

St. Matthias

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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

Wednesday 6:30 - 7:30 pm (during Advent)

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.



First Sunday of *Advent*

November 28, 2021

**Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.**

Luke 21:36

First Sunday of Advent

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

Jer 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the LORD,
when I will fulfill the promise
I made to the house of Israel and Judah.
In those days, in that time,
I will raise up for David a just shoot ;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.
In those days Judah shall be safe
and Jerusalem shall dwell secure;
this is what they shall call her:
"The LORD our justice."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

R. (1b) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior,
and for you I wait all the day.
R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
Good and upright is the LORD;
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,

and teaches the humble his way.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy

toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him,

and his covenant, for their instruction.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Reading II

1 Thes 3:12—4:2

Brothers and sisters:

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

Alleluia

Ps 85:8

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Show us, Lord, your love;
and grant us your salvation.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples:

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and

the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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.

Building Fund Collection

Next weekend, we'll conduct our quarterly Building Fund collection for the ongoing maintenance and improvement needs of the parish facilities. In the past, your generous donations have allowed us to resurface our parking lot, begin the landscaping project, and paint the interior of the Rectory. Thank you in advance for any amount given.

Breaking Open the Word

Each Thursday morning at 10:30 am, Sabrina hosts a Breaking Open the Word session for those interested 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.

Staff Directory

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov 27th at 5:00 pm -

Ricardo & Joey Hizon (+)

Sunday, Nov 28th at 9:45 am -

Mary Catanzaro (+)

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...

Fr. Paul Rossi

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.

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*.

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.

Bethlehem AD Angels

Each year, on December 21, 22 & 23, right here in Redwood City, you can visit Bethlehem AD, a living re-creation of the village of Bethlehem on the night of the first Christmas. This free event is fun for the whole family as visitors travel through the town and experience the town's people, Roman centurions, three wise men and shepherds tending to live camels, Brahma bulls, llamas, donkey's, sheep and other animals. The holy family, including a live baby Jesus is surrounded by a group of choreographed angels. Next Sunday, at the 9:45 am Mass the Bethlehem Angels will perform two of their dances during the reflection period after

communion and will have more information for parishioners to bring home.



What is Advent?

During these four weeks of Advent, our liturgies invite us to prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming into the world at Christmas, but it also directs our attention toward the second coming of Christ at the end of time. This is the central focus of our Christian life — the completion of God's plan of love for all of us.

Advent is a time of patient waiting. Patient waiting allows us to contemplate our lives and consider how we will prepare to greet the coming of Christ and to wonder about the signs of God and what they are showing us. Is God speaking to us? Are we listening attentively? What are today's readings telling us? Do we place our trust and faith in God each day believing that things will get better? Do we notice God in others?

Let us patiently prepare and wait for Jesus — at Christmas and the second coming. When he comes, will you be ready?

This Week at St. Matthias November 28th - December 5th

Tuesday, 11/30	First Reconciliation Family Retreat	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Church
Wednesday, 12/1	Middle School Youth Ministry (MSYM)	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	St. Charles
Thursday, 12/2	Prayer & Worship Commission Mtg	7:00 pm	Fr. Lacey Hall
Sunday, 12/5	RCIA Session GIFT Family Faith Formation	11:00 am - 12:00 pm 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Merry Room Church

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