

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 5, 2021

John went
throughout the whole
region of the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism
of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3:3

SECOND

Sunday

OF

Advent



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Second 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

Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name.

For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you

borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones.

For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.

R. (3) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion,

we were like men dreaming.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Then they said among the nations,

"The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,

like the torrents in the southern desert.

Those who sow in tears
shall reap rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,
They shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Reading II

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters:

I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.

God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.
And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Alleluia

Lk 3:4, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.

Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

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.

Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is on Wednesday, December 8th. St. Matthias will celebrate Mass at 7:00 pm. Our presider will be Fr. Craig Forner.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 4th at 5:00 pm -

Victor & Leny Dumon (+)

Sunday, Dec 5th at 9:45 am -

Ruby Vasquez (+)

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.

Second Collections

This weekend is 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.

Next weekend, is the annual national **Retirement Fund for Religious**. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." 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.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Our middle school and high school students just completed a service project. They made 96 soup kits for our neighbors in need. They were given to St. Charles' and St. Matthias' St. Vincent



de Paul Conferences and will be included with their weekly food deliveries.

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.

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.



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

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 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.

Holiday Grief Workshop

Will be held on Monday, December 6th from 7:00 -8:30 pm. This workshop will be facilitated by Sister Toni Lynn Gallagher of the San Francisco Archdiocese. It is our intent to hold the workshop, following distancing protocols, at the Parish Center on the St. Pius Church grounds. Should there be a change in the rules of gathering in our country, we will hold the workshop virtually. For this reason we ask that you register for the workshop, giving us your contact information so that we can alert you to any changes made to the location. Please email griefministry@pius.org or phone 650-361-0655. All are welcome!

Innovative Communication Channels

The story of Catholics in the Archdiocese of San Francisco is a story of Faith. It is a story of commitment. It is a story of mission. It is a story that must be shared.

The Archdiocesan communications team has developed new resources to support our parishes, schools, and ministries in their work of deepening the connection between Christ and His people and invest more deeply in the mission of the Church - to evangelize and form disciples.

Our innovative communication channels include a new Catholic San Francisco magazine (this replaces the weekly Catholic San Francisco newspaper), and two new websites [SFarch.org](https://www.sfarch.org) and [SFparish.com](https://www.sfparish.com). Catholic San Francisco will come to you six to eight times per year.

Course on the Eucharist

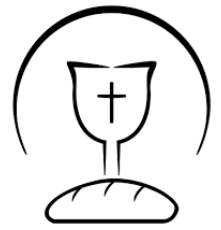
Beginning new year, the online School of Pastoral Ministry will be hosting a course on

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)



This Week at St. Matthias December 5-12th

Sunday, 12/5	RCIA Session GIFT Family Faith Formation	11:00 am - 12:00 pm 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Merry Room Church
Monday, 12/6	Book Club: Racial Justice and the Catholic Church	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Google Meet
Tuesday, 12/7	Preschool Family Christmas	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Preschool
Wednesday, 12/8	Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Church
Thursday, 12/9	Breaking Open the Word Staff Meeting	10:30 am - 11:30 am 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Google Meet Fr. Lacey Hall
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