

Twentieth

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 14, 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.

Baptism

Email Deacon Rich Foley for information.

Marriage

Email Deacon Rich Foley for information.

See Staff Directory inside for contact information.

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**I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!**

Luke 12:49

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 14, 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

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

In those days, the princes said to the king: "Jeremiah ought to be put to death; he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin." King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power"; for the king could do nothing with them.
And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah, which was in the quarters of the guard, letting him down with ropes.
There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud.
Ebed-melech, a court official, went there from the palace and said to him: "My lord king, these men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah, casting him into the cistern.
He will die of famine on the spot,

for there is no more food in the city." Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18

R. (14b) **Lord, come to my aid!**
I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me.
R. **Lord, come to my aid!**
The LORD heard my cry.
He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp;
he set my feet upon a crag;
he made firm my steps.
R. **Lord, come to my aid!**
And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.
Many shall look on in awe and trust in the LORD.
R. **Lord, come to my aid!**
Though I am afflicted and poor, yet the LORD thinks of me.
You are my help and my deliverer;
O my God, hold not back!
R. **Lord, come to my aid!**

Reading 2

Heb 12:1-4

Brothers and sisters:
Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.
For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame,

and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart.

In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

Alleluia

Jn 10:27

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

Lk 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?

No, I tell you, but rather division.

From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

Collection Baskets & Online Donations

Collection baskets for your offertory donations are located on tables near the

entrances to the Church on both the parking lot and rectory sides of the building. There are also baskets present on the same tables when there is a special collection. For those who prefer to contribute to our parish community using online giving, there are several ways the donation form may be accessed.

- 1) Using your cell phone camera, scan the QR code. A link will appear which takes you to the donation page of our parish website.



- 2) Visit our website www.stmathiasparish.org to set up your donations.
- 3) Call the parish office for assistance.

We are grateful for your support.

**Welcome Weekend
with Coffee & Donuts will be
this Sunday, August 14th after
the 9:45 am Mass.**



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Aug 13th
at 5:00 pm -

Members of the
Murphy Family +

Sunday, Aug 14th
at 9:45 am -

Mia Ainarði (Sp. Intention)

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.

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Contact Preschool Director, Rosemary at
rosemary@stmatthiasparish.org

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

Arnold de Almeida

Mia Ainarði

Stacy Baldwin

Alyssa Beemer

Richard Kaz

Kevin Magee

Kerry Peterson

Fr. Paul Rossi

Suzanne Schaffner

Adelaide Sciandri

Vivian Tarango

North West

that they may be
comforted by the loving
embrace of Jesus.

And for the souls of the
faithful departed
Kyle Granucci Caverly

Reflection Question:

What has God promised to me?

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This Week at St. Matthias (August 14-21, 2022)

Sunday, 8/14	Welcome Weekend	9:45AM	Church & Hall
Thursday, 8/18	Rosary for Peace Funeral for Marilyn Donnelly	10AM 11:00AM	Merry Room Church

Calling All Families — Learn About the Love of Jesus

Registration for GIFT, First Communion, and Confirmation preparation, as well as our Middle School and High School Youth Ministry programs opened on **Wednesday, August 3rd**. If your family was registered for any of these programs during the 2021-2022 school year, should have received registration information via email. If your family is new to the parish, or is interested in these programs, please email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org to ask questions or be added to the distribution list.

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 (GIFT) seeks to do just this, to support families where they are 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. 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.

Program start dates are as follows:

GIFT (for families with kindergarten - 8th grade children and those preparing for First Communion) begins on Sunday, September 11th at 12:00PM.

Middle School Youth Ministry (MSYM) begins on Wednesday, Sept 14th at 5:00PM.

High School Youth Ministry (HSYM) begins on Sunday, August 28th at 1:00PM.

Confirmation - Year 1 for young people starting the process in 9th grade, begins on Sunday, September 25th at 5:00PM.

Confirmation - Year 2 for young people who have completed Year 1, begins on Sunday, September 18th at 5:00PM.

For questions about any of these programs, email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference Thanks You!

Our SVdP Conference would like to thank our parishioners for supporting our conference these past few weeks. First, your ongoing support of our fifth Sunday collections is vital to keeping our ministry going. Fifth Sunday collections are our main source of funds to finance our programs and projects. We sincerely thank you for all your ongoing support and generosity. Second, we thank you for your overwhelming support to our Back Pack and School Supply drive. We were able to provide everything needed for the Catholic Worker House to distribute to 35 young people. This week the packs were



filled, delivered to Catholic Worker House in Redwood City and ready for distribution to the local families they serve. They value of each filled back pack is estimated to be between \$50-60. Our neighbors in need are most grateful to have this expense taken care of for their children to have a successful start for the school year. It is very moving to imagine the joy in the children's faces when receiving their back packs. Thank you again. — St. Matthias SVdP Conference.

Keeping Families Catholic: Faith Formation Day

The Parish Catechetical Leaders and Master Catechists of Deanery 11 (Southern San Mateo County) are pleased to present a one-day seminar for parents and catechists. Parents and catechists are invited to attend any or all of the offered workshops. Only available in the morning or afternoon? That's great - join us for any or all of the day! Free lunch will be provided.



Workshops topics include:

- "Parents as Primary Catechists" - by Sr. Celeste Arbuckle, Director of Faith Formation for the Archdiocese of San Francisco
- "Family Prayer, Devotions, Saints and the Liturgical Calendar" by Neri Miranda, Faith Formation Director at St. Raymond
- "Lectionary Based Catechesis" by Lucy Soltau, Faith Formation Director at St. Denis

- "Catholic Social Teaching Delivers the Journey for Conscience Formation" by Sr. Celeste



- "Four Things that Parents Can Do to Keep Kids Catholic" by Sabrina Harper, Faith Formation Director at St. Matthias

When: Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 10AM to 5:15PM

Where: St. Denis Church, 2250 Avy Avenue, Menlo Park

RSVP to Lucy Soltau

lsoltau@stdenisparish.org by August 20th

Becoming a Fully Initiated Catholic - RCIA

Do you know someone who has thought about becoming Catholic, or for whatever reason, has been baptized by has not been confirmed or received Holy Communion? What does it mean to become fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church? Do you or someone who know have questions about the sacraments and what it means to be Catholic? Please consider RCIA.

The Catholic Church has a process for adults to discern whether God if inviting them to learn more about our faith and, perhaps, to become Catholic. This process is also a pathway to complete the Sacraments of Initiation for those already Baptized (Confirmation, Eucharist).

This process is called RCIA (Rite of Christian

Initiation of Adults). The RCIA process provides guided weekly sessions on the fundamental beliefs of our faith including and understanding of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist (Mass). In addition, the process emphasizes prayer, discernment and spiritual formation as each candidate responds to their call to become followers of Jesus through the Catholic Church.

Participants include candidates from St. Matthias and St. Charles parishes along with their sponsors and team members. RCIA sessions will be held on **Sunday mornings from 11:00AM - 12:00PM at St. Matthias in the Merry Room**. The first RCIA gathering will be held on **Sunday, September 18th**. Parishioner, who would like to participate as an RCIA team member and support our candidates are welcome.

Deacon Rich and Deacon David will lead and facilitate RCIA sessions. If you have any questions, know of someone who would like to discuss joining RCIA, are considering being a team member, or would just like to experience the RCIA process, please contact Deacon Rich at rich@stmatthiasparish.org or call him at St. Matthias Church (650) 366-9544.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit calls individuals to seek a deeper relationship with Almighty God through His Church.

To read the Archdiocesan Synod Synthesis Report submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in its entirety, visit <https://sfarchdiocese.org/synod/>

Junipero Serra High School is looking for Homestay Families for International students for this academic year. Every year Serra brings in students from around the world and part of that experience is living with an American family.

Please contact mkeller@serrahs.com for details on hosting a student.



Welcome to the Body of Christ through the Waters of Baptism


We offer a special welcome to the family of Clara Rose Reschke (1.5 years old), son of Martin & Catherine Reschke and granddaughter of Libby Hagman who was baptized on Saturday, July 30th at St. Matthias Church.

Let us pray,
Heavenly Father, in your love you have called us to know you, led us to trust you, and bound our life with yours. Surround this child with your love, protect him from evil. Fill him with the Holy Spirit and receive him into the family of your church, that he may walk with us in the way of Christ, and grow in the knowledge of your love. Amen.

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