

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

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.

I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

JEREMIAH 31:33

FIFTH
SUNDAY OF
LENT

MARCH 21, 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.

Reading I

Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant with the
house of Israel and the house of Judah.
It will not be like the covenant I made with
their fathers the day I took them by the hand
to lead them forth from the land of Egypt;
for they broke my covenant, and I had to show
myself their master, says the LORD.
But this is the covenant that I will make
with the house of Israel after those days, says
the LORD.
I will place my law within them and write it
upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they
shall be my people.
No longer will they have need to teach their
friends and relatives
how to know the LORD.
All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says
the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and
remember their sin no more.

Responsorial Psalm

51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

R. (12a) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Reading II

Heb 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh,
he offered prayers and supplications with loud
cries and tears to the one who was able to
save him from death, and he was heard
because of his reverence.

Son though he was, he learned obedience
from what he suffered; and when he was made
perfect, he became the source of eternal
salvation for all who obey him.

Verse Before the Gospel

Jn 12:26

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the
Lord; and where I am, there also will my
servant be.

Gospel

Jn 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the
Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from
Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we
would like to see Jesus."

Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and
Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them,

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be
glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and
dies, it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Whoever loves his life loses it,
and whoever hates his life in this world
will preserve it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me,
and where I am, there also will my servant be.

The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?

'Father, save me from this hour'?
 But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.
 Father, glorify your name."
 Then a voice came from heaven,
 "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."
 The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him."
 Jesus answered and said,
 "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."
 He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

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.

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 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...

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 20th at 5:00 pm -

Richard Marino (+)

March 21st at 9:45 am -

Jacqueline Carter Walker (+)

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, our catechumens will participate in the Third Scrutiny in preparation for receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

The Third Scrutiny will be prayer during this Sunday's 8:30 am Mass at St. Charles. Our two catechumens are Ken Purdy from St. Charles and Joey Latham from St. Matthias. They are in their final weeks of preparation. Special Intercessions will be prayed and the communities of both parishes are asked to keep Ken and Joey in your prayers.

In addition, please pray for James Babcock of St. Matthias parish who will be fully received into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. The Easter Vigil will be held at St. Charles at 8:00 pm on Saturday, April 3rd.

A special thanks for RCIA Team members, Dorothy Farkas, Christina Jerrold, and Marc Aquino for their continued support.

Candidates have been meeting weekly since September. May God continue to bless everyone as our parish communities journey in prayer and thanksgiving toward the celebrate of the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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.

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

- St. Matthias Church will be open for silent prayer from 12 noon to 3:00 pm.
- Stations of the Cross and brief reflections on "The Seven Last Words of Christ" will be live-streamed from St. Charles at 12:00 pm
- Solemn Good Friday Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion will be held at St. Charles at 2:00 pm, all are welcome to attend.
- Stations of the Cross inside the Church at St. Matthias at 6:00 pm, all are welcome to attend.

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 Matthian for details.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Upgrade

My name is Julia Granucci and I am a senior at Notre Dame High School. As part of my Senior Passion Project and my Girl Scout Gold Award, I will be renovating the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry in the parish center (the room off the carport). Food insecurity in the Bay Area has increased in the past few years and continues to grow due to COVID-19. I plan to rebuild the food pantry and supply it with additional appliances, enabling our parish community to supply and deliver more food bags for those in need each week. If you are interested in helping support my project, please consider sending a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Matthias Church. All donations can be sent to St. Vincent de Paul % St. Matthias Church with a memo "food pantry." Thank you!

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](#) via email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org or call the parish office (650) 366-9544 for more information.

THE NEW COVENANT

Today's first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart.

Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny

Tuesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Friday: Abstinence

FEAST OF FAITH

The First Reading

Each Sunday, we listen to three scripture readings. The first reading usually comes from the Old Testament. "The New

Testament lies hidden in the Old; the Old Testament comes fully to light in the New," we read in the *Introduction to the Lectionary*.

"Christ himself is the center and fullness of the whole of Scripture" (5). On Sundays, these readings usually have a close connection to the Gospel. In this season of Lent, for example, the Exodus account of the thirst of the Israelites in the desert is paired with the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at the well. Ezekiel's vision of the Lord raising people from their graves is paired with the narrative of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead.

The readings are taken from many sources—historical books like Judges, Kings, and the Acts of the Apostles, prophets like Isaiah and Ezekiel, wisdom literature like Proverbs or Ecclesiastes. But no matter its genre, the first reading always ends with the same acclamation: "The word of the Lord." The scriptures are written by human authors who wrote in widely different cultural and historical contexts, but these human authors are also divine instruments through whom God speaks to us. And so we say, "Thanks be to God."

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LOVE AND DEATH

Unhappy is death
without the love of the Savior;
unhappy is love
without the death of the Savior.

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3 to 5 year olds.**

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information.

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