

St. Matthias

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St. Matthias Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm (Indoors)*

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.

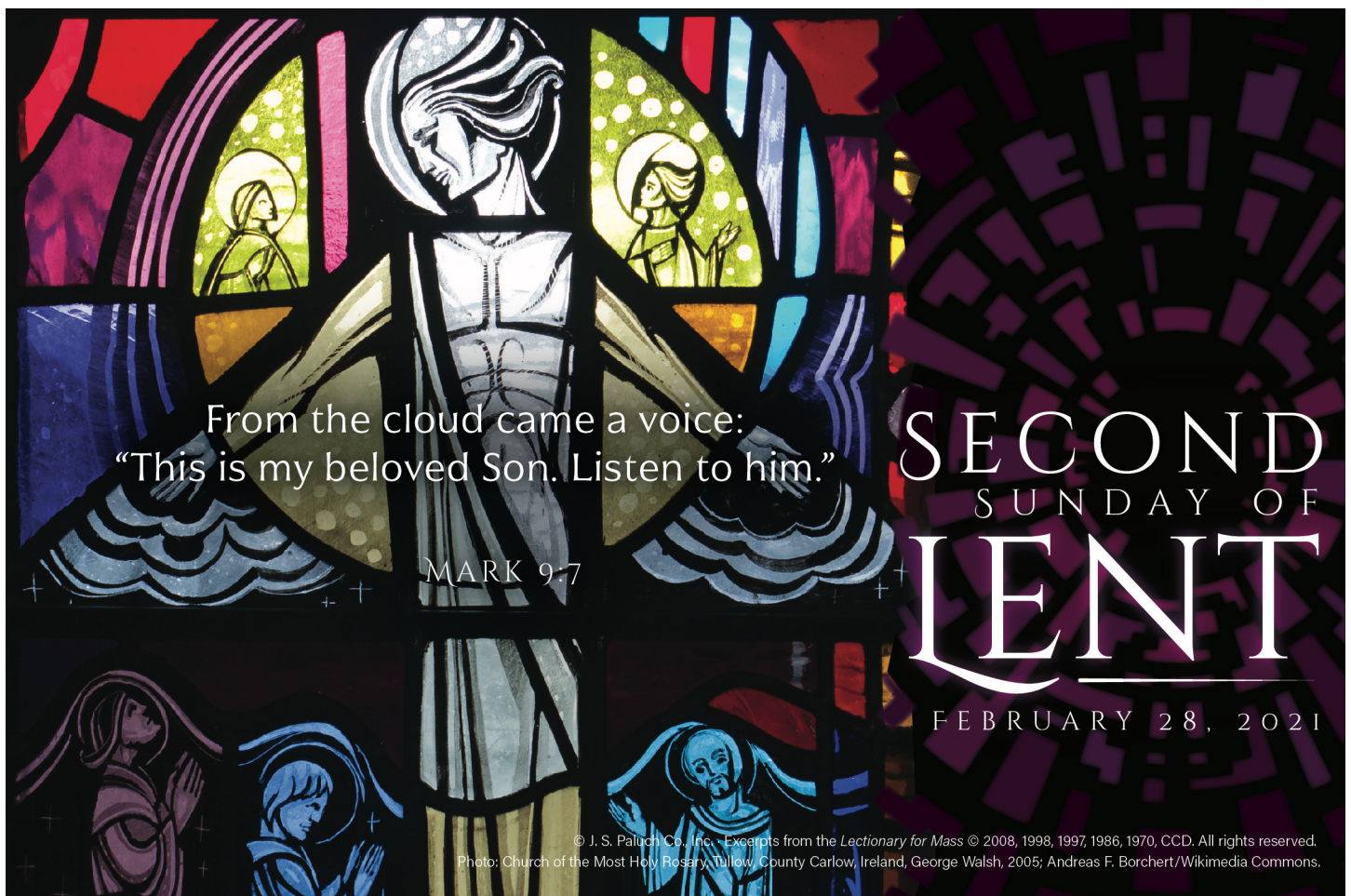
Baptism

Email Deacon Rich Foley for information.

Marriage

Email Deacon Rich Foley for information.

See Staff Directory inside for contact information.



From the cloud came a voice:
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

MARK 9:7

SECOND
SUNDAY OF
LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

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Mass Times — Saturday 5:00pm & Sunday 9:45am

The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Reading I

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah.

There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it.

Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son.

But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!"

"Here I am!" he answered.

"Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him.

I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son."

As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket.

So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said:

"I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing— all this because you obeyed my command."

Responsorial Psalm

116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

R. (116:9) I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Reading II

Rom 8:31b-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Verse Before the Gospel

Cf. Mt 17:5

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

Gospel

Mk 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here!

Let us make three tents:

one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

To Access Live Streamed Masses

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

Both **Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 9:45 am Mass** will be live-streamed on St. Matthias' YouTube page [Live Steams From St. Matthias In Redwood City.](#)

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.

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.

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Abstinence

Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fast Everyone between the ages of eighteen and sixty years of age are bound to fast on Good Friday. On this day, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not

prohibit some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking during the day is permitted. When health of ability to work would be seriously affected, this does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation. Fasting helps us uncluttered our minds and hearts of excess so that we can focus and reflect on our ongoing conversion.

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

Bill Schorr

Juleea Ybarra

Roberta Thurston

Liz Vugrinecz

Ethan Aronson

Alyssa Beemer

Aurora Genochio

Suzanne Schnaffner

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

Ron Turiello

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

Mass Intentions

Feb 27th at 5:00 pm -
Maureen Schuezsler (+)

Feb 28th at 9:45 am -
Jacqueline Carter Walter (+)

Dr. King Revisited An Anti-Racism Series for Lent



St. Matthias' Justice and Charity Commission is organizing an anti-racism series for Lent entitled, "Dr. King Revisited" based on a biblical study guide designed in collaboration with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Christian Churches Together (CCT). Christian Churches Together (CCT), is one of the largest ecumenical organizations in the United States. Formed in 2007, CCT is a fellowship of thirty-six national communions including African American, Catholic, Evangelical, Historic Protestant, Pentecostal and Orthodox. In 2013, CCT released a response, both an affirmation and a commitment, on the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s *Letter from Birmingham Jail*. This series will draw on Dr. King's letter, CCT's response and study guide, and biblical teaching to guide small group discussions aimed at offering opportunities for reflection and dialogue. All materials will be provided in advance.

When: February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Where: Google Meet

Who: All are welcome. Please invite your friends!

Time: 7:00-8:30 pm

Register: For questions or to register, contact the parish office at (650) 366-9544 or email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2021

Parishioners will be receiving a letter this week from Fr. Dave along with a brochure for the 2021 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. St. Matthias' goal for this year is \$58,820. Please prayerfully consider how much your household can donate this year. This could be either a one-time donation or a pledged amount which would be paid over a ten-month period. As Fr. Dave states in the letter, our community goal for this year is to fulfill our obligation and complete this Appeal by Pentecost Sunday. Thank you in advance for your support.

Catholic Charities Center for Immigration Needs Volunteers

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Catholic Social Teaching calls us to welcome the stranger. [Catholic Charities Center for Immigration Legal and Support Services](#) invites you to use your talents, skills, compassion and commitment to answer that call and join our Volunteer Corps. We are actively seeking four types of volunteers to help our Center for Immigration staff serve vulnerable migrants in San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin Counties, as described below:

1. Lawyers, in partnership with dedicated staff attorneys, will work with clients in deportation or in guardianship proceedings.
2. Application assistants, under the supervision of expert staff, will prepare DACA and Naturalization applications.

3. Office volunteers will assist with mail sorting and filing, phone calls and other office tasks.
4. The Center is also in need of Spanish-speaking bilingual translators and interpreters.

If you are able to help or desire more information, please contact Carol Laughlin, above.

An Online Gathering of Elders

Sundays, March 7 and 14, 1:00-2:30 pm
 Deacon Chuck McNeil 415-567-7824
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Women and Men age 65 and older are invited to an online gathering of prayer and discussion on two successive Sundays in March. Topics for discussion include questions such as: How do you define an Elder? What is your legacy? What still needs to be done? Attendees will be invited to share answers during the meeting. For More information or to receive the link please contact Deacon Chuck McNeil, above.

LIFT UP YOUR EYES! Art, Elevation, & the Liturgy - a six part online course with Elizabeth Lev

Taught live online via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:45 P.M. March 16, March 23, March 30, April 6, April 13, April 20 2021. Recordings will be available to all who register.

This on-line lecture series explores the history of art in the context of the liturgy, specifically works designed to elevate the mind, heart, and spirit during the Mass. The class will study the glittering mosaics in the baptisteries and apses of Ravenna and Rome, the dazzling vaults and stained glass of the Gothic cathedrals, the triumph of linear perspective in Renaissance altarpieces, the majestic, raised altars of the Counter-Reform and the soaring Baroque

baldachins. Learning about the construction, style and meaning of these objects, students will see how, over many centuries and in differing forms, art was used to enhance the experience of the Eucharist and evoke the mystery of the sacraments. Following these classes, participants will discover how beauty is an essential force for persuading the faithful during worship to look not down at the distractions of this world, but to raise our eyes and hearts to things divine. This course celebrates the great continuity from Byzantine glitz to Caravaggio's shadows with the aim of sparking a discussion of how to draw the gaze of the faithful upward today. <http://www.sfarch.org/liftupyoureyes>

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; Penitential Rite for Candidates for Full Communion

Wednesday: St. Katharine Drexel

Thursday: St. Casimir

Friday: First Friday; World Day of Prayer; Abstinence

Saturday: First Saturday

HISTORY OF SALVATION

The first reading today continues the "history of salvation" narrative that we hear throughout Lent this year. Today's story was among the best-loved in the Jewish tradition (surely Joseph told the story to young Jesus as he formed him in the ways of their faith); the early fathers of the Church were very fond of it as a means of explaining the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The overall tone of the first reading, psalm, and second reading seems a little incongruous with the dazzling Gospel, until we remember that the Transfiguration was placed as the Gospel for this Sunday precisely to remind us of the glory that awaits those who

live faithfully and obediently to the will of God. In the life of Jesus, it is a preview of the glory of his resurrection; for us it is a glimpse of the destiny of those who continue, as we heard in last week's Gospel, to repent and believe in the Good News.

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FEAST OF FAITH

The Opening Prayer

At the conclusion of the Introductory Rites of the Mass, the presider says or chants the words "Let us pray," followed by the Opening Prayer. This prayer is also called a "collect" because it gathers or "collects" the prayers of the entire assembly into one. The Roman collects that we pray in our liturgy—noted for the brevity, clarity, and conciseness of the Latin originals—date from a variety of periods. Some are quite new; others reach back more than a thousand years. They are truly treasures of our tradition. The Opening Prayer can be divided into four main parts: 1) the invitation, or "Let us pray"; 2) the silence that follows, during which each member of the assembly lifts up before God his or her own prayers; 3) the collect itself, spoken or sung by the priest; 4) and finally the Amen, by which the assembly says, "yes," "may it be so," making the prayer their own. The collect itself almost always follows the same pattern. It begins with an invocation to God. A petition follows, usually very general. We ask for health, strength, wisdom, grace, forgiveness, faith, awareness. Every collect concludes by offering the prayer to God through Jesus Christ. With the Amen of the assembly, the Introductory Rites of the Mass come to an end.


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


Contact Rose Juarez

rosemary@stmatthiasparish.org for enrollment information.

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.



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

After the transfiguration, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had ...

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D	I	H	O
A	E	S	R
D	E	N	F

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Answer: *risen from the dead*

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