

# 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

\*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.



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PURE AND UNDEFILED  
BEFORE GOD AND THE FATHER  
IS THIS:  
TO CARE  
FOR ORPHANS AND WIDOWS  
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JAMES 1:27

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 29, 2021

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# 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

**Dt 4:1-2, 6-8**

Moses said to the people:

"Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.

In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it.

Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.'

For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him?

Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5**

R. (1a) The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

## Reading II

**Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27**

Dearest brothers and sisters:

All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change.

He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

## Alleluia

**Jas 1:18**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel

**Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands.

—For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. — So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, “Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?”

He responded,  
“Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written:

This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching as doctrines human precepts.  
You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition.”

He summoned the crowd again and said to them,  
“Hear me, all of you, and understand.

Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.

“From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile.”

### 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.

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## 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. Pews with red signs are closed to maintain distancing between households. Please only sit in pews with white signs.

**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.

## Staff Directory

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## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, Aug 28th at 5:00 pm -**

William Pacumio (+)

**Sunday, Aug 29th at 9:45 am -**

Ellen Leyden (special intention)

## 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 Marilynn 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

Here is the schedule of events for our 60th Anniversary Celebration. To purchase tickets and find out more, please visit <https://www.stmatthiasparish.org/our-parish/60th-anniversary/> for tickets and more information about our anniversary celebration!

### Friday, September 17th - Drive In Movie 6:30-10:00 pm

In 1961, the year St. Matthias was founded, Disney's 101 Dalmatians was released to box-office success. Instead of the original film, we'll be showing the 1996 live-action version of the classic film, 101 Dalmatians in the Church parking lot. \$35 per car. Cars arrive at 6:30 pm and the movie will begin at 7:30 pm.

### Saturday, September 18th - Day of Celebration 3:00-7:00 pm

Join us from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm for this fiesta of fun and food! We'll have a BBQ featuring Arguello Catering, drinks by our very own "bar guy," music, outdoor games, plenty of shade, and seating to socialize and hangout, a car show, tours of our beautifully renovated



Church, a magic show and balloon art for the kids. Tickets for adults \$30 each including one free beer, wine or margarita, children 6-12 years old \$20 each, children under 5 and under \$10 each.

### Sunday, September 19th - Mass & Reception 9:45 am

We'll have one Mass this weekend in our Church parking lot at 9:45 am. Come celebrate our present and future as a community grounded in our love of Jesus Christ. Former parishioners, clergy, and staff members have been invited. Mass will be followed by a blessing of our new landscaping and a reception.

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.

### Mission Co-Op: Welcome Fr. Raju!

Each year, St. Matthias and the other parishes of the Archdiocese of San Francisco host a missionary priest from some other part of our Universal Church. Priests visit, celebrate our Masses, and make an appeal for support of their home dioceses. Our response to this appeal is one way that we can support the



good work of the Church throughout the world.

This weekend, we welcome Rev. Raju Pilla who will be speaking about the works and needs of the Latin Archdiocese of Trivandram in India. Trivandrum has about 270,000 Catholics. 90% of the people are traditional fishermen who depend on fishing for their livelihood and 10% are farm workers who are recent converts from low caste Hindus. Unemployment and poverty are most rampant in this community. The Archdiocese depends on outside assistance to support its clergy, seminarians, catechists, and to continue its developmental programs. However, during this pandemic lockdown the situation is very pitiful as the fishermen are restricted from fishing which is their main livelihood. With income halted from fishing, the people are struggling to survive. Recent Cyclone "Tauktae" that hit our coastal villages in May destroyed several hundreds of homes. There is so much poverty. We are looking for some emergency good assistance. Won't you be as generous as you can in the second collection? Your sacrifice for the Missions is deeply appreciated.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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.

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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](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org) or call St.

Matthias (650) 366-9544 for more information.



## Middle School Youth Ministry Needs Volunteers

Our St. Matthias Middle School Youth Ministry (MSYM) is merging with St. Charles' EDGE program this year. All 5th through 8th graders are welcome to participate. Sabrina is looking for adult and high school student volunteers this school year to help during MSYM sessions (a couple of Wednesdays a month, 5:00-6:00pm). Volunteers do not need special experience beyond wanting to share our faith with energetic middle schoolers! Please consider this special ministry to assist with young parishioners' faith formation.

Questions? Contact Sabrina at [sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org).

## Support for Fire Victims

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference would like to thank parishioners for their generous donations to our Fifth Sunday Collections. Your generosity enables us to continue to serve those in need. Most recently our conference was able to make a donation through the Sacramento Diocese SVdP Council to help victims of the wildfires in Greenville. Their local Church, St. Anthony's Mission was completely destroyed by the Dixie Fire, as well as the loss of many lives, homes, schools and businesses in the Greenville area. In times of disasters such as the wildfires, SVdP conferences reach out to help other conferences serving near the affected areas.

— Blessings from your St. Matthias SVdP Conference

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