

"I SHALL CULTIVATE THE GROUND  
AROUND IT AND FERTILIZE IT;  
IT MAY BEAR FRUIT IN THE FUTURE.  
IF NOT YOU CAN CUT IT DOWN."

LUKE 13:8-9

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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)

### First Communion and Confirmation

Email Sabrina Harper for information.

### Baptism

Email Deacon Rich Foley for information.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 20, 2022

## **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**

### **Ex 17:3-7**

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?"

So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses,

"Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

## **Responsorial Psalm**

### **Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9.**

R. (8) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

## **Reading II**

### **Rom 5:1-2, 5-8**

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

## **Verse before the Gospel**

### **Cf. Jn 4:42, 15**

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

## **Gospel**

### **Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42**

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"

—For Jews use nothing in common with

Samaritans.— Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink, ' you would have

asked him and he would have given you living water. The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her,

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him,

"Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her,

"Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews.

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him.

God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth."

The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything."

Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him.

When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

## 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.

*Mass Intentions*

**Saturday, March 19th  
at 5:00 pm**

Joyce Morger (+)

**Sunday, March 20th  
at 9:45 am -**

Will Richardson (+)

**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.

*We pray for those in our community who are ill...*

Mia Ainardi

Alyssa Beemer

Evie Dwyer

Sonia Juarez-Riuz

Kevin Magee

Catherine McCaffrey

Carrie Peterson

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.

**HOLY GROUND**

Moses met God in a most astounding way in the bush that was burning but not consumed by fire. Moses clearly had a powerful encounter with the Lord. He even felt bold enough to ask God’s name, something unheard of among his people at the time—God’s name was unspeakable. Moses stood on holy ground. Do we not also stand on holy ground? As people who are created in God’s image and drawn to Christ through the waters of Baptism, we have been filled with God’s grace and goodness. The ground of our lives is holy. Lent is a time when we are called to open our minds and hearts to Christ, rely on God’s patient mercy, and to grow as God’s holy people.

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**This Week at St. Matthias (March 20-27, 2022)**

Sunday, 3/20	RCIA Meeting High School Youth Ministry Meeting	11:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Merry Room Church
Monday, 3/21	Racial Justice Book Club	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Google Meet
Tuesday, 3/22	First Communion Preparation	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Google Meet
Wednesday, 3/23	Middle School Youth Ministry (MSYM) Leave the Light On Reconciliation	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	St. Charles St. Charles
Thursday, 3/24	Breaking Open the Word Funeral: Janice Della Libera	10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:00 am	Google Meet Church
Sunday, 3/27	RCIA Meeting GIFT Family Faith Formation	11:00 am - 12:00 pm 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Merry Room Church

## 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](mailto:lpmcoulter@yahoo.com) or call 367-8229.

## Serving the Sick and the Homebound

This beautiful ministry helps members of our community stay connected to the Body of Christ in a physical form. Extraordinary Ministers are essentially making pastoral visits - offering interaction, presence, and the Eucharist to those who might feel isolated at home or in a healthcare setting. Deacon Rich Foley and Deacon David Rolandelli provide detailed training on how to distribute the Eucharist and all how to handle a variety of situations in a home visit. One initial contacts are made through the parish office, visits are scheduled directly between the minister and the person at home. It's a very flexible ministry, and one that brings much joy to both the visitor and the one being visited!

\*Homebound ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. If interested in volunteering or learning more about this ministry, email [lisa@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:lisa@stmatthiasparish.org)

## 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. No prior knowledge or familiarity with scripture is required. 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](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org) to receive the weekly resource and invitation.

## 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*

## Catholic Relief Services Collection for Ukraine Humanitarian Relief



As war in Ukraine broke out over the past weeks, Pope Francis has called upon Catholics throughout the world to pray and fast for peace in this region

of the world. Many scenes of bombed out neighborhoods and fleeing refugees have given all of us a glimpse at the untold suffering of innocent people.

Recent estimates are that approximately million Ukrainians have sought safety by fleeing to neighboring countries. Their basic human needs are of chief concern at this time.

Providing for their needs is taxing the resources of these countries that offer humanitarian aid.

The USCCB is calling on the dioceses of the United States to offer timely assistance by taking a special collection. In addition, many ADSF parishioners have asked about doing the same. All of us recognize that providing assistance is a priority.

Our regularly scheduled second collection on **March 26-27 for Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** will be designated as assistance for the Ukrainian people. **For those who wish to offer more immediate financial assistance,**

CRS can receive gifts online [here](#).

St. Matthias High School Youth are invited to join Sabrina on Sunday, March 20th at 1:00 pm for a Prayer Service for Peace in Ukraine and the World and peace rock painting project at St. Matthias Church.



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## 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.

There are many options for your Lenten Devotions:

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.

Additionally, parishioners Rose Berta and Pam

Tavernier have graciously offered to host Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent at 1:00 pm. The Stations can be offered outside (weather permitting) or inside the Church.

Stations of the Cross will also be offered each Friday night at 7:00 pm during Lent in the Grotto (behind the parish center) at St. Charles.

Undertake an examination of conscience this week and pray for God's loving mercy.

## Hope and Healing Mental Health Conference

If you would like to learn more about mental health challenges and how to support those struggling with mental health issues, this conference is for you. Preregistration is required - space is limited.

**Where:** Our Lady of Angels, 1721 Hillside Drive, Burlingame, CA 94010

**When:** April 9 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Check between 8:15 and 8:45 am

**Cost:** \$35 (includes lunch) - scholarships available

**Registration required:** [https://starchdiocese.org/event/mhc\\_2022](https://starchdiocese.org/event/mhc_2022)

**Questions:** Contact Dick Collyer at 415-614-5593 or [collyerr@sarch.org](mailto:collyerr@sarch.org)

**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](mailto:lisa@stmatthiasparish.org) to request your tax letter.

