

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.

**YOU SHALL LOVE
THE LORD YOUR GOD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,
WITH ALL YOUR MIND,
AND WITH ALL
YOUR STRENGTH.**

Mark 12:30

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



October 31, 2021

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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 6:2-6

Moses spoke to the people, saying:
"Fear the LORD, your God,
and keep, throughout the days of your lives,
all his statutes and commandments which I
enjoin on you, and thus have long life.
Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe
them, that you may grow and prosper the
more, in keeping with the promise of the
LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a
land flowing with milk and honey.

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the
LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the
LORD, your God, with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your
strength. Take to heart these words which I
enjoin on you today."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

R. (2) I love you, Lord, my strength.
I love you, O LORD, my strength,

Reading II

Heb 7:23-28

Brothers and sisters:

The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself.

For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

Alleluia

Jn 14:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 12:28b-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone!

You shall love the Lord your God with all your

heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these."

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

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.

All Saints Day We will have a 7:00 pm Mass on Monday, November 1st to celebrate the Feast of All Saints. Mass will be celebrated inside the Church.

Hope Heal Renew Virtual Conference - November 4-6th

Visit hopehealrenew.org for more information. Sessions will be recorded and available for 60 days after the Conference.

Hope Heal Renew: Our Journey Continues is co-hosted by the (arch) dioceses of Fresno, Honolulu, Las Vegas, Monterey, Reno, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Jose, and Stockton.

A Treasured Presence: Music, Stories and Gifts of the Filipino American Catholics

The year 2021 marks the Quincentennial celebration (500 years) of Christianity in the lives of Filipinos across the globe. Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP will host a virtual celebration through songs, stories, and commentary on the heritage and gifts of Filipino American Catholicism. This will be on November 5th at 7:00 pm at the Hope Heal Renew Conference.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, Oct 30th at 5:00 pm -

Patricia Beckett (+)

Sunday, Oct 31st at 9:45 am -

Steven Manzo & Rob Rivera (+)

Prayer Shawl Ministry!

Calling all crafters to join our lively group which meets monthly. We work on projects to give to parishioners, family and friends in times of celebration and comfort. We work on projects at home and meet monthly to share techniques, tips and to bless our projects. We crochet, quilt, knit, embroider, sew, and weave hats, scarves, shawls, and lap robes in addition to bibs for baptisms. You can join us even if you cannot attend the meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, 3:00 pm in the Merry Room. Contact Laurie Coulter lpmcoulter@yahoo.com or call 367-8229.

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. **Office Hours** are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Wednesday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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

Liz Vugrinecz

Alyssa Beemer

Evie Dwyer

Aurora Genochio

Suzanne Schaffner

Adelaide Sciandri

Robert Franco

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

Sr. Felicia Gross, OSF

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

Breaking Open the Word

Each Thursday morning at 10:30 am, Sabrina hosts a Breaking Open the Word session for those interesting in reading and discussing the scripture readings for the weekend Masses. We meet via Google Meet for just one hour to pray, read, reflect, and discuss the readings. If you are interested in joining, please email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org to receive the weekly resource and invitation.

Sunday 9:45 am Mass Moving Indoors November 7th

Thank you to all who completed the one question survey which asked, "In preparation for the eventuality of celebrating all Masses indoors this fall, what accommodations might you suggest that would make you feel most comfortable attending?"

The majority of the sixty responses received expressed a level of comfort with the measures that we are currently taking at the 5:00 pm Saturday night Mass including social distancing of at least 3 feet, wearing masks indoors, and ventilation provided by open doors and windows.

Our Prayer and Worship Commission met on Oct 7th to discuss the results and make a recommendation to Fr. Dave. We are the "Body of Christ" and we will help each other to gather, celebrate, and give thanks to God in as safe and reverent a manner as possible. Our 9:45 am Sunday Mass will move indoors on November 7, 2021.

The following protocols currently employed at the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass will be followed for the Sunday 9:45 am Mass:

- Masks must be worn indoors at all times (regardless of vaccination status)
- To help us maintain 3 ft of social distancing between households, there are signs in the pews. White signs indicate open pews (available for seating) while red signs indicate pews which are closed. Individuals sit in smaller pews toward the front, while families sit in larger pews toward the back.
- Ushers and Greeters will assist with seating as needed. Additional seating will be arranged in the back of the Church and/or Fr. Lacey Hall. We have speakers in the Hall so that Mass can be heard.
- Readers will provide reminders at the beginning of Masses.
- Windows and doors will be opened to ensure good ventilation.
- Parishioners will have the option of parking in our lot, tuning to 88.7 (?)FM to listen to Mass, then walking to the back doors for Holy Communion.
- The Priest, Deacon, and Eucharistic Ministers will bring Communion to individuals in their pews or chairs.

Some parishioners asked in the survey if we will resume the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses on Sundays? The answer is no and here is why. We need a schedule between St. Matthias and St. Charles which enables one priest to preside at all Masses. The current schedule allows one priest to cover the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses at St. Charles while being able to celebrate the 9:45 a.m. Mass at St. Matthias.

Our primary concern is safety and the importance of the St. Matthias community

gathering together in worship whether it is in person or via live stream. Our thanks to Charles Gillet and his team for continuing to provide live stream services.

We appreciate your feedback and will continue to keep you informed through our Sunday bulletin and *The Matthean*.

Masses of Remembrance - Nov 6-7th

The St. Matthias Community along with The Family Support Group Invite parishioners to submit the names of friends and relatives who have passed from this life into the next since Nov 1, 2020. Loved ones will be honored at our annual Masses in Remembrance. Masses will be offered November 6th at 5:00 p.m. and November 7th at 9:45 a.m. Both Masses will be celebrated inside the Church.

Loved ones will be honored at our annual Masses of Remembrance on Saturday, Nov 6th at 5:00 pm and Sunday, Nov 7th at 9:45 am. Both Masses will be celebrated inside the Church. We remember those who have left this life and recognize that they are now in the Communion of Saints. We are also preparing a video remembrance to be shown at the Masses. To include your loved one, please email and send a photo to lisa@stmatthiasparish.org by Oct 31st for inclusion.

Hats & Scarves Collection

Our Prayer Shawl group is sponsoring a collection of handmade hats and scarves for unhoused individuals in early December. Crochet, knitted,



or woven hats and scarves for men, women, and children, can be made with acrylic or wool yarn (preferred). Fringed fleece scarves are also welcome. Desired length for adult scarf is 70 inches. A basket will be placed in a back of the Church until November 21st for you to drop off your donations. The community will then bless all items received at a Mass before they are distributed locally. Questions? Call Laurie Coulter at 650-367-8229

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Announcing an upcoming Sock Drive for the Homeless

We will be collecting new, packaged socks for both men and women, to be donated to the homeless community served by the Catholic Worker House and Fair Oaks Community Center Homeless Services in Redwood City. Clean, warm socks are a basic necessity for those who live unhoused, especially during winter months. Your thoughtful generosity is very much appreciated. Members of our SVdP Conference will be collecting the socks both before and after both Masses on October 30 and 31st.

SVdP Fifth Sunday Collection - October

30-31st Members from our Conference will speak at each Mass on the weekend of October 30-31st highlighting some of the ways your donations are being used all year round. Our parish Fifth Sunday Collection is our primary source of income to continue helping our brothers and sisters in need. Without your generous support, our work could not continue. As the need for help in our County continues to increase, so does our need for financial support. We sincerely appreciate all you have done and continue to do to help us live out our mission to the poor.

Food Collection Our food collection for our

local families will continue each week. Please note the list of most needed items: soups, pasta sauces, macaroni and cheese, rice, cookies, canned meats such as beef stew, chili, etc. and cookies. Your generous support helps fill our bags each week and we are most grateful.



—St. Matthias SVdP Conference

Fall 2021 Lay Ministry Training and Certification Workshops

Presented by the Archdiocese of San Francisco Office of Worship

What: New and experienced ministers are invited to learn about sacramental theology of the Eucharist, technical and spiritual direction, communion to the sick and homebound, receive coaching in proclamation and oral interpretation, and interactive practice

Who: Readers/Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers

When: November 6th from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm* AND November 13th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Where: Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1040 Alameda de las Pulgas

*bring your lunch

Please email kearneys@sfarch.org For your well-being and safety, spaces will be limited in order to allow for safe distancing among participants. Questions: Call (415) 614-5505

How Humankind Thinks About Heaven

Presented virtually by Vallombrosa Retreat Center

What: What do we think of when we think of heaven? What might it look like? Who or what might be there? Since humans began to huddle together for protection thousands of years ago, these questions have been part of how civilizations and cultures define heaven, the good place beyond.

Who: Catherine Wolff, the author of "Beyond: How Humankind Thinks About Heaven"

When: Thursday, December 2, 2021 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. A recording will be made for ticket holders.

Register: vallombrosa.org/calendar

This Week at St. Matthias October 31st - November 7th

Sunday, 10/31	RCIA	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Merry Room
Monday, 11/1	Mass for the Feast of All Saints Day	7:00 pm	Church
Tuesday, 11/2	First Reconciliation Preparation	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Google Meet
Wednesday, 11/3	Middle School Youth Ministry	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	St. Charles
Thursday, 11/4	Breaking Open the Word (BOTW) Prayer & Worship Meeting	10:30 am - 11:30 pm 7:00 pm	Google Meet Fr. Lacey Hall
Saturday, 11/6	Mass of Remembrance	5:00 pm	Church
Sunday, 11/7	Mass of Remembrance RCIA GIFT Family Faith Gathering	9:45 am 11:00 am - 12:00 pm 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Church Merry Room Church

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