

# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## July 24, 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

### First Communion and Confirmation

Email Sabrina Harper for information.

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Email Deacon Rich Foley for information.

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## *17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 24, 2022*

### **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 Only-begotten 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 1**

#### **Gn 18:20-32**

In those days, the LORD said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out."

While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the LORD remained standing before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer and said: "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike!

Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" The LORD replied, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of

Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

Abraham spoke up again: "See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?"

He answered, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there."

But Abraham persisted, saying "What if only forty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty."

Then Abraham said, "Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?"

He replied, "I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there." Still Abraham went on, "Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?"

The LORD answered, "I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty." But he still persisted: "Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?" He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."

### **Responsorial Psalm**

#### **Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8**

**R.(3a) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name.

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

Because of your kindness and your truth; for you have made great above all things your name and your promise.

When I called you answered me;  
you built up strength within me.

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees,  
and the proud he knows from afar.

Though I walk amid distress, you preserve me;  
against the anger of my enemies you raise  
your hand.

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

Your right hand saves me.

The LORD will complete what he has done for  
me; your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;  
forsake not the work of your hands.

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

## Reading 2

### Col 2:12-14

Brothers and sisters:

You were buried with him in baptism, in which  
you were also raised with him through faith in  
the power of God, who raised him from the  
dead. And even when you were dead  
in transgressions and the uncircumcision of  
your flesh, he brought you to life along with  
him, having forgiven us all our transgressions;  
obliterating the bond against us, with its  
legal claims, which was opposed to us,  
he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to  
the cross.

## Alleluia

### Rom 8:15bc

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

You have received a Spirit of adoption,  
through which we cry, Abba, Father.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel

### Lk 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and  
when he had finished, one of his disciples said  
to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John  
taught his disciples."

He said to them, "When you pray, say:  
Father, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread and forgive  
us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone  
in debt to us, and do not subject us to the  
final test."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you  
has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and  
says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,  
for a friend of mine has arrived at my house  
from a journey and I have nothing to offer  
him,' and he says in reply from within,  
'Do not bother me; the door has already been  
locked and my children and I are already in  
bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.'  
I tell you, if he does not get up to give the  
visitor the loaves because of their friendship,  
he will get up to give him whatever he needs  
because of his persistence.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive;  
seek and you will find; knock and the door will  
be opened to you.

For everyone who asks, receives; and the one  
who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks,  
the door will be opened.

What father among you would hand his son a  
snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a  
scorpion when he asks for an egg?

If you then, who are wicked, know how to give  
good gifts to your children, how much more  
will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit  
to those who ask him?"

### *Mass Intentions*

**Saturday, July 23rd  
at 5:00 pm -**

Members of the  
Brennan Family +

**Sunday, July 24th  
at 9:45 am -**

Casey Eichler +

**St. Matthias Church** is  
open Monday, Tuesday and  
Thursday from 10:00 am -  
5:00 pm for personal  
prayer.

**Office Hours** are  
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community who are ill...*

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Teri Burke

Richard Kaz

Kevin Magee

Kerry Peterson

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*

Flora Quaccia

Johnny Polati

Andrew Taylor

Reflection Question:

**In what ways can I use the good things of  
this world without clinging to them?**

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### **This Week at St. Matthias (July 23-31, 2022)**

Thursday, 7/28	Rosary for Peace Breaking Open the Word	10AM 10:30AM	Merry Room Google Meet
Saturday, 7/30	Baptism	11AM	Church



## Annual Backpack & School Supply Drive - with a Twist!



St. Matthias' St. Vincent de Paul Conference is coordinating a collection for the Catholic Worker House distribution of school supplies. The process will look a little different this year so that is a better match

of supplies. Similar to the Giving Tree, this year we will display a Back-to-School bulletin board at the back of church where you may select one or more tags for the items you will be purchasing.

The boards will be available for the last three weekends in July (starting this weekend). The items purchased should be left in the back of Church by August 6/7. Thank you for your support of this project. — St. Matthias SVdP Conference.

## Calling all Families - Learn about the Love of Jesus!

In Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia* (On Love in the Family), he writes, *"No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love."* People grow in holiness, and the church must be there to given them a healing hand rather than turn them away because they have not attained some degree of perfection.

Our family-based faith formation program, Generations in Faith Together, or GIFT seeks to do just this, to support families where they

are, given them a helping hand, and collectively learn more about the Gospel and the love freely given to us by our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We do this by gathering our families with children in kindergarten through 8th grade for a one-hour gathering every other Sunday from 12:00PM to 1:00PM, starting on Sept 11th. During these gatherings, parents and children engage with bible stories, activities, conversation, and reflection to learn more about how Jesus saves through age-appropriate sharing of Scripture and one another.

Registration for GIFT, First Communion, and Confirmation preparation, as well as our Middle School and High School Youth Ministry programs will begin in August. If your family was registered for any of these programs during the 2021-2022 school year, you will automatically receive registration information. If you family has taken a break, we invite you to return, please email [sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org) to ask questions or be added to the distribution list.

## Breaking Open the Word

Breaking Open the Word will begin again on Thursday, July 28th at 10:30 am. Each Thursday morning, Sabrina hosts this session for those interested in developing a deeper understanding of God's love for his people

through 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. If you are interested in joining, please email [sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org) to receive the weekly resource and invitation.

## 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.

## Children's Choir



Children ages 5-18 are invited to join our new Children's Choir! The children will be able to share active participation at Mass one-two Sunday's per month and use their skills to help us all praise the Lord! Rehearsals for all ages will be held from 3-4 pm on Saturdays and

children 12-18 years old are welcome to join us every Sunday before Mass at 9 am. Please email Noah Schembri at [hello.happiness.bakery@gmail.com](mailto:hello.happiness.bakery@gmail.com) if your child is interested.

## Help Needed at Masses

We are in need of some additional help at Masses. At the **Saturday 5:00PM Mass**, we need a few more volunteers to help with the "Clicker Ministry." This person advances the slides that project the songs and prayers on the wall above Jesus. Randall provides a print out of the slides and the remote control. Training can also be provided if requested. Then, at the **Sunday 9:45AM Mass**, we need a few more volunteers to learn how to operate the livestream camera and software. This vital ministry enables our homebound or sick parishioners to watch the Mass from the comfort of their own homes. We have an average of 50 viewers each Sunday and this is something that we would like to be able to provide consistently and without interruption. Extensive training is provided. Scheduling for these ministries is done on a monthly basis, so you can choose the dates that work best for you. If interested in serving in either of these ministries, please email [sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org).

## Funeral Support

We have scheduled a meeting for Saturday, August 6th from 3:00-4:30PM in Fr. Lacey Hall to discuss our new vision for this group and to seek your feedback. As we continue to move out of the COVID-19 pandemic, many things have changed. We are finding that those who are grieving are choosing to postpone

funerals and memorial services for some time until family and friends can gather. As needs change; so too must our response to those needs.

Prior to the pandemic, these celebrations were supported by our Family Support Group, a wonderful team of people who fulfilled many roles including as greeters, ushers, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, and with support to the family for their reception. On average, we have 1-2 funerals or memorial services per month. Typically, they are held on Monday - Friday at 10AM or 11AM. Deacon David works with the family to plan the liturgy, but many other volunteers are needed to help with supporting roles.

We are seeking to enlist your help to provide support for families who celebrate both a liturgy and/or reception at St. Matthias. At this meeting, we'll discuss the various supporting roles that are needed for each of these services. Please join Deacons Rich & David, Sabrina and Lisa at this meeting. Or contact Lisa at [lisa@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:lisa@stmatthiasparish.org) to ask questions, volunteer or learn more about this essential ministry.

## Mark your Calendar for the Next Peninsula Multifaith Coalition Events

A **Summer Weekend of Service** will be held on August 13-14th. There will be 3 or 4 projects - details are still being determined. Eventbrite registration notice



will go out around July 11th.

**Interfaith Prayers for Peace** will be held on Monday, Sept 5th at Twin Pine Park in Belmont from 10AM to 12PM.



Our St. Matthias community has a reputation for being a welcoming place for all. For parents with young children, 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. We've opened Fr. Lacey Hall and project the Mass on the big screen TV, but we do invite you to 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.

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