

"THIS SON OF MINE WAS DEAD,
AND HAS COME TO LIFE AGAIN;
HE WAS LOST, AND HAS BEEN FOUND."

LUKE 15:24

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St. Matthias Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 27, 2022

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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.

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Email Deacon Rich Foley for information.

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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

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel:

"Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought,

"Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel:

"Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him.

Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart."

In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse,

"The LORD has not chosen any one of these."

Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep."

Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them.

He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance.

The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6.

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reading II

Eph 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says:

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

Verse Before the Gospel

Jn 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Gospel

Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him,

"Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —.

So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath.

So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them,

"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath."

But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he."

He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

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 lpmcoulter@yahoo.com or call 367-8229.

Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 26th
at 5:00 pm**

Mary Pacumio (+)

**Sunday, March 27th
at 9:45 am -**

Frank Mena (+)

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

Kerry 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

Casey Eichler

LOST AND FOUND

The parable of the father and his sons is one of the most familiar of all of Jesus' stories. The father in the parable is lavish in forgiveness and revels in the return of his young son, who was lost and now is found. The older son is also lost—lost in his refusal to forgive, lost in his failure to grasp his father's generous spirit. The Israelites spent many years lost in the desert, seeking the land of milk and honey, yet often failing to seek the God who delivered and fed them. We are sometimes lost as well. We lose sight of the Lord and the Lord's ways. God never loses sight of us, however. God waits, ready for us to come to our senses, ready to welcome us back with open arms. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

This Week at St. Matthias (March 27-April 3, 2022)

Sunday, 3/27	RCIA Meeting GIFT Family Faith Formation	11:00 am - 12:00 pm 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Merry Room Church
Monday, 3/28	Racial Justice Book Club	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Google Meet
Tuesday, 3/29	First Communion Preparation	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Google Meet
Wednesday, 3/30	Leave the Light On Reconciliation	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	St. Charles
Thursday, 3/31	Breaking Open the Word Prayer & Worship Meeting	10:30 am - 11:30 am 7:00 pm	Google Meet Fr. Lacey Hall
Saturday, 4/2	Funeral Mass for Casey Eichler	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Church
Sunday, 4/3	RCIA Meeting	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Merry Room

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

Prayers Requested for our RCIA Group

During these final weeks of Lent, please pray for our Elect, Lydia Green and Isabella From an, who will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 16th at 8:00 pm at St. Charles. Please also keep in your prayers Shawn Ayers, Hilda Boscacci, Daniel Guzman, who will be Confirmed and thus, complete their initiation as members of the Catholic Church. The RCIA team and candidates have been meeting each Sunday since September. Youth Confirmation candidates, Ian Bamford, Natalia Sweet,

Caroline Gallagher, and Kylie Rouspil will also complete their initiation at the Easter Vigil. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

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 THIS WEEKEND, MARCH 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](#).**

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.

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



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All Day - Year Round School
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Information Please Contact Preschool Director,
Rosemary at rosemary@stmatthiasparish.org
Or call (650) 367-1320

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

Questions: Contact Dick Collyer at 415-614-5593 or collyerr@sfarch.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 to request your tax letter.



As more parishioners return to Mass in person, we 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 children 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.

