## PETER SAID TO JESUS, "MASTER, IT IS GOOD THAT WE ARE HERE; LET US MAKE THREE TENTS, ONE FOR YOU, ONE FOR MOSES, AND ONE FOR ELIJAH."

LUKE 9:33

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# St. Matthias 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 Wednesday 6:30 pm (during Lent)

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## Second Sunday of Lent

### 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 Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be."

Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

He then said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession."

"O Lord GOD," he asked, "how am I to know that I shall possess it?"

He answered him, "Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-yearold ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."

Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up.

Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him.

When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces.

## March 13, 2022

It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."

#### Responsorial Psalm <u>Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14.</u>

R. (1a) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

### Reading II Phil 3:17—4:1

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us.

For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ.

Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their "shame." Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.

#### Gospel <u>Lk 9:28b-36</u>

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen..

#### 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.

## 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 <u>lpmcoulter@yahoo.com</u> or call 367-8229.

## 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 <u>sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org</u> to receive the weekly resource and invitation.

## How can I be more attentive to God's word?

#### Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 12th at 5:00 pm Donald Duane Escobosa (+)

Sunday, March 13th at 9:45 am -Mia Ainardi (special intention)

#### St. Matthias Church is

open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am -5:00 pm for personal prayer.

#### Office Hours are

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Wednesday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

A GLIMPSE OF GOD Have you ever had a glimpse of God? Perhaps you perceived God's presence in a quiet moment of prayer, a tender conversation with a loved one, or a difficult situation that was resolved unexpectedly. Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel were given a glimpse of Christ's glory on the mountain, as Jesus was transfigured before them. Abram put his faith in God and saw God's power in a wondrous sign of covenant love. We have the promise of eternal life with God in heaven. This promise brings with it responsibility, as people who are called to live as Christ's very own in the world. Lent is the perfect time to resolve to listen more attentively to the Lord and follow God's ways, assured that in doing so, we put our faith in the one, true, and faithful God. © J. S. Paluch

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 souls of the faithful departed Janice Della Libera & Carolyn Stepp.

This Week at St. Matthias (March 13-20, 2022)			
Sunday, 3/13	RCIA Meeting GIFT Family Faith Formation	11:00 am - 12:00 pm 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Merry Room Church
Monday, 3/14	Racial Justice Book Club	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Google Meet
Tuesday, 3/15	Prayer Shawl Meeting First Communion Preparation Preschool Advisory Board Meeting	3:00 pm - 4:30 pm 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Merry Room Google Meet Google Meet
Wednesday, 3/16	Leave the Light On Reconciliation	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	St. Charles
Thursday, 3/17	Breaking Open the Word	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Google Meet
Saturday, 3/18	Confirmation 1 Retreat	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	St. Charles
Sunday, 3/20	RCIA Meeting HSYM High School Youth Ministry	11:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Merry Room Church

## St. Vincent de Paul Lenten Baby Item Drive

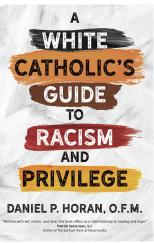


#### Our St. Vincent de Paul

Conference is organizing a collection of baby items which are urgently needed to help underserved families in our community. These items can be dropped off to Fr. Lacey Hall on the weekends of March 19/20 and 26/27. Members of our Conference will be available after Masses on those weekends to accept your donations. They will then be distributed to St. Francis Center, Samaritan House, and the St. Vincent de Paul store in San Mateo. Here are the items needed: Diapers (size newborn to 6), baby wipes, jars of baby food, infant formula, and new infant clothing and blankets. Thank you in advance for your generosity! — Gratefully, St. Matthias' St. Vincent de Paul Conference

### A White Catholic's Guide to Racism & Privilege

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 antiracist 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.

**Remaining Sessions**: Mondays March 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 <u>sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org</u>

## Discernment Retreat - Praying with Jesus Through His Passion

On Saturday, March 26th, you are cordially invited to a traditional silent retreat entitled, "Discernment: Praying with Jesus Through His Passion." Jesus' burning plea from Psalm 22: "My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?" Because in the midst of abandonment and powerlessness, Christ accomplished the will of the Father, discernment in the Christian life is also rooted in this obedient cry. Dr. Anthony Lilles will unfold this theme to invite participants into a deeper silence as we approach Holy Week.

The retreat is only \$45.00 which includes continental breakfast, a simple lunch, Holy Mass at 4:00 pm, and quiet time for reflection. We gather at 8:30 am, first conference is at 9:00 am, Holy Mass at 4:00 pm, and conclude at 5:00 pm. To register visit Vallombrosa.org/ calendar. Please call (650) 325-5614 with any questions.

## Stations of the Cross: A Lenten Devotion

Stations of the Cross is a traditional devotion focusing on the events of the passion and suffering of Jesus, Our Savior. Stations of the Cross consists of 14 stations, highlighting the events of Jesus' last day as a human being.

Stations of the Cross is a mini-pilgrimage. As the group moves from station to station, the scene is described. Followers hear about the event along the way of the cross, pray, sing and meditate. It is common practice to offer this devotion on the Fridays of Lent.

St. Matthias has installed Stations of the Cross on the exterior of the Church building. We invite all to pray the Stations at a time most convenient for you. For those preferring to pray the Stations indoors, the Church is open on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday until 5:00 pm. Prayer booklets will be made available in the back of Church.

Stations of the Cross will also be offered each Friday night during Lent in the Grotto (behind the parish center) at St. Charles.

### Prayer for Peace in Ukraine



God of infinite mercy and goodness, with grateful hearts we pray to you today for peace.

You offer us peace continually, and constantly remind us that peacemakers are blessed "for they shall be called children of God." May your voice resound in the hearts of all, as you call us to follow the path of reconciliation and peace, and to be merciful as you are merciful.

We pray to you for the people of Ukraine who are experiencing conflicts and death. Bless the leaders with wisdom, vision, and perseverance needed to build together a world of justice and solidarity, and to break down the walls of hostility and division.

To you we entrust all families and pray that they may never yield to discouragement and despair, but become heralds of new hope to one another in this challenging time.

May you continue to inspire all of us to oneness of heart and mind, to work

generously for the common good, to respect the dignity of every person, and the fundamental rights which have their origin in the image and likeness of God impressed upon every human being.

Grant eternal rest to the dead and quick recovery to the wounded, we pray through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Let us now ask our Mother Mary to intercede for the people of Ukraine as we pray: *Hail Mary*....



As more parishioners return to Mass in person, we've made some adjustments to our seating arrangements to allow for more space and continue

to recommend mask wearing while indoor spaces.

We also want to provide a welcoming environment for parents and young children, so we offer the following suggestions — Relax! God put the wiggle in children don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house as ALL ARE WELCOME. Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on in the sanctuary. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads. Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, deacon, and ministers. This helps them to grow in understanding and feel part of the celebration.

Sing the songs, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you. If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." Remember that the way we welcome child in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in the house of worship. The presence of children is a gift to the Church.

An Invitation to Pilgrimage to Medjugorie with Fr. Samuel Musiimenta - May 9-17, 2022 \$2,849 per person/double occupancy Please contact Deacon Dominic <u>dominic@vallombrosa.org</u> or Agnes Lillies <u>lillescolorado@msn.com</u> for more information.

## Confirmation Retreat

Next Saturday, March 19th, St. Charles and St.



Matthias Confirmation candidates will participate in their Spring Mini-Retreat, entitled, "Becoming Friends with Jesus."

This retreat focuses on strengthening their relationship with Jesus by reflecting on their own personal relationships with friends and through an examination of their prayer practices. The retreat will be held from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at St. Charles.

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

