

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.

DECEMBER 12, 2021

Whoever has two cloaks
should share with the
person who has none.
And whoever has food
should do likewise.

Luke 3:11

THIRD
Sunday
OF *Advent*



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Third Sunday of Advent

The Confiteor

I confess to Almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Reading I

Zep 3:14-18a

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!
Sing joyfully, O Israel!
Be glad and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The LORD has removed the judgment against you
he has turned away your enemies;
the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.
On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged!
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
and renew you in his love,
he will sing joyfully because of you,
as one sings at festivals.

Responsorial Psalm

Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6.

R. (6) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. God indeed is my savior;
I am confident and unafraid.
My strength and my courage is the LORD,

and he has been my savior.

With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name;
among the nations make known his deeds,
proclaim how exalted is his name.

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement;

let this be known throughout all the earth.

Shout with exultation, O city of Zion,
for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel!

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Reading II

Phil 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!
Your kindness should be known to all.
The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia

Is 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise."

Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed."

Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

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.



Our second collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Checks can be made out to St. Matthias Church. Please be generous.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 11th at 5:00 pm -

Martha Olson (+)

Sunday, Dec 12th at 9:45 am -

Joyce Morger (+)

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.

This Sunday...

Unwrapped gifts are due for the Giving Tree. These gifts will be delivered this week to St. Francis Center for distribution to our neighbors in need in the Redwood City area. Gifts can be left under the Giving Tree through 12 noon on Sunday, December 12th.



We honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas today through song and through gifts of flowers.

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



So Many Hats! So Many Scarves!

Thank you! Thank you! The parish response to our handmade scarf and hats project was overwhelming. We are dividing the items between three local agencies: Catholic Worker House, which offers support to the homeless, St. Francis Center which supports families on the edge of poverty; and our St. Vincent de Paul Society which serve the poor and immigrant community. Blessings to you for your generosity. — *The Prayer Shawl Group*

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



A Virtual Visit with Santa

On Sunday, December 19th at 1:30 pm, Santa Claus will read the classic Christmas tale, "The Night Before Christmas" from the North Pole. Following the story, each child will have the opportunity to visit with him and Mrs. Claus and share what they are hoping Santa will bring them. This virtual event will be conducted via Google Meet and will be limited to 20 families. Upon registration, participants will receive a Google Meet invitation. Email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org for more information and to register. Registration is due by Saturday, December 18th.



Peninsula Multifaith Coalition Membership

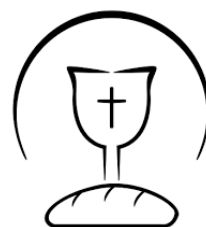
The Peninsula Multifaith Coalition (PMC) was founded in 2012. It is

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. Parishoner and member of our Justice & Charity Commission, Nancy Galli represents St. Matthias at PMC meetings.

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.

Course on the Eucharist

Beginning new year, the online School of Pastoral Ministry will be hosting a course on the Eucharist. The Eucharist is, like so many aspects of our faith, a great mystery. But to call something a mystery in the theological sense is not to say that we cannot understand anything about it. Instead, it is to say that we can never learn everything about it. A theological mystery is not unintelligible; it is infinitely intelligible. In other words, even though we can never fully comprehend it, can never just put it in a box and move on, we can always learn more about a theological mystery. In our course together we will look at the multifaceted mystery of the Eucharist through several lenses. We'll use Bishop Barron's wonderful little book, titled simply Eucharist, as well as some of my own writings to look at themes like meal, sacrifice, real presence, transubstantiation, Christian Unity, and liturgy.



Register: <https://www.sfarch.org/eucharist/>
When: Tuesday Nights at 7 PM (January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15)

Reflection Question:

How am I faithfully awaiting the Lord's Nativity?

Simbang Gabi



Simbang Gabi is a long treasured Filipino spiritual tradition. In the Philippines, it was celebrated as a series of nine dawn Masses right before Christmas, each Mass followed by a

reception and fellowship. For pastoral reasons, these daily novena Masses are now celebrated in the evening. Set within Advent, Simbang Gabi invites participants to heighten their preparation for the birth of Jesus, as well as honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. All are invited to attend the Novena of Masses in preparation for Christmas, a Filipino tradition being celebrated in our Deanery Churches listed below.

Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00 pm

St. Pius Church, Fr. Tom Martin

Thursday, December 16th at 7:00 pm

Church of the Nativity, Fr. Christian Anyanwu

Friday, December 17th at 7:00 pm

St. Raymond Church, Fr. Jerome Cudden, OP

Saturday, December 18th at 5:00 pm

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Fr. Ian Quito

Sunday, December 19th at 5:00 pm

St. Pius Church, Fr. Maurice Igboerika

Monday, December 20th at 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Fr. Ian Quito

Tuesday, December 21st at 5:00 pm

St. Charles Church, Fr. Theophilus Malachi

Wednesday, December 22nd at 5:00 pm

St. Charles Church, Fr. Samuel Musiimenta

Thursday, December 23rd at 7:00 pm

Church of the Nativity, Fr. Christian Anyanwu

Simbang Gabi weeknight donations will benefit Street Life Ministries.

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.

This Week at St. Matthias December 12-19th

Sunday, 12/12	RCIA Session High School Youth Ministry Conf. Level 1 Advent Reflection	11:00 am - 12:00 pm 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Merry Room Fr. Lacey Hall Google Meet
Monday, 12/13	Book Club: Racial Justice and the Catholic Church	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Google Meet
Tuesday, 12/14	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Fr. Lacey Hall
Wednesday, 12/15	Conf. Level 2 Meeting	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Church
Thursday, 12/16	Breaking Open the Word Pastoral Council Meeting	10:30 am - 11:30 am 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Google Meet Fr. Lacey Hall
Sunday, 12/19	RCIA Session A Virtual Visit with Santa	11:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:30 pm	Merry Room Google Meet

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