

# St. Matthias

## ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### **St. Matthias Mass Schedule**

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.

AS THE EARTH BRINGS FORTH ITS PLANTS,  
AND A GARDEN MAKES ITS GROWTH SPRING UP,  
SO WILL THE LORD GOD MAKE JUSTICE AND PRAISE  
SPRING UP BEFORE ALL THE NATIONS.

ISAIAH 61:11



THIRD SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**  
DECEMBER 13, 2020

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# Mass Time: 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 61:1-2A, 10-11**

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
to heal the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and release to the prisoners,  
to announce a year of favor from the LORD  
and a day of vindication by our God.  
I rejoice heartily in the LORD,  
in my God is the joy of my soul;  
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation  
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,  
like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,  
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.  
As the earth brings forth its plants,  
and a garden makes its growth spring up,  
so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise

spring up before all the nations.

## Responsorial Psalm

**LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54.**

R. (Is 61:10b) **My soul rejoices in my God.**

## Reading 2

**1 THES 5:16-24**

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.  
In all circumstances give thanks,  
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

Do not quench the Spirit.

Do not despise prophetic utterances.

Test everything; retain what is good.

Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy  
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,  
be preserved blameless for the coming of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

The one who calls you is faithful,  
and he will also accomplish it.

## Alleluia

**IS 61:1 (cited in LK 4:18)**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel

**JN 1:6-8, 19-28**

A man named John was sent from God.  
He came for testimony, to testify to the light,  
so that all might believe through him.  
He was not the light,  
but came to testify to the light.  
And this is the testimony of John.

When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water;

but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

### **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

## **To Access Live Streamed Masses**

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

**Sunday 9:45 am** on St. Matthias' YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRRy371aMVoldjaDoj8droA>. *Sunday 9:45 am Mass will be celebrated in the Church parking lot. In the event of rain, Mass will be live-streamed from inside the Church, but closed to the public.*

**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

Dec 12th — 9:45 am Richard Marino (+)

Dec 20th — 9:45 am Mimi Piparo (+)

Dec 24th — 4:00 pm Paul & Emile Flores (+)

Dec 25th — 10:00 am Paul & Maria Dolores  
Falzon (+)

Dec 27th — 9:45 am Bernie Brennan

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.

### The Religious Retirement Fund Collection will be on Dec 12-13th.

Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health-care needs of aging members.

- Lack of Funds Many elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. At the same time, fewer religious are able to serve in compensated ministry.
- Rising Costs Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare.
- Changing Demographics Today, retired religious outnumber wage-earners by nearly three to one.

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

Roberta Thurston

Josefina Garcia

Barbara Soria

Liz Vugrinecz

Ethan Aronson

John Fortes

Alyssa Beemer

Aurora Genochio

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

## 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 + \$10,375 towards the match = which brings our combined total is \$64,250 or 95%.

### **The balance needed to complete our goal is \$3,091**

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, Victor & Rose Berta, Dan & Ann Boram, Tom & Lynda Brouchoud, Bill & Debbie Bulanti, Sal & Robin Calcagno, Jair & Rosemary Campos, Bayardo & Gloria Chamorro, Diana Chamorro, Tony & Tania Chan, 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, Thomas & Ann Ellerhorst, Vince & Denise Falzon, Claire Felong, Roger & Carol Flores, Roger S. & Arlene Flores, Tommie Fogliani, Richard Foley, Nancy Galli, Thomas & Karen Gebhart, Lou & Fran Giannattasio, Justin & Evelyn Gibson, Eva Gillet, Charles & Mira Gillet, Steve & Shirley Grana, Laura & John Granucci, Mike & Karen Guidotti, Paul Haas & Kimberly Calderaro, Andrew & Maureen Hamer, Kim Hartman, 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, Emily Marent, 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, Adam & Alison Rak, Brian & Ann Ponty, Mary Peruzzo, Susan Rawcliffe, Karen Rende, Brad & Adeline Richardson, Jeff & Penny Richardson, 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, Dan & Susan Torres, 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!

## Make Reservations for Christmas Masses

Join us for a celebration of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/st-matthias-church-12029684434>

Please make a reservation via Eventbrite. Christmas Eve Mass will be at 4:00 pm and Christmas Day at 10:00 am. Masses will be held outdoors in the Church parking lot. Although we don't have a maximum attendance capacity at outdoor Masses, taking reservations gives us your contact information and allows us to



communicate any last minute changes. Please call St. Matthias parish office if you need assistance or to cancel or change your reservations, (650) 366-9544.

## 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](http://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.

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: Third Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John of the Cross

Wednesday: Las Posadas begins

**St. Matthias Preschool is  
Now Enrolling 3 to 5 year olds.**

**Contact Rose Juarez**

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### FEAST OF FAITH

The Shape of the Mass

In the renewal of the liturgy that followed the Second Vatican Council, the full, conscious, and active participation of the assembly was the primary consideration. By participation, the Council Fathers did not mean just joining in the singing and the spoken responses, but active engagement and prayerful understanding of the rites. They envisioned a transparent liturgy, a worship that spoke so directly to the hearts and minds of the faithful that it would require no explanation at all.

The liturgy itself is the best possible catechesis on the liturgy. What does the liturgy teach us? It shows us the ministry of Jesus continuing in the present. He gathers a community. He calls us to prayer and repentance and praise. He teaches us with the very word of God. He does not send us away empty, but sets before us a marvelous banquet, feeding us with his very body and blood. Then he sends us forth to do what he has done—to give ourselves for others, not just in words, but in deeds. The Mass is the pattern of our Christian lives.

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**St. Matthias Church** is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm for personal prayer. We ask that you use the provided Clorox wipes to sanitize the areas that you have come in contact with before leaving.



There came a man sent from God, whose name was John.  
He came as a witness, to testify about the Light,  
so that all might believe through him. He was not the Light,  
but he came to testify about the Light.     Jn 1:6-8

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