

St. Matthias

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Matthias Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm (Indoors)*
Sunday 9:45 am (Indoors)*

St. Charles Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday 5:00 pm*
Sunday 8:30 am* & 11:00 am
*Live streamed Masses.

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.



"I am the Alpha and the Omega,"
says the Lord God,
"the one who is and who was
and who is to come,
the almighty."

REVELATION 1:8

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**
November 21, 2021

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

Dn 7:13-14

As the visions during the night continued, I saw

one like a Son of man coming,
on the clouds of heaven;
when he reached the Ancient One
and was presented before him,
the one like a Son of man received
dominion, glory, and kingship;
all peoples, nations, and languages serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not be taken away,
his kingship shall not be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Reading II

Rv 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings
of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him.

All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

Alleluia

Mk 11:9, 10

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 18:33b-37

Pilate said to Jesus,

"Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?"

Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I?"

Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here."

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"

Jesus answered, "You say I am a king.

For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.

Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

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.

Special Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development

This weekend's Special Collection is for worldwide Catholic Campaign for Human Development. The Holy Father, in a Nov. 14 homily for World Day of the Poor, says so perfectly what the Catholic Campaign for Human Development is working toward – empowerment of the poor and disenfranchised, literally a hand up not a hand out. Pope Francis said: “Recently I was thinking about what a bishop close to the poor, and himself poor in spirit, Don Tonino Bello, used to say: ‘We cannot be content to hope; we have to organize hope’. Unless our hope translates into decisions and concrete gestures of concern, justice, solidarity and care for our common home, the sufferings of the poor will not be relieved, the economy of waste that forces them to live on the margins will not be converted, their expectations will not blossom anew.” The complete homily is here: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2021/documents/20211114-omelia-giornatamondiale-poveri.html>

More about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found here: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development/cchd-grant-process-and-timeline>

Your generous donations are gratefully appreciated.

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.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov 20th at 5:00 pm -

Laurie Prout (+)

Sunday, Nov 21st at 9:45 am -

Sr. Felicia Gross (+)

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

Mia Ainardi

Suzanne Schaffner

Adelaide Sciandri

Robert Franco

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

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.

Indoor Mass COVID-19 Protocols

- *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. We invite individuals to 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.
- *Windows and doors will be opened to ensure good ventilation.
- *Parishioners will have the option of parking in our lot, tuning to 88FM 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 have asked 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*.

Thanksgiving Day Mass



Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 25th at 10:00 am. A St. Matthias tradition will be revived — all are invited to bring the bread and

wine that you will enjoy during your own family gathering to Mass with you. Before the final blessing, your bread and wine will be blessed. For those not able to join us in person for this Mass of Thanksgiving, Mass will be live-streamed to our YouTube channel, "Live Streams from St. Matthias in Redwood City."

Our Ofrenda - Table of the Dead

Parishioners are invited to bring photos and/or mementos of their loved ones to place on our Table of the Dead, or *Ofrenda* for the month of November. The table will remain up until the Saturday following Thanksgiving (the first weekend of Advent).

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



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

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

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. —
Gratefully, St. Matthias' St. Vincent de Paul Conference



The Giving Tree

Another St. Matthias tradition which will be revived this year is our annual Giving Tree. Starting Nov 27-28th, parishioners are invited to bring unwrapped gifts for our annual Giving Tree. These gifts are for the children whose families are served by St. Francis Center in Redwood City. There will be tags on the tree for you to use to label your unwrapped gift for an approximate age and whether the gift is for a boy or a girl. St. Francis Center sets up a "store" for parents to "shop" for gifts for their children. They are given wrapping paper and ribbon to wrap the gifts themselves. Gifts can be brought to the Church and left under the tree until Dec 12th after the 9:45 am Mass.



An Anti-Racism Series: Racial Justice and the Catholic Church

Racial Justice and the Catholic Church, written by Rev. Bryan N. Massingale, a leading Black

Catholic moral theologian, addresses the thorny issue of racial justice past and present. Massingale writes from an abiding conviction that the Catholic faith and Black experience make essential contributions in the continuing struggle against racial injustice. This series, offered as a "book club" by the Justice & Charity Commission of St. Matthias Church seeks to raise awareness of Church teaching about racism and educate parishioners about racial justice in the Catholic Church. This six-week series virtual series will include prayer, reading, reflection, and discussion about the book.

When: Monday Dec 6, 13, 20
and Jan 10, 17 & 24

Where: Google Meet

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Other: Technical support will be provided for all participants as needed. For questions or to register, contact the parish office at (650) 366-9544 or email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org

Peninsula Multifaith Coalition Membership

The Peninsula Multifaith Coalition (PMC) was founded in 2012. It is made up of a group of faith congregations of which St. Matthias is one of its



members. There are Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, and a diversity of Christian faith congregations that are members. The faith members learn from one another and together work on projects to improve the Peninsula community. Parishioner and member of our Justice & Charity Commission, Nancy Galli represents St. Matthias at PMC meetings.

This volunteer led coalition holds or support several events each year, such as the PMC Day of Service on Martin Luther King Jr. day and the family Park Clean Up day. This year, a John Lewis Day of Advocacy was added to help promote faith voting rights for all Americans. The mission of the PMC is to bring together diverse faith communities to build bridges of understanding and respect. We stand together with humility to acknowledge our common values, learn from one another, and serve our wider world. We are an example of how people of different faiths can work together, appreciate and learn from each other, and recognize who we are much more alike than different.

The next PMC event is a Teen Service Activity for youth ages 12-18, to be held on Saturday, December 18th at the Congregational Church of Belmont, located at 751 Alameda de las Pulgas from 12-1:30 pm. They will be packing lunches and making cards for the homeless and eating pizza. Get to know teens from other faith houses at this free event.

This Week at St. Matthias November 21-28th

Sunday, 11/21	RCIA GIFT - Family Faith Formation	11:00 am - 12:00 pm 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Merry Room Church
Tuesday, 11/23	First Reconciliation Preparation	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Google Meet
Thursday, 11/25	Thanksgiving Day Mass	10:00 am	Church

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