

St. Matthias

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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.



BEHOLD, I AM THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD.
MAY IT BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD.
LUKE 1:38

FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 20, 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

2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

When King David was settled in his palace,
and the LORD had given him rest from his
enemies on every side,

he said to Nathan the prophet,
"Here I am living in a house of cedar,
while the ark of God dwells in a tent!"

Nathan answered the king,

"Go, do whatever you have in mind,
for the LORD is with you."

But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and
said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the
LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell
in?'"

"It was I who took you from the pasture
and from the care of the flock
to be commander of my people Israel.
I have been with you wherever you went,

and I have destroyed all your enemies before
you.

And I will make you famous like the great ones
of the earth.

I will fix a place for my people Israel;
I will plant them so that they may dwell in their
place without further disturbance.

Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict
them as they did of old, since the time I first
appointed judges over my people Israel.

I will give you rest from all your enemies.

The LORD also reveals to you
that he will establish a house for you.

And when your time comes and you rest with
your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after
you, sprung from your loins,

and I will make his kingdom firm.

I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son
to me. Your house and your kingdom shall
endure forever before me;

your throne shall stand firm forever.'"

Responsorial Psalm

PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

R. (2a) For ever I will sing the goodness of the
Lord.

Reading 2

ROM 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters:

To him who can strengthen you,
according to my gospel and the proclamation
of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of
the mystery kept secret for long ages
but now manifested through the prophetic
writings and, according to the command of the
eternal God, made known to all nations to
bring about the obedience of faith,
to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ

be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia

LK 1:38

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

LK 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.

And coming to her, he said,

"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."

But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her,

"Do not be afraid, Mary,

for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,

and you shall name him Jesus.

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word."

Then the angel departed from her.

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

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.*

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.

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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

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.

CONTINUAL CHRISTMAS

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.

—Benjamin Franklin

NOT TOO MUCH

If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find time to do it all.

—St. Peter Canisius

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 \$47,080 to date + we've received matching donations of \$7,000 + \$10,375 towards the match = which brings our combined total is \$64,455 or 95%.

The balance needed to complete our goal is \$2,886

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 the birth 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.

Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses will be celebrated each day, December 15th through December 23rd at St. Pius Church and live-streamed to their YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/StPiusChurchLiveStream/videos>. Fr. Dave will celebrate the Simbang Gabi Mass on Sunday, December 20th at 5:00 pm representing St. Matthias & St. Charles parishes.

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.

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: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday: Winter begins
Wednesday: St. John of Kanty
Thursday: The Vigil of Christmas
Friday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Saturday: St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa

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

Contact Rose Juarez

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THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David's descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome.

Mary's prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. "How can this come about?" Mary wondered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," she was told (Luke 1:35).

Mary's acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God's reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the "obedience of faith" "according to the command of the eternal God" (Romans 16:26).

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FEAST OF FAITH

Gathering

When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in 2008, tens of thousands gathered in Yankee Stadium to celebrate the Eucharist with him. What made them different from all the other excited crowds who have assembled there through the years? When they began to sing together, to listen together, to pray together, they ceased to be a crowd, and became a liturgical assembly. It was not where they were but what they did that set them apart.

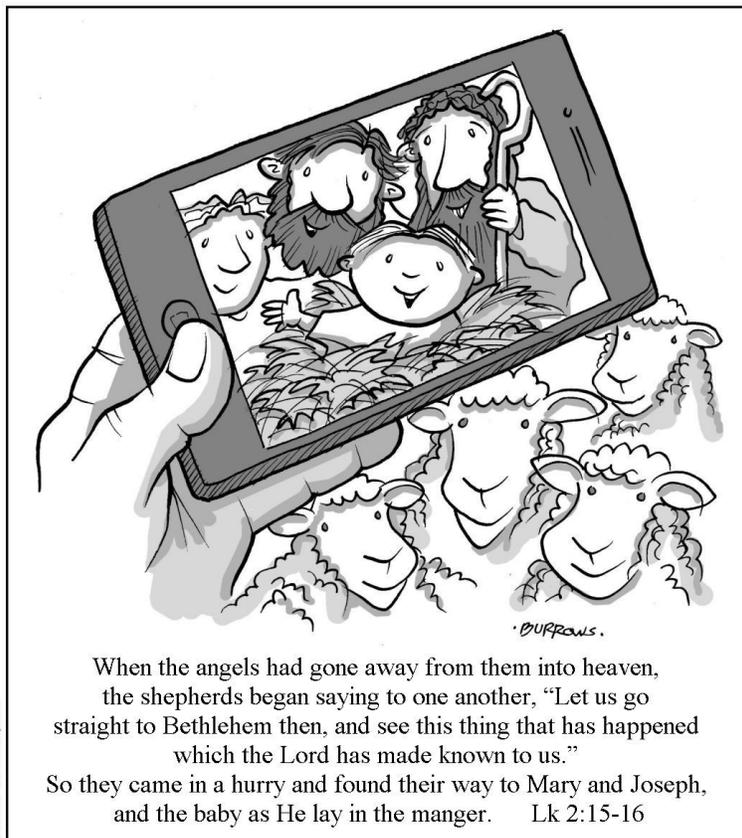
The Gospels speak of many instances when Jesus prayed alone to his Father. But Jesus also put a special value on communal prayer. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name," he told his disciples, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Jesus gave his own mission to his followers, sending them forth to do everything he did: to heal, to teach, to proclaim the kingdom. Jesus wants us to meet God in and through each other. So the Christian community continues to gather, Sunday after Sunday. When we get up on Sunday morning and come to Mass, we respond to Jesus' invitation, and we express our trust in his promise that whenever we come together, he comes, too.

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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.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. Lk 2:15-16

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