St. Matthias

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Matthias Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm* Sunday 9:45 am*

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.

Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap.

Luke 6:38



n.d. Rodolphe Bresdin French, 1825–188

French, 1825–1885 Art Institute of Chicago

SeventhSunday in
Ordinary Time

February 20, 2022



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The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest.

And on earth peace to men of good will. We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the Onlybegotten Son. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: you Who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You Who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You Who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are holy. You alone are the Lord. You alone, O Jesus Christ, are most high. Together with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Reading I

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

In those days, Saul went down to the desert of Ziph with three thousand picked men of Israel, to search for David in the desert of Ziph. So David and Abishai went among Saul's soldiers by night and found Saul lying asleep within the barricade, with his spear thrust into the ground at his head and Abner and his men sleeping around him.

Abishai whispered to David:

"God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I will not need a second thrust!"

But David said to Abishai, "Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the LORD's anointed and remain unpunished?"

So David took the spear and the water jug from their place at Saul's head, and they got away without anyone's seeing or knowing or awakening. All remained asleep, because the LORD had put them into a deep slumber.

Going across to an opposite slope, David stood on a remote hilltop at a great distance from Abner, son of Ner, and the troops.

He said: "Here is the king's spear.

Let an attendant come over to get it.

The LORD will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness.

Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Reading II

1 Cor 15:45-49

Brothers and sisters:

It is written, The first man, Adam, became a living being, the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual.

The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven.

As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

Alleluia

Jn 13:34

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples:

"To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount.

But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

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.

Thank you "Green Thumbs"



Thank you to all who helped at our Planting

Party this weekend. Please go see the beautiful work that was accomplished!

Staff Directory

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 19th at 5:00 pm

Paul and Maria Dolores Falzon (+)

Sunday, February 20th 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...

Mia Ainardi
Alyssa Beemer
Evie Dwyer
Sonia Juarez-Riuz
Kevin Magee
Catherine McCaffrey
Bob Razura
Fr. Paul Rossi
Suzanne Schaffner
Adelaide Sciandri
Vivian Tarango

that they may be comforted by the loving embrace of Jesus. And for the soul of faithful departed...Janice Della Libera.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Your generosity to our Fifth Sunday collections and pantry collections a long way to help the underserved families in Redwood City. In the month of January alone we serve 23 families (a Toal of 94 people). Each family received 3 bags of groceries valued at \$135.00 and a grocery gift card for \$60.00. We were able to increase these amounts during the month of January due to the generosity of the parish community. We are able to safely continue our home deliveries carefully implementing COVID protocols. One of our delivery team members shared that in addition to groceries, they received a request for a COVID home test since their son was sick. Our Vincentian was able to get a test to the family as well as securing a location to safely deliver the groceries. Thanks to the generosity of one of our Vincentians, our home delivery teams have N95 masks to wear on their deliveries. These many small gestures of kindness and generosity keep our ministry thriving. We are so grateful for the support we continue to receive from the St. Matthias community. — Gratefully, St. Matthias' St. Vincent de Paul Conference



Pope Francis wants to hear from you! The whole Church is invited to participate in the preparatory process for the upcoming Synod of Bishops on Synodality. As parishioners of St. Matthias Church, we are being asked to share our thoughts and beliefs. Specifically, we are asked to take the Disciple Maker Index survey and to attend one engagement session, either in person of virtually.

Thank you to the 102 parishioners who completed the survey - it is now closed. Parish leadership will review the data in the coming weeks.

The next phase is this process is listening sessions. There will be both virtual and inperson listening sessions in February and March. Visit https://www.sfarch.org/synod/ to find listening sessions dates and to register to attend. If you have questions, contact Sabrina Harper by calling 650-366-9544 x 2021 or emailing sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org. Thank you in advance for your participation in this important initiative!

Racial Justice and the Catholic Church

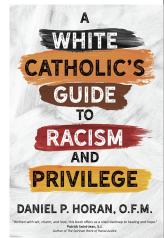
Parishioners from St. Matthias, St. Charles, and St. Pius parishes just concluded a book

club based on the book, *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church* by Rev. Bryan Massingale. Another member of the group wrote the following about her experiences with this learning:

"I joined the book club because I do not understand much about the Catholic Church views on inherent racism and white privilege. Fr. Massingale's reflections on his personal experience was eye opening. Two things stand out for me. The first is that as a black theologian Fr. Massingale's role in the black community was pastoral more than academic. He and his peers were often asked to speak, preach, and visit and pray with black congregations. There is a strong connection to what is being lived in peoples lives. The second is that the Catholic Church offers a model of, or a tool for, real integration. The language and ritual of scripture and the sacraments can be a meeting ground for personal relationships and understanding. I feel like I need to know more and look forward to examining Fr. Horan's book with the diverse and dynamic book club participants." - Laurie Coulter

What is systemic racism? What does it mean to be White? How does white privilege contribute to racial injustice? How can we, as Catholics, combat racism in everyday life?

These are a few of the questions that Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM, answers in A White Catholic's Guide to Racism and Privilege. In a thoughtful, personal way, Horan invites his fellow white Catholics to become actively anti-racist and better allies to people of color as we work for racial



justice in our culture and in the Church. He offers us the hope and surety of the Gospel, the wisdom of Catholic tradition, and practical

ways to educate ourselves and advocate for justice.

This book club series will be offered by the Justice & Charity Commission of St. Matthias Church seeks to raise awareness about Church teaching about racism. The 8-week series will include prayer, reading, reflection, and discussion.

When: Monday Feb 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28,

April 4, 11, 18

Where: Google Meet

Time: 7:00PM to 8:00PM

Other: For questions or to register, contact the

parish office or email

sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org

Rite of Election (RCIA)

The Rite of Election is an important part of the process of preparing adults for the reception of the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. On the First Sunday of Lent, RCIA candidates, their

families and team members gather at cathedrals around the world to celebrate this rite.

Due to the pandemic, the Rite of Election of candidates from St. Matthias and St. Charles parishes will be held at St. Matthias during the 9:45 am Mass on Sunday, March 6th. The communities of both parishes are invited to participate in this Mass. If you are unable to attend, please keep our catechumens and candidates and their sponsors in your prayers.

The purpose of the Rite of Election is described in the introduction to the rite:

Thus the Church makes its "election," that is, the choice and admission of those catechumens who have the dispositions that make them fit to take part, at the next major celebration, in the sacraments of initiation.

This choice is made by the Church as an outward expression of the choice already made by God. God, through the Church, is choosing those who listen to God's call and choose to undertake a spiritual journey to be disciples of Jesus.

We celebrate and pray for the following catechumens and candidates:

Lydia Green and **Isabella Froman** (St. Matthias) - Catechumens

Shawn Ayers and **Hilda Boscacci** (St. Charles) and **Daniel Guzman** (St. Matthias) - Candidates for Confirmation

Many thanks to the RCIA Team Members who are supporting our candidates: Dorothy Farkas, Christina Jerrold, Marc Aquino, and Eilish McCaffrey along with Deacon David Rolandelli and Deacon Rich Foley.

Ash Wednesday: The Beginning of Lent

Lent is a time for penance and prayer. Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (March 2nd) until the Mass of the



Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (April 14th).

Lent is a 40 day season leading up to Easter. The number forty calls to mind the 40 years that Moses and the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, and the 40 days that Jesus fasted in the desert.

St. Matthias will have two Masses on Ash Wednesday at 12 noon and 7:00 pm. During the Mass, ashes will be blessed and distributed through the tracing of the Sign of the Cross on the forehead while the minister says, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

During this season, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Wednesday evenings beginning March 9th from 6:30 -7:30 pm at St. Charles.

More information will follow in future bulletins.

Tax Letters It's tax time again! If you would like a letter detailing your donations to St. Matthias from 2021, please email lisa@stmatthiasparish.org to request your tax letter.

This Week at St. Matthias (February 20-27, 2022)			
Sunday, 2/20	RCIA Meeting	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Merry Room
Monday, 2/21	Church and Preschool Closed for President's Day		
Thursday, 2/24	Breaking Open the Word Pastoral Council Meeting	10:30 am - 11:30 am 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Google Meet Fr. Lacey Hall
Sunday, 2/27	RCIA Meeting GIFT Family Faith Formation	11:00 am - 12:00 pm 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Merry Room Church

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