

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.
See Staff Directory inside for contact information.



“Have you come to
believe because you
have seen me?
Blessed are those
who have not seen
and have believed.”

JOHN 20:29

SECOND
SUNDAY OF
EASTER
(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 11, 2021

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

Reading I

Acts 4:32-35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common.

With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all.

There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

Responsorial Psalm

118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Reading II

1 Jn 5:1-6

Beloved:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments.

For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.

And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood.

The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

Alleluia

Jn 20:29

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;

Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

"Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them,

"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks

and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them.

Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?"

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

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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 Streams 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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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 10th at 5:00 pm -

Mary Pacumio (+)

Sunday, April 11th at 9:45 am -

Maria Ravella (+)

Save the Date: Divine Mercy Sunday

"WHY MERCY? WHY

NOW?" The Message of
Divine Mercy and Love in
our Time

When: April 11th, 2021

Where: Church of the
Nativity, 210 Oak Grove
Avenue, Menlo Park, Ca
94025

Schedule:

12-2pm Sacrament
of Reconciliation

12:45-1:30pm Presentation by Deacon
Dominick Peloso

2 pm Mass

2:45pm Sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy

(Church restricted to 95 persons; alternate
setting outdoors. Live stream being arranged
for those unable to attend in person.)

For questions or more information, call Jeannie
D'Arcy St Charles Women's Club and the Divine
Mercy Ministry 650-592-2164, cell
650-703-1982



*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...*

Gianna Maria Solazzi

Teresita Concha

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

Save the Date: Sept 18-19, 2021

St. Matthias' Church 60th Anniversary

This begins a series of articles on the history of St. Matthias Church. Each week, leading up to the anniversary celebration, another part of our rich history will be shared in the pages of the bulletin. If you have a story to share from our early days, please contact Sabrina. Plans for the celebratory weekend are in the very early stages. A planning committee will be formed soon. Watch for more details!

In the 1950s, the Archdiocese of San Francisco, under Archbishop John J. Mitty, launched a daring program, buying property in strategically located positions. It was assumed that future communities might soon be growing in those areas. The property for St. Matthias, which had been part of "motorcycle hill" in the Emerald Hills area of Redwood City was purchased. The geographic area to be served by St. Matthias was carved from the boundaries of the neighboring Catholic parishes – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Pius, and St. Charles.

The parish was canonically established on June 24, 1961. Fr. Thomas Lacey and Fr. Don Casella, a newly ordained priest, were assigned as pastor and associate pastor respectively.

Within the first six months, the long vacant ranch house on the property (the Rectory) was made habitable; an empty hardware store in the Emerald Hills Shopping Center, was rented as a temporary church; the community gathered and fixed up the building as a worship space; altar servers were organized; neighborhood meetings in parishioner homes were established; a ministry to the hospitals and several care facilities was organized; a teen club was set up and the first social was hosted. According to one of our 'pioneer parishioners,' "the goodness of our new pastor and his assistant radiated from them like a welcoming beacon. We wanted to get involved. The smallness of the "store Church" made our getting involved and knowing each other much easier." Our reputation as a welcoming parish was established in those very early days.

New Fully-Initiated Catholics

Last Saturday, April 3rd at the Easter Vigil Mass, St. Matthias and St. Charles welcomed three men into our Catholic family as fully initiated members. Congratulations to newly Baptized **Ken Purdy** and **Joey Latham** and to **James Babcock** who was fully initiated.

Bible Study: Old Testament Prophets

Deacon Rich will present a nine-week Bible Study on *The Prophets of the Old Testament* beginning Monday, April 12, presented on-line via Google Meet. Participants can choose to attend sessions at either 10 -11:30 a.m. or 7 - 8:30 p.m.

In the Letter to the Hebrews (1:1-2), the author writes, "In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son. . . ." Who were the prophets? What was their role in their own day? How should we read and understand their prophetic message?

It is nearly impossible to understand the work and message of Jesus without an understanding of the prophetic books of the Bible. In this nine session series, while we cannot study every prophet in depth, we will

focus on the major prophets and a few minor prophets in the historical and theological context that prompted their messages.

All are welcome. No prior experiences with Bible study is needed. Please bring your own Bible, notepad and pen to each session. Handouts and slides will be shared. While any Catholic Bible will suffice, the preferred Bibles are the *New Revised Standard Version* and *The New American Bible*. Please join us for any or all sessions. To sign up to attend email Sabrina. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Rich.

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

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

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. 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.

Thomas Merton's Epiphanies: A Spiritual Journey in Three Acts

Sat., April 24, 2021. 10AM-12 and 2-4PM.
\$20. RECORDING MADE FOR TICKET
HOLDERS. Register on: [https://
www.vallombrosa.org/calendar/](https://www.vallombrosa.org/calendar/)

Thomas Merton is one of the towering figures of contemplative spirituality over the last century. This Trappist monk was a gifted writer and a brilliant interpreter of the Christian spiritual tradition, making the case for how contemplative spirituality remains relevant — and not just for monks and nuns. Our day of reflection will focus on three key “epiphanies” or moments of profound spiritual encounter in Merton’s life — at a Catholic Mass in Cuba in 1940; on a busy urban street corner in 1958, and at a Sri Lankan Buddhist temple in 1968 (days before Merton’s untimely death at the age of 53). Each of these events offers a different window into the spirituality and mystical genius of Merton — and how his insights can inspire us today.

Two, 2hr sessions. You do not have to attend both. Retreat Leader is Lay Trappist and author Carl McColman.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Psalms in the Liturgy

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs—poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy—in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading, and sometimes even comments on it. On this Third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Exodus account of the stubbornness of God’s people in the desert, and then the psalm comes to remind us: “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts” (Psalm 95:8). In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.

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Now Enrolling
3 to 5 year olds.**

Contact Rose Juarez

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information.

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