

# St. Matthias

## ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

Leave the Light On during Lent Wednesday 6:30 pm

### **First Communion and Confirmation**

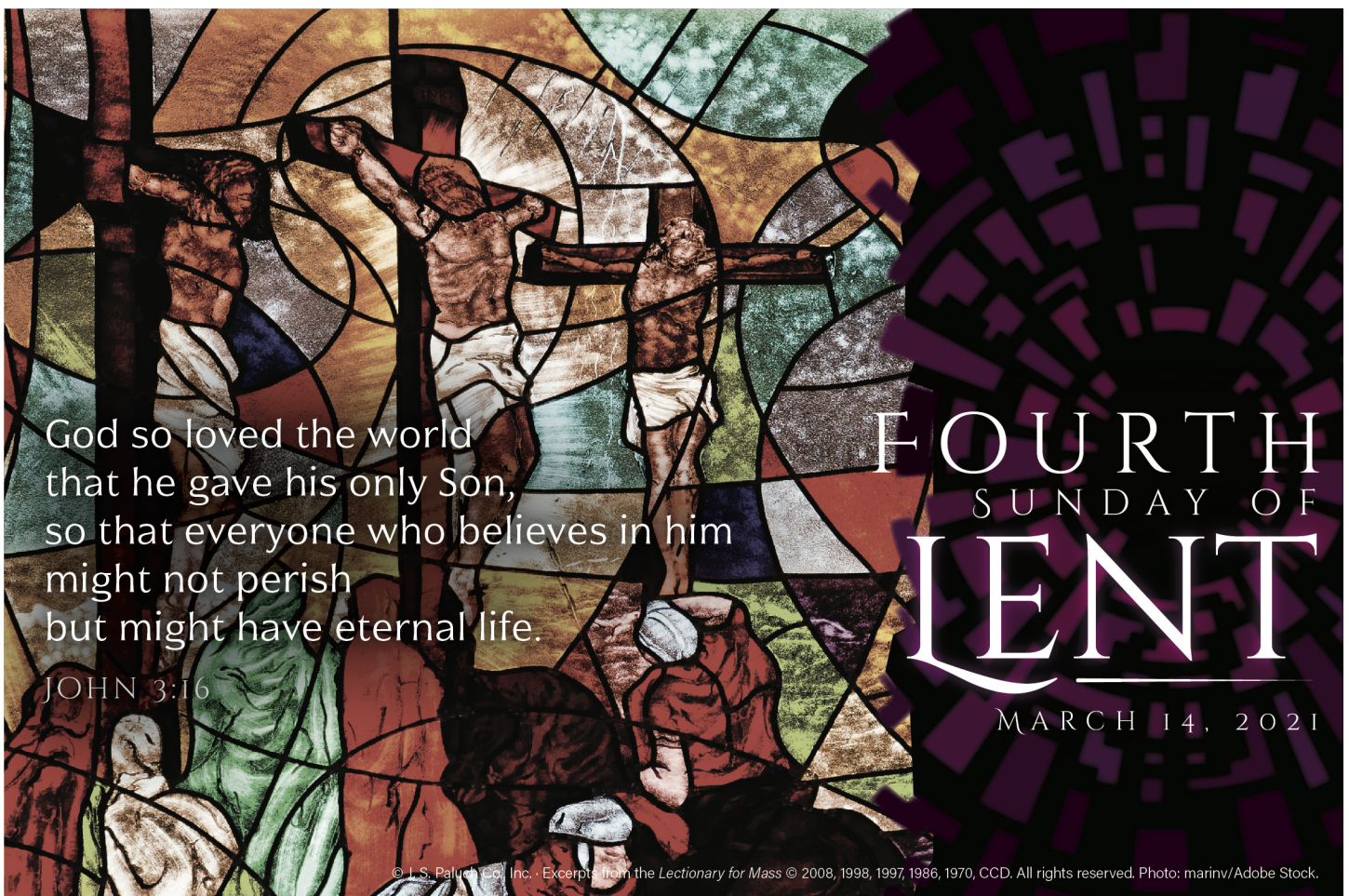
Email Sabrina Harper for information.

### **Baptism**

Email Deacon Rich Foley for information.

### **Marriage**

Email Deacon Rich Foley for information.



God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him  
might not perish  
but might have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

FOURTH  
SUNDAY OF  
LENT

MARCH 14, 2021

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

## 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.

## **RCIA Scrutinies Saturday 9:45 am Cycle A** **Mass Readings**

### **Reading I**

#### **1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

The LORD said to Samuel:

"Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way.  
I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,  
for I have chosen my king from among his  
sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice,  
Samuel looked at Eliab and thought,  
"Surely the LORD's anointed is here before  
him."

But the LORD said to Samuel:

"Do not judge from his appearance or from his  
lofty stature, because I have rejected him.  
Not as man sees does God see, because man  
sees the appearance but the LORD looks into  
the heart."

In the same way Jesse presented seven sons  
before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse,  
"The LORD has not chosen any one of these."  
Then Samuel asked Jesse,  
"Are these all the sons you have?"  
Jesse replied,  
"There is still the youngest, who is tending the  
sheep."

Samuel said to Jesse,

"Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial  
banquet until he arrives here."

Jesse sent and had the young man brought to  
them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to  
behold and making a splendid appearance.

The LORD said,

"There—anoint him, for this is the one!"

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,  
anointed David in the presence of his  
brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the  
LORD rushed upon David.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

### **23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6**

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is  
nothing I shall want.

## **Reading II**

### **Eph 5:8-14**

Brothers and sisters:

You were once darkness,  
but now you are light in the Lord.  
Live as children of light,  
for light produces every kind of goodness  
and righteousness and truth.

Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.  
Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness;  
rather expose them, for it is shameful even to  
mention

the things done by them in secret;  
but everything exposed by the light becomes  
visible,

for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore, it says:

"Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will give you light."

## Verse Before the Gospel

### Jn 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

## Gospel

### Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him,  
"Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —.  
So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said,  
"Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?"  
Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him."  
He said, "I am."  
They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath.  
So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them,

"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."  
So some of the Pharisees said,  
"This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath."  
But others said,  
"How can a sinful man do such signs?"  
And there was a division among them.  
So they said to the blind man again,  
"What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?"  
He said, "He is a prophet."  
They answered and said to him,  
"You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?"  
Then they threw him out.  
When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"  
He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him,  
"You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he."  
He said,  
"I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

## 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.*

**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.



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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 or 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 unclutter 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...*

**June Grana**

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

### *Mass Intentions*

**March 13th at 5:00 pm -**

Bernie Brennan (+)

**March 14th at 9:45 am -**

Joyce Morger (+)

## 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 for 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.

## What are the RCIA Scrutinies?

The RCIA initiation rites for the third, fourth  
and fifth Sundays of Lent are called

“scrutinizes” which is not a very comforting  
name. The purpose of these rites is to engage  
the elect in examination, reflection and prayer.  
The rites are pastoral in nature and also call on  
the whole community to pray for our elect.

This year, St. Matthias and St. Charles have two  
individuals preparing for the Sacraments of  
Initiation at the Easter Vigil. They are Ken Purdy  
(St. Charles) and Joey Latham (St. Matthias). In  
addition, James Babcock (St. Matthias) is a  
baptized Christian and will be fully initiated into  
the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass.

The Scrutinies developed as a tradition from  
the earliest days of the Church (examination,  
laying on of hands, prayers of exorcism). After  
the Second Vatican Council, the Church stated  
that the purpose of each scrutiny is “to uncover,  
then heal all that is weak, defective, of sinful in  
the hearts of the elect and to bring out, then  
strengthen all that is upright, strong and good.”  
(RCIA, #141)

The intercessions are a critical element within  
the scrutinies with a focus on being heartfelt.  
The Scrutinies will be celebrated within Mass  
according to the following schedule:  
Third Sunday of Lent, St. Matthias, 9:45 am  
Fourth Sunday of Lent, St. Matthias, 9:45 am  
Fifth Sunday of Lent, St. Charles, 8:30 am  
Please keep our candidates, their sponsors, and  
the members of the RCIA team in your prayers.

## COVID-Vaccine Help

If you are over 75 years old and would like to  
receive some assistance in acquiring a COVID  
vaccine appointment, we have parishioners  
who are available to help you. Contact  
[Sabrina](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org) via email  
[sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org) or call the parish  
office (650) 366-9544 for more information.

## Confirmation 2021

On Saturday, March 20, 2021 at 10:30 am at St. Charles, thirty-three young people from St. Matthias and St. Charles parishes will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. These young people have been preparing, along with their families and sponsors, since the fall of 2019. Their celebration of the sacrament was originally scheduled in January 2021, but was postponed due to the pandemic conditions. Please join us in praying for these young disciples as they conclude the final stages of preparation leading up to this important sacrament of initiation. They are:

- |                    |                       |                             |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Ryder diTargiani | • Jenna Cullinane     | • Natalia Lopez             |
| • Kate Kizer       | • Gavin Curley        | • Sean Lucas Kentzler Mason |
| • Jane Rak         | • Ethan Cuthrell      | • Bode McCaughey            |
| • Daniel Schembri  | • Evan Elwood         | • Giovanni Daniel Morey     |
| • Naomi Torres     | • Alexandre Escalante | • Colin Murphy              |
| • Jocelyn Sanchez  | • John Fraser         | • Megan Pace                |
| • Dean Aquino      | • Lillian Fraser      | • Jianna Pollack            |
| • Dominic Avila    | • Fabrice Gradidge    | • Bridget Sennett           |
| • Kate Bentley     | • Emily Hall          | • Drew Turiello             |
| • Bryce Burke      | • Anna Keim           | • Mia Vasquez               |
| • Nicholas Chin    | • Nicholas Lawrence   | • Vincent Wills             |

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## Holy Week at St. Matthias

### Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion — March 27th & 28th

Mass Saturday 5:00 pm (inside) & Mass Sunday 9:45 am (outside)  
*both Masses will be live-streamed*

## Holy Triduum

**Holy Thursday — April 1st** Mass 5:00 pm (outside)

**Good Friday — April 2nd** Church will be open for silent prayer from 12 noon to 3:00 pm.  
Solemn Good Friday service will be live-streamed from St. Charles at 12 noon  
Stations of the Cross inside the Church at St. Matthias at 6:00 pm

**Holy Saturday — April 3rd** Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 pm (outside) at St. Charles, *live-streamed*

**Easter Sunday — April 4th\*** Easter Sunday Mass at 9:45 am (outside) at St. Matthias, *live-streamed*

\*People are invited to sign up for contact tracing purposes. Watch The Matthanian for details.



## Pray — Plan — Pledge: AAA 2021

At the end of February, we kicked-off the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal -- an annual tax that we are assessed. Our St. Matthias community have been very generous especially during this pandemic. One of the strengths of our community is to respond to the needs of our parish.

Each year, the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal provides financial resources to support the work of the Archdiocesan. We benefit from the centralized services such as payroll, liturgical guidance, and outreach programs especially to the most needy in our greater community.

Last year, we met and exceeded our goal. Monies in excess of our goal were returned to St. Matthias.

So, the not so good news is that it is that time again. The good news is that our assessment is lower this year -- \$58,820.

The theme for this year's appeal is "For the needy will never be forgotten; nor will the hope of the afflicted ever fade." There are lots of needs this year -- our youth, for social justice ministries, for support of our priests and all our parishes.

Our goal at St. Matthias is to meet our AAA target by Pentecost which this year, is at the end of May.

We are asking that you sit down with those in your household and plan your contribution. We are encouraging you to consider pledging your level of giving over the next 10 months. For example, say your family decides to give \$1,000. With a gift, you would submit all \$1,000 at one time. But, with a pledge, you could give \$100 per month for ten months (March-December). With pledges, we know early that we've met our goal. During this pandemic, thoughtful planning is critical for so

many things. This week you will receive a letter from Fr. Dave with a brochure.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa at the rectory or ask any member of our staff. St. Matthias is a supportive and caring faith community. On behalf of Fr. Dave, Fr. Samuel and Fr. Malachi, our Finance Council and all the staff, we thank you ahead of time for your thoughtful consideration for this year's annual appeal.

## FEAST OF FAITH: Lent, a Season of the Word

Each year on the First Sunday of Lent we hear one of the Gospel accounts of the temptation of Jesus. In Luke's account, the devil cites the scriptures repeatedly, urging Jesus to interpret them in a false, self-serving way—if God sends angels to protect those whom God loves (as it says in Psalm 91), then prove it! But Jesus resists this insidious temptation by turning to scripture passages that tell of right relationship with God—living by God's word, trusting in God, and worshiping God alone.

Jesus himself listened to the inspired word of God and let it shape and form him. Through the liturgy, we do the same. The readings we hear at Mass can teach us, but that is not their primary function. Rather, the scriptures are meant to reveal the Lord to us, to let us experience his presence, and to form us in our Christian identity. Christ's presence is realized by his spoken word, "since it is he himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 7). In the readings proclaimed at Mass, we hear the voice of Christ himself.

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

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