SEE, I AM DOING SOMETHING NEW! NOW IT SPRINGS FORTH, DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT? IN THE DESERT I MAKE A WAY, IN THE WASTELAND, RIVERS. ISAIAH 43:19

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St. Matthias Church

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St. Charles Mass Schedule Monday-Saturday 5:00 pm* Sunday 8:30 am* & 11:00 am *Live streamed Masses.

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Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

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

Ez 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land;

thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8.

R (7) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Reading II Rom 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin,

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the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

Verse before the Gospel Jn 11:25a, 26

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

Gospel

<u>Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45</u>

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me: but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in 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 Ipmcoulter@yahoo.com or call 367-8229.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 2nd at 5:00 pm Teresita Concha (+)

Sunday, April 3rd at 9:45 am -Teresita Concha (+)

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.

SOMETHING NEW IN CHRIST

Jesus knew that the scribes and Pharisees were trying to trap him. They put him in what seemed to be a no-win situation. Let the woman who was caught in adultery go, and he would have been accused of ignoring the law. Let her be stoned, and he would fail to show mercy toward her, contradicting his life's message. Jesus' response teaches three crucial lessons: none of us is free of sin; we are not the ultimate judges of others; Jesus is the mercy of God, in whom we can always trust. In Christ, God does something new. When we give our hearts to Christ, we have the hope of new life, a life in which mercy reigns. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

We pray for those in our community who are ill... Mia Ainardi Alvssa Beemer Teri Burke Evie Dwyer Sonia Juarez-Riuz Kirk Knostman 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**

This Week at St. Matthias (April 3-10, 2022)			
Sunday, 4/3	RCIA Meeting	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Merry Room
Monday, 4/4	Racial Justice Book Club	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Google Meet
Tuesday, 4/5	First Communion Preparation	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Google Meet
Wednesday, 4/6	MSYM - Middle School Youth Leave the Light On Reconciliation	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	St. Charles St. Charles
Thursday, 4/7	Preschool Bike Day Breaking Open the Word Staff Meeting	10:00 am - 3:00 pm 10:30 am - 11:30 am 1:00 pm	Church Parking Lot Google Meet Rectory
Saturday & Sunday	Palm Sunday Masses	5:00 pm & 9:45 am	Gather in Front of Church

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

RCIA: Becoming Fully Initiated

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of inquiry, discernment, and study as candidates experience their spiritual journey. Several members of St. Matthias and St. Charles parishes have been engaged in the RCIA process since last September. They are in their final weeks of preparing for reception of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 16th at 8:00 pm at St. Charles Church.

Please prayer for our elect, Lydia Green and Isabella From an, who will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Please include in your prayers, Daniel Guzman, Shawn Ayers, and Hilda Boscacci who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. In addition, the following youth will also receive the sacrament of Confirmation: Ian Bamford, Natalia Sweet, Caroline Gallagher, and Kylie Rouspil.

The RCIA support team includes each candidates' sponsor and team members Dorothy Farkas, Christina Jerrold, Eilish McCaffrey, along with coordinators Marc Aquino, Deacon David Rolandelli and Deacon Rich Foley.

All St. Charles and St. Matthias parishioners are invited to our Easter Vigil celebration. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated.

St. Vincent de Paul Lenten Baby Item Drive



A huge thank you to our St. Matthias Parish Community for the overwhelming response to our Lenten Drive of Baby Items. Our neighbors in need served by St. Francis Center, Catholic Worker House, Samaritan House and St. Vincent de Paul will be the recipients of your diapers, wipes, baby food, formula, lovely new baby clothes, and handmade knit blankets, booties and hats. Our parish Prayer Shawl Group attached sweet notes to the beautiful items they made and blessed for the babies who will receive them. As always your generous outpouring of love is so appreciated, especially during these difficult economic times for so many. — Gratefully, St. Matthias' St. Vincent de Paul Conference

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.



St. Matthias Catholic Preschool A Quality Early Education Program Now Enrolling for 2022-2023 School Year Children Ages 3-5 Years Old Preschool Hours 8:00 am to 5:30 pm All Day - Year Round School Enrollment Slots Available - For More Information Please Contact Preschool Director, Rosemary at <u>rosemary@stmatthiasparish.org</u> 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**: <u>https://</u> starchdiocese.org/event/mhc_2022

Questions: Contact Dick Collyer at

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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.

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Palm Sunday - Saturday, April 9th 5:00 pm Mass & Sunday, April 10th 9:45 am Mass* All are invited to gather on the front steps of the Church for our solemn procession with palms.

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper -Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 pm* Mass of the Lord's Supper will include the Washing

of the Feet and Institution of the Eucharist

Solemn Good Friday Liturgy - Friday, April 15th at 12 noon will be held at St. Charles All are invited. St. Matthias Church will be open from 12 noon to 3:00 pm for private prayer. St. Matthias will host Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm.

Easter Vigil Mass - Saturday, April 16th at 8:00 pm will be held at St. Charles. *All are invited.*

Easter Sunday Masses - Sunday, April 17th at 8:00 am and 10:30 am*

All families are invited to join us for an Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:30 am Mass.

*Livestream Masses

Reflection question: How do I follow the example of Jesus in loving others?

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.

