

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
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 19, 2021

Mary set out and traveled to
the hill country in haste
to a town of Judah,
where she entered
the house of Zechariah
and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:39-40

FOURTH

Sunday

OF

Advent



Fourth 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

Mi 5:1-4a

Thus says the LORD:
You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah
too small to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel;
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient times.
Therefore the Lord will give them up, until
the time
when she who is to give birth has borne,
and the rest of his kindred shall return
to the children of Israel.
He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock
by the strength of the LORD,
in the majestic name of the LORD, his
God;
and they shall remain, for now his greatness
shall reach to the ends of the earth;
he shall be peace.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19.

R. (4) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see
your face and we shall be saved.
O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine

forth.

Rouse your power,
and come to save us.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your
face and we shall be saved.

Once again, O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has
planted
the son of man whom you yourself made
strong.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your
face and we shall be saved.

May your help be with the man of your right
hand,

with the son of man whom you yourself
made strong.

Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your
name.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your
face and we shall be saved.

Reading II

Heb 10:5-10

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into
the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you
did not desire, but a body you prepared for
me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took
no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in
the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O
God.'"

First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings,
holocausts and sin offerings, you neither
desired nor delighted in." These are offered
according to the law. Then he says, "Behold, I
come to do your will." He takes away the first
to establish the second.

By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Alleluia

Lk 1:38

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 1:39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

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.

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



Reflection Question:

How can I make known to others the Incarnation of Christ?

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 18th at 5:00 pm -

Nicanor & William Pacumio (+)

Sunday, Dec 19th at 9:45 am -

Dolores & Paul Falzon (+)

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...

Kevin Magee

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.

Thank you!

Thank you! Thank you! For your overwhelming response to our Giving Tree. Gifts were delivered earlier this week to St. Francis Center for distribution to the children served by this important ministry. Once again, your generosity is a testament the love of Jesus through your care for our neighbors in need.



office at (650) 366-9544 or email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org



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: Remaining dates:
Monday Dec 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

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.

RCIA Rite of Acceptance and Welcome

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process in the Church to guide and support those who feel a calling to become a fully initiated member of the Roman Catholic Church.

The first step in the process is a public acceptance of God's invitation and a welcome

by the community of believers. On Sunday, December 12th at the 9:45 am Mass at St. Matthias, Fr. Coleman led the ritual of the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome. Four individuals from St. Matthias and St. Charles parish communities have expressed their intention to continue their spiritual journey and receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Fr. Coleman and the sponsors blessed the candidates with the sign of the cross to strengthen them as they continue their preparation for the sacraments.

The St. Matthias and St. Charles communities welcome the following:

Lydia Green and her sponsor, Ron Driscoll (SM)
Isabella Froman and her sponsor, John Froman (SM)

Daniel Guzman and his sponsor, Alexandra Yanes (SM)

Shawn Ayers and his sponsor, Dorothy Farkas (SC)

The RCIA Team includes Dorothy Farkas, Christina Jerrold, Mark Aquino, Eilish McCaffrey, Deacon David Rolandelli and Deacon Rich Foley.

Please keep these candidates and their sponsors in your prayers.

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.

The next PMC event will be the MLK Jr. Multifaith Day of Service - registration will begin soon. Mark your calendars!



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. Remaining dates:

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.

Pope Francis has convoked a global synod. He is asking us to consider how we journey together and focus on "communion, participation, and mission." This synod seeks to gather feedback from all Catholics across the globe. The Archdiocese of San Francisco has designed a process for parishioner engagement which will include a survey called the Disciple Maker Index to be made available in January. This will be followed by a series of listening sessions across the three counties of the Archdiocese. More information will be made available soon after the New Year.

Synod 2021-2023



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 19-26th

Sunday, 12/19	RCIA Session A Virtual Visit with Santa	11:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:30 pm	Merry Room Google Meet
Monday, 12/20	Book Club: Racial Justice and the Catholic Church	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Google Meet
Tuesday, 12/21	Prayer Shawl Ministry	3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Fr. Lacey Hall
Thursday, 12/23	Breaking Open the Word	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Google Meet
Friday, 12/24	Christmas Eve Mass Christmas Eve Mass	4:00 pm 9:00 pm	Church Church
Saturday, 12/25	Christmas Day Mass	10:00 am	Church

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