

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

*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.



THE ALMIGHTY HAS DONE
GREAT THINGS FOR ME
AND HOLY IS HIS NAME.

LUKE 1:49

THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY

AUGUST 15, 2021

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary Readings

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. 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

1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2

David assembled all Israel in Jerusalem to bring the ark of the Lord to the place which he had prepared for it.

David also called together the sons of Aaron and the Levites.

The Levites bore the ark of God on their shoulders with poles, as Moses had ordained according to the word of the Lord.

David commanded the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their kinsmen as chanters, to play on musical instruments, harps, lyres, and cymbals, to make a loud sound of rejoicing.

They brought in the ark of God and set it within the tent which David had pitched for it. Then they offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings to God.

When David had finished offering up the burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14

R. Lord, go up to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your holiness.

Reading II

1 Cor 15:54b-57

Brothers and sisters:

When that which is mortal clothes itself with immortality,
then the word that is written shall come about:

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin,

and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia

Lk 11:28

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are they who hear the word of God and observe it.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 11:27-28

While Jesus was speaking,
a woman from the crowd called out and said to him,

“Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed.”

He replied,

“Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.”

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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday: Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Stephen of Hungary

Thursday: St. John Eudes

Friday: St. Bernard

Saturday: St. Pius X

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

The celebration of today's feast on a Sunday is unusual on our Roman Catholic calendar. Our observance of the Lord's Day is held in such high esteem that few other feasts replace it. Occasionally there is a feast—usually of one of the saints—in which the saving power of God in Christ is so uniquely focused that the Roman rite deems it worthy of celebration on the Lord's Day. Today is such a feast. Yet some are surprised at the brevity of the dogma in its entirety: "We pronounce, declare and define it

COVID Protocols for Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm Mass will remain inside the Church. Masks ARE required (even for those who are fully vaccinated). Congregational singing is allowed. Physical distancing between households is now 3 feet.

Sunday 9:45 am Mass will remain outside in the Church parking lot. Masks ARE NOT be required. Congregational singing is allowed.

Live-streaming of both Masses will continue on our YouTube channel: [Live Streams from St. Matthias Redwood City.](#)

St. Charles is live-streaming Masses Monday-Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:30 am on St. Charles' Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesParishSC/>.

* Per Archbishop Cordileone's Memo, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been reinstated for all this who are physically able to attend Mass, effective June 26-27, 2021.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, Aug 14th at 5:00 pm -

Jenny Bevan (+)

Sunday, Aug 15th at 9:45 am -

Joyce Morger (+)

Prayer Tree Network

Prayer Tree at St. Matthias is a telephone tree. Prayers are received and passed on my phone, allowing members to interact with one another. We pray for people in the parish and family and friends of parishioners. Prayer are usually for first name or both first and last are simply stated. If you feel you can help with this vital parish ministry, or have a prayer intention, please call Carol McAdams 650-369-4365 or Marilyn Donnelly 650-365-5192

St. Matthias Church is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm for personal prayer. The Church parking lot is available once again for parking during the week.

St. Matthias Preschool is now enrolling 3 to 5 year olds for the 2021-2022 school year. Contact Rose Juarez for enrollment information.

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

Liz Vugrinecz

Alyssa Beemer

Evie Dwyer

Laurie Coulter

Aurora Genochio

Suzanne Schaffner

Adelaide Sciandri

Robert Franco

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

Rosemary McHale

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

Save the Date: September 17-19, 2021 St. Matthias Church 60th Anniversary

This is part-sixteen of 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. Please visit <https://www.stmatthiasparish.org/our-parish/60th-anniversary/> to order T-shirts (by Aug 16th) and more information about our anniversary celebration!



Fr. Craig Forner was assigned as pastor of St. Matthias in July 2011. Liz Vugrinecz, who had worked as a volunteer with the parish archives, was hired as Adult Faith Formation Coordinator. Recognizing the need for increased opportunities for adult faith formation, Fr. Craig began conducting series' about Vatican II, scripture and morality. He fully supported the shift in programmatic thinking to inter-generational catechesis and was the featured speaker at each month's gathering. In 2014, Fr. Craig began a pastoral planning process based on Best Practices for Parishes from Paulist Evangelization Ministries to provide a mission for our parish community. Monthly meetings were held which brought parishioners together to discuss seven themes of parish effectiveness. A writing team was formed to synthesize the results of the meetings and draft a pastoral plan called Shaping our Future. The plan was presented to the parish and finalized in June 2015 right before Fr. Craig retired. In July 2015, Fr. Bill Thornton was assigned as Pastor of St. Matthias Church. Fr. Bill revitalized our ministries to local care facilities and homebound parishioners. He was deeply concerned with those who are often forgotten and reached out to parishioners and loved ones providing pastoral care services including the sacraments of anointing of the sick and Reconciliation. Due to his great concern for the ill, he was reassigned as hospital chaplain in June 2016.

to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The Roman Catholic Church never defined any specifics or particulars about the event itself. It is not in the scriptures. There are no verifiable eyewitness accounts. At its core, the dogma reveals in Mary the destiny of all mortal flesh, and reinforces our creedal belief in resurrection of the body. This feast strengthens our faith, defined last week in Hebrews as the

realization of things hoped for. We find, in Mary, that realization of what we all hope for, what Paul today affirms: "In Christ shall all be brought to life" (1 Corinthians 15:22).

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St. Matthias Preschool is Hiring

St. Matthias Preschool is seeking a preschool teacher for a full-time position who can passionately support children's early education. This position is with 3-5 year old children.



Hours of operation are 8:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday. If you are skilled with working with children, and interested in a team-teaching experience, please visit <https://www.stmatthiasparish.org/about-the-preschool/preschool-staff/> for more details including the job posting. Please share this information with anyone you know who may be interested.

Becoming A Fully Initiated Catholic - RCIA

Do you know someone who has thought about becoming Catholic or, for whatever reason, has been baptized but has not been confirmed or received Holy Communion? What does it mean to become fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church? Do you or someone you know have questions about the sacraments and what it means to be a Catholic? Please consider RCIA.

The Catholic Church has a process for adults to discern whether God is inviting them to learn more about our faith and, perhaps, to become Catholic. This process is also a pathway to complete the Sacraments of Initiation for those already Baptized (Confirmation, Eucharist). This process is called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). The RCIA process provides guided weekly sessions on the fundamental beliefs of our faith including an understanding of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist (Mass). In addition, the process emphasizes prayer, discernment and spiritual formation as each candidate responds to their call to become followers of Jesus through the Catholic Church.

Participants include candidates from St. Matthias and St. Charles parishes along with their sponsors and team members. [RCIA sessions will be held on Sunday mornings from](#)

11 a.m. to noon. At this time, we are planning on hosting sessions in the St. Matthias Rectory (subject to change). The first RCIA gathering will be held on Sunday, September 12th.

Parishioners, who would like to participate as an RCIA team member and support our candidates, are welcome.

Deacon Rich and Deacon David will lead and facilitate RCIA sessions. If you have any questions, know of someone who would like to discuss joining RCIA, are considering being a team member, or would just like to experience the RCIA process please contact Deacon Rich at rich@stmatthiasparish.org or call him at St. Matthias Church (366-9544).

Please pray that the Holy Spirit calls individuals to seek a deeper relationship with Almighty God through His Church.

10th Year of our GIFT Program

GIFT is a family-based approach to faith formation. Generations in Faith Together (GIFT) is designed to support all members of the family in their faith journey; to meet each individual where they are. This year, we will be embarking on a three-year study of scripture beginning with the Old Testament, with a series called "God Calls." These gatherings provide the foundation for sacramental preparation and youth ministry. Families with school-aged children are encouraged to register for GIFT. If you have middle or high school aged youth, GIFT registration is also requested for our Middle School and High School Youth Ministry programs and First Communion and Confirmation preparation. Registration materials will be emailed to all previously registered families. If your family is



new to St. Matthias or would like to participate in GIFT for the first time, please contact Sabrina sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org or call St. Matthias (650) 366-9544 for more information.

Program Kick Off Dates:

GIFT — Sunday, Sept 12th from 12-1 pm
Middle School — Weds, Sept 8th at 5:00pm
High School — Sunday, Aug 29th details TBD
Please mark your calendars!

Food Collection Has Resumed for St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference members are grateful that our food collection at Church can resume.

One of our conference members will bring the items collected from Church to the pantry each week after the 9:45 Mass. The basket to deposit your donated non-perishable items is located at the back of the Church on the Church parking lot side.

Here is a list of the most needed items:

Pasta, Pasta sauce, Rice, Canned Chili,
Canned beans, Tuna, Cereal, Peanut/almond
butter, Jams and jellies, Canned fruit &
Vegetables, Soups, Mustard, Ketchup,
Mayonnaise

From Julia Granucci...

Dear St. Matthias Community, I would like to thank you all for the support and financial contributions that helped make the renovation of the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry possible. I couldn't have done it without all the kind words and enthusiasm. Your support meant the world to me. I would also like to especially thank the St. Vincent de Paul



Conference, Deacon Rich and Sabrina Harper for their continual efforts and guidance that truly made my project a success. Thank you all very much. Sincerely, Julia Granucci



Vallombrosa Center is Open

Vallombrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park is pleased to announce that the retreat center is open and accepting bookings immediately. We have upgraded our WiFi capabilities to high speed across the campus. We are following reduced capacity guidelines and COVID protocols based on the current tier for San Mateo County. Retreatants coming on campus must check-in upon arrival and follow safety guidelines to ensure the health of all. Wearing masks is enforced along with proper social distancing. Hand sanitizers and disinfectants for cleaning are provided. We offer private retreats for those who want private rooms for alone time with Spiritual Direction available. Guests can enjoy the walking trails, shrines, and gardens. The Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes is complete and still accepting donations for bricks and benches. Finally, we have a live, in-person Pre-Cana event called Engaging the Heart - August 21, 2021 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Register on <https://Vallombrosa.org/calendar> We look forward to seeing you all again!

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