

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.

JOHN THE BAPTIST PROCLAIMED:
"ONE MIGHTIER THAN I IS COMING AFTER ME ...

I HAVE BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER;
HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT."

MARK 1:7, 8



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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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 are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
the Father. Amen.

Reading I

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the LORD:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one with whom I am pleased,
upon whom I have put my spirit;
he shall bring forth justice to the nations,
not crying out, not shouting, not making his
voice heard in the street.

A bruised reed he shall not break,
and a smoldering wick he shall not quench,
until he establishes justice on the earth;
the coastlands will wait for his teaching.
I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of
justice, I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the
people, a light for the nations, to open the
eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from
confinement, and from the dungeon, those
who live in darkness.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

R. (11b) The Lord will bless his people with
peace.

Reading II

Acts 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered
in the house of Cornelius, saying:
"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.
Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and
acts uprightly is acceptable to him.
You know the word that he sent to the
Israelites as he proclaimed peace through
Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all,
what has happened all over Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism
that John preached, how God anointed Jesus
of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power.
He went about doing good and healing all
those oppressed by the devil,
for God was with him."

Alleluia

Cf. Jn 1:29

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the
sin of the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 1:7-11

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed:
"One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the
thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with
water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John.

On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens,
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Valentine's cards have appeared at the shopping mall, but in the Church it is still Christmas.

Today's feast spun off from Epiphany. Originally, a blessing of holy water was an important feature of the Epiphany feast, and in the Greek Church, this was a day for leaping into the sea in grateful recollection of baptism. The gratitude may not be quite as profound among the Orthodox Christians who have to chop holes in the ice to plunge into the waters!

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

Jan 10th — Richard Marino (+)

Jan 17th — Dino & Piera Del Favero (+)

Jan 24th — Ludwig Marent (+)

Jan 31st — Bernie Brennan (+)

Still, there are few better days to celebrate a baptism, and to plunge our hands into the waters of the font. Jesus found the waters of the Jordan irresistible because of what had been done in those waters: people had confessed their sins, and had acknowledged their need to be forgiven and healed. Today, we are the people in the water, and Christ comes to be with us. You won't have to chop a hole in the ice to celebrate your baptism. A beautiful bowl of water on the table tonight, a toast with sparkling water at dinner, or even a leap into the shower with a sign of the cross and a prayer of thanksgiving will suffice!

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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.

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

Roberta Thurston

Josefina Garcia

Barbara Soria

Liz Vugrinecz

Ethan Aronson

Alyssa Beemer

Aurora Genochio

Suzanne Schnaffner

and for those who have recently returned to God's loving embrace...

Pedro Moreno

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

Notice to our Neighbors

Effective Monday, December 21, 2020 the County of San Mateo will have exclusive use of the St. Matthias Rectory parking lot for County vehicles and those with permits only. This lot will not be available for public parking. These restrictions will apply Monday 7:00 am through Saturday 4:00 pm through at least the end of 2022. Please help us comply with this agreement by keeping the lot clear for County vehicles. If you have questions, please contact the St. Matthias Church Office at (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 svdpasm.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.

Peninsula Multi-faith Coalition MLK Day of Service Reimagined

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the activities organized have been reimagined. Registration is now open for all the projects on Monday, January 18, 2021. This project seeks to bring together our diverse community to build bridges of understanding and respect. The day features both online and in-person projects at various sites in the local community. Visit pmcmlk2021.eventbrite.com for more information about each project and to register. The Opening Ceremony celebrating Dr. King will be on Zoom featuring Congresswoman Jackie Speier and Rev. Lorrie Owner, President of San Mateo NAACP.

WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this "knits" the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he "knit" himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary's womb, and by partaking in

the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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Prayer for Putting on a Mask

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and daringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and my each breath that it holds, be filled with Your love. In Your name and in that love, I pray. Amen. (Written by Rev. Richard Bott, Moderator, Presbyterian Church of Canada. Submitted by Pam Tavernier).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Wednesday: St. Hilary

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Matthias Preschool is

Now Enrolling

3 to 5 year olds.

Contact Rose Juarez

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enrollment information.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Sign of the Cross

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say “in the names,” but “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”—three persons, one God. The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction.

In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our yes to all this, our first profession of faith.

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This is what John the Baptist proclaimed:
"I baptized you with water; but he will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit." Mk 1:8