who are not comfortable attending Mass in person.

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

Roberta Thurston

Josefina Garcia

Barbara Soria

Liz Vugrinecz

Ethan Aronson

John Fortes

Alyssa Beemer

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

And for those who have recently passed away including...

Richard Clark

that he may be welcomed into God's loving embrace.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Matching Donations



Fr. Dave recently reminded us about our parish obligation to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. The annual tax or assessment supports the ministries and administrative services provided to parishes by the Archdiocese.

St. Matthias' Tax Assessment for 2020 is \$67,341

Parishioners have donated \$46,875 to date + we've received matching donations of \$7,000 + \$7,050 towards the match = which brings our combined total is \$60,925 or 90%.

The balance needed to complete our goal is \$6,416

Please contact Fr. Dave, Sabrina or Deacon Rich with questions. We ask that you prayerfully consider a pledge or donation before the end of 2020.

We are grateful for those who have contributed including:

Bob & Lynda Allen, Bruce & Teresa Anthony, Jon & Lisa Bamford, Cherell Bassett, Al Beckett, Dan & Ann Boram, Tom & Lynda Brouchoud, Bill & Debbie Bulanti, Sal & Robin Calcagno, Jair & Rosemary Campos, Bayardo & Gloria Chamorro, Diana Chamorro, Andrew & Christine Chrystal, Karl & Vivian Clausing, Bill & Cheryl Clawson, Lois Conti, Laurie Coulter, Ed & Lisa Cox, Al & Carol Cresta, Mary Monihan & Mariano Dagang, Francesca DaGragnano, Colton & Jeri Daines, Paxton & Carol Davis, MaryJane Dempsey, Jim & Marilyn Donnelly, Evie Dwyer, Vince & Denise Falzon, Claire Felong, Roger & Carol Flores, Roger S. & Arlene Flores, Tommie Fogliani, Nancy Galli, Lou & Fran Giannattasio, Justin & Evelyn Gibson, Charles & Mira Gillet, Steve & Shirley Grana, Laura & John Granucci, Mike & Karen Guidotti, Paul Haas & Kimberly Calderaro, Andrew & Maureen Hamer, Diana Hill, Carmella Huser, Greg & Ginette Jones, Joe & Kathleen Kaz, Bill & Gloria Keating, Jacqueline Keyser, Jason & Fara Klein, Frances Jean Kucic, Craig & Diane Largent, Al & Maria Larrenaga, Sean Leddy, Russell Lee, Anthony & Sandi Machado, Lance Magee, Thomas & Virginia Malaspina, Bill & Angeli Maney, Laura Markman, Keith & Natalie Marshall, Carol McAdams, Sharon McQueen, Robert & Marge Mitchell, Severin Morger, Fran Mylod, Bruce & Diane Noriega, Mark & Stephanie Niu, Linda O'Keeffe, Sue Panelli, Jay Parashis, Elaine Piparo, Enrica Poggio, Brian & Ann Ponty, Mary Peruzzo, Susan Rawcliffe, Karen Rende, Maritza Rogie, David & Mildred Rolandelli, Steve Rusconi, Jerry & Katherine Schembri, Adelaide Sciandri, Joseph Schmidt, Bill & Mary Schorr, Pam Segale, Dave & Kate Severin, Mary Shea, Joseph Sheehan, Edmund So, Jim & Betty Steidel, Thomas & Susan Stenson, Vivian Tarango, Brad & Susie Toussaint, Liana Turchet, Jerry & Marina Turner, Tony & Ali Uccelli, Hal Urban, Tim & Sunshine Valderrama, Jacqueline Carter Walker, Joe & Christina Yanacek

Your donations help to ensure that we can meet our obligations to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal!

Open Wide Our Hearts An Anti-Racism Series for Advent



The Bishops' document, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, was developed by the Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). It was approved by the full body of bishops as a formal statement in November 2018.

This series, offered by the Justice and Charity Commission of St. Matthias Church, seeks to raise awareness of Church teaching about racism and educate parishioners about this aspect of Catholic Social

Teaching. This four-week virtual series for the season of Advent will include prayer, video presentations, and discussion of the document. All materials will be provided.

Dates: Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, and 21

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Where: Google Meet

Technical support will be provided for all participants. For questions or to register, contact the parish office at (650) 366-9544 or email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org

St. Matthias' Annual Giving Tree

Each year, the St. Matthias Community participates in St. Francis Center's Toy Drive through our Giving Tree. This year, due to the public health restrictions, we are asking parishioners to support this effort in a different way. Starting on the first weekend of Advent (Nov 28-29), our Giving Tree will be set up in the Church. Parishioners are asked to donate \$25 gift cards to Target. Sr. Christina from St. Francis Center writes, "Why Target cards? ...this year, we are hoping for only Target gift cards so that parents can either shop online or safely go to the store for whatever their family may need. Some will select toys, some will need to select clothing, food or household items." Target gift cards provide flexibility for families. Cards will be due Dec 9th. Please drop your donations into the collection baskets, or the mail slot of the front door of the Rectory.



Holiday Grief Workshop

A Holiday Grief Workshop, on Wednesday, December 9th from 7:00-8:30 pm, will be facilitated by Sister Toni Lynn Gallagher of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. It is our intent to hold the workshop, following distancing protocols, at Homer Crouse Hall at St. Pius Church. Should there be a change to the rules of gathering in our county we will hold the workshop virtually. For this reason, we ask that you register for the workshop, giving us your contact information so that we can alert you should any changes be made to the location. Please email griefministry@pius.org or phone (650) 361-0655.

Help Us Save A Life This Winter

These chilly evenings make us so grateful for the warmth of our homes. Sleeping in a car or on the cold, damp street would be really hard. Yet this is how many of our homeless neighbors live — they do not have a warm place to greet them at the end of a long day. You can help the homeless stay warm and protect them from hypothermia and other cold weather related conditions. Your gift to St. Vincent de Pauls' Stay Warm Appeal provides basic survival necessities to those who are struggling to keep warm this winter. Every donation makes a difference in the life of someone who is in need of love and support. Thank you! To donate, visit scdpsm.org or mail to: Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County 50 North B Street, San Mateo, CA 94401 (note "Stay Warm" on your check) Tax ID# 94-1375833.

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Due to continuing COVID restrictions, St. Matthias will not be conducting our annual “Share the Warmth” drive for scarves, blankets and socks. Please prayerfully consider donating to the “Stay Warm” appeal instead.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Tuesday: World AIDS Awareness Day
Thursday: St. Francis Xavier
Friday: St. John Damascene
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday

**St. Matthias Preschool is
Now Enrolling 3 to 5 year olds.
Contact Rose Juarez**
rosemary@stmatthiasparish.org for
enrollment information.

FEAST OF FAITH

What is the Mass? There is no simple answer to that question. The Church uses many different images and terms to describe our most important prayer. The Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist, a Greek word that means “thanksgiving.” It is the Lord’s Supper. It is the Breaking of the Bread. It is the memorial of the Lord’s passion, death, and resurrection. It is the Holy Sacrifice, in which the sacrifice of Christ on the cross is perpetuated. It is the holy and divine liturgy, the sacred mysteries. It is the source and summit of our Christian lives, the new covenant, the work of the Holy Spirit, the paschal mystery. The many different words and images that we use when we speak of the Mass are not signs of confusion, but of wonder at what the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1328) calls the “inexhaustible richness” of the Eucharist. The Mass, our greatest prayer and our deepest mystery, is celebrated every day, many times a day, the world over. The Eucharist is both “bread from heaven” and “daily bread.” The Mass is our everyday miracle.

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SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS (c. 675-749) December 4

From almost 1300 years ago, John’s message for the church’s spirituality and mission is surprisingly contemporary. Pope Benedict says that, in our modern culture of images, sacred images often speak more eloquently than words. This “incarnational theology,” the concept that visible, tangible elements can give believers access to divine realities beyond, found an eloquent champion in John of Damascus. He challenged the Iconoclasts (image-breakers), whose misinterpretation of the biblical prohibition of idolatrous images (Exodus 20:4-5) led them to campaign for the destruction of all sacred art. Before this controversy, however, John bore witness to Christ in a way that provides a timely example for Christians in today’s pluralistic society. Succeeding his grandfather and father, John served as chief financial officer to the Muslim Caliph, professing his Christian faith without compromise, while winning the esteem of his Islamic sovereign by his competence and integrity. No wonder John could eloquently defend icons as “windows into heaven”—he had already learned to see Christ in the living icons of people different from himself yet fashioned in the same divine image!

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