



The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found

MARY AND JOSEPH, AND THE INFANT LYING IN THE MANGER.

Luke 2:16

St. Matthias Parish

January 1, 2023 • Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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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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Email Deacon David Rolandelli for information.

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Mary, the Holy Mother of God - January 1, 2023

Reading I

Nm 6:22-27

The LORD said to Moses:

“Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them:

This is how you shall bless the Israelites.

Say to them:

The LORD bless you and keep you!

The LORD let his face shine upon

you, and be gracious to you!

The LORD look upon you kindly and
give you peace!

So shall they invoke my name upon the
Israelites, and I will bless them.”

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

R. (2a) May God bless us in his mercy.

May God have pity on us and bless us;

may he let his face shine upon us.

So may your way be known upon earth;
among all nations, your salvation.

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

May the nations be glad and exult
because you rule the peoples in equity;
the nations on the earth you guide.

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

May the peoples praise you, O God;

may all the peoples praise you!

May God bless us,

and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

Reading II

Gal 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent
his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

to ransom those under the law,
so that we might receive adoption as sons.

As proof that you are sons,

God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts,
crying out, “Abba, Father!”

So you are no longer a slave but a son,

and if a son then also an heir, through God.

Alleluia

Heb 1:1-2

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

In the past God spoke to our ancestors
through the prophets;

in these last days, he has spoken to us
through the Son.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 2:16-21

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem
and found Mary and Joseph,
and the infant lying in the manger.

When they saw this,
they made known the message
that had been told them about this child.

All who heard it were amazed
by what had been told them by the
shepherds.

And Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.

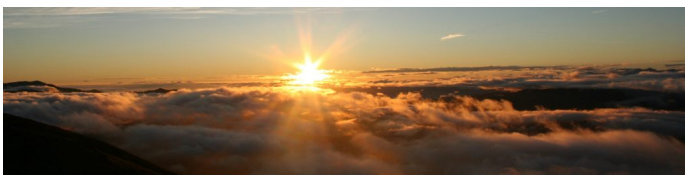
Then the shepherds returned,
glorifying and praising God
for all they had heard and seen,
just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his
circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name
given him by the angel before he was
conceived in the womb.



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Consolation Prayer Service— January 7th



This time of the year can be difficult for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Gathering in prayer with others can be comforting. Sr. Toni Lynn Gallagher, Bereavement Coordinator for the Archdiocese of San Francisco, will lead a Consolation Prayer Service which she entitles, “Winter Grief and the Blessing of Light.”

Looking at the Advent blessings of persons, challenges and opportunities we experienced, Sr. Toni Lynn will explore how to capture those blessings into a better understanding of our winter walk with grief.

This special prayer service will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 3 p.m. at St. Matthias Church. All are welcome since all of us have experienced grief in the loss of a parent, grandparent, family members and dear friends. A reception will follow the service. Please save the date and invite others who may benefit from this special occasion.

San Diego Service Learning Trip - January 1-6, 2023



Five of our St. Matthias Youth; Sarah Schembri, Neve Willis, Hannah McAfee, Elias Haas, and Fred Quontomatteo along with adults, Katherine Schembri and Sabrina Harper, are preparing for a Service Learning Trip to San Diego with from January 1-6, 2023. They will reflect on themes such as what it means to love one another, the power of kindness, and radical hospitality and recording their experiences serving the unhoused population in San Diego at Fr. Joe’s Villages through daily journaling and will share with the parish community through our “The Power of Kindness” Blog which can be accessed here: <https://thepowerofkindnessbysabrina.blogspot.com>

Young people chose the “Love One Another” design for T-shirts for the trip. The group will be blessed at the 9:45AM Mass on Sunday, January 1st and will leave immediately following Mass. Please keep the group in prayer and follow the blog.

A New Year Wish List

Did you know that at St. Matthias Church and Preschool we have some expensive technical equipment that we hope NEVER to use? Our community is fortunate to have two Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) on-site, one in Fr. Lacey Hall and the other at St. Matthias Preschool. AEDs are life-saving devices that, along with CPR, greatly increase the chance of survival in the case of a sudden cardiac arrest. Prior to the pandemic, we hosted free training for anyone interested in learning how to use an AED. They are designed to be simple to use. Our AEDs are now over eight years old, beyond their warranty period at the point where replacement battery packs and pads are becoming difficult to obtain. New AED devices will cost around \$2,000 each. Rather than continue to invest in our older units, we feel now is the time to replace them. This expense was unexpected and not budgeted. Please consider a donation to help us replace these units for 2023!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 31st
at 5:00 pm -
Mimi Piparo +

Sunday, Jan 1st
at 9:45 am -
George & Giselle Beyrouiti +

Church is open
Monday - 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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**We pray for those in our
community
who are ill...**

*Bill & Debbie Bulanti
Louise Costigan-Kerns
Christine Klein
Eva Gillet
Erin Magee
Kevin Magee
Rose Marino
Fr. Paul Rossi
Suzanne Schaffner
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Jim Steidel
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**that they may be
comforted by the loving
embrace of Jesus.**

**And for the souls of the
faithful departed...**

*Fr. John Halligan, SJ "Padre
Juan" founder of the Working
Boys' Center in Quito, Ecuador*

This Week at St. Matthias (January 1-8, 2023)

Preschool Closed for Christmas Break (December 19 through January 2)

Monday, 1/2	Parish Offices Closed		
Thursday, 1/5	Rosary for Peace Breaking Open the Word Prayer & Worship Meeting	10:00AM 10:30AM 7:00PM	Merry Room Google Meet Rectory
Saturday, 1/7	Consolation Prayer Service	3:00PM	Church & Hall
Sunday, 1/8	RCIA Meeting GIFT Family Faith Formation	11:00-12:00PM 12:00PM-1:00PM	Merry Room Fr. Lacey Hall

Peninsula
Multifaith
Coalition's
11th Annual

**MLK Jr.
Multifaith Day
of Service**

**Monday
January 16,
2023**

Register by January 8
<https://pmcmlk2023.eventbrite.com>

Please join us for this unique opportunity to work side by side with people of other faiths and cultures to benefit our local community.

BOOK DRIVE AND CARE KITS — We are collecting children's books and toiletries, please see registration page for details.

Bringing together our diverse faith communities to build bridges of understanding and respect.

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Silicon Valley • Baha'i Faith of Mid-Peninsula • Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints • Congregation Beth Jacob • Congregational Church of Belmont • Congregational Church of San Mateo • Episcopal Church of St. Matthew • Episcopal Church of the Epiphany • First Church of Redwood City, UCC • First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame • Good Shepherd Lutheran Church • Hillsdale United Methodist Church • Holy Trinity Lutheran Church • Island United Church • Jewish Community Relations Council • Pacifica Institute • Peninsula Jewish Community Center • Peninsula Sinai Congregation • Peninsula Temple Beth El • Peninsula Temple Shalom • St. Andrews Lutheran Church • St. Matthias Catholic Church • Saint Bartholomew Parish • Saint Paul's Episcopal Church • Sanatan Mandir • Shinnyo-en USA • Sikh Gurdwara, SSF • Sisters of Mercy • St. James A.M.E. Zion Church • Trinity Baptist Church • Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Redwood City

Registration is Open for the annual MLK Day of Service

Please join the Peninsula Multifaith Coalition's 11th Annual Day of Service on Jan 16, 2023

The Peninsula Multifaith Coalition brings together diverse faith communities to build bridges of understanding and respect.

All St. Matthias parishioners are cordially invited to participate in this Day of Service on MLK Day. There are a multitude of projects organized in various locations around the peninsula. There are projects for both individuals and families. Register by January 8th. BOOK DRIVE - We are collecting children's books, see the registration page for details. If you have questions, contact Sabrina sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pmcs-11th-annual-mlk-jr-multifaith-day-of-service-tickets-480078667217>

January Senior Luncheon



Please join us on January 11th at noon for a delicious brunch as we ring in 2023 with your friends from St. Charles and St. Matthias! All registered parishioners 60+ years are cordially invited to our monthly luncheon held in Borromeo Hall.

To reserve your spot, please RSVP to Kathy Fagliano at (650) 591-7349 ext. 402 or email her at Kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org. Caregivers are welcome.

Reservations must be received by noon, Monday, January 9th. We hope to see you there! If you need a ride or are able to offer a ride to a parishioner in need of transportation, please contact Kathy.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer at the Manger: With Mary and Joseph
May we follow the faithful, loving witness of Mary and Joseph as we seek to bring Jesus, your Word,
into the world.

May we always follow his Gospel, now and forever. Amen.

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Florence Cathedral, Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Flower, formally the Cattedrale di Santa Maria del Fiore

The Arch and the Spire: Romanesque and Gothic Churches

This six-part lecture series will examine the development of church building during the golden age of architecture, the 11th to 14th centuries. Responding to extraordinary geopolitical events as well as a much-needed church reform, these styles reflected an engagement with the past as well as an innovative spirit.

From Mont-Saint Michel to Chartres, from Spire to Santa Maria del Fiore, join Dr. Elizabeth Lev in a course that will discuss how these developments in architecture crossed borders to create the first International Christian style, and the innovative artistic media that enhanced the liturgical ceremonies within.

Class 1 - January 10, 2023 (7:30PM-9:00PM)
What puts the "Rome" in Romanesque?

Class 2 - January 17, 2023 (7:30PM-9:00PM)
Searching for Stability in an Age of Crisis

Class 3 - January 24, 2023 (7:30PM-9:00PM)
Let There Be Light

Class 4 - January 31, 2023 (7:30PM-9:00PM)
The First Style Gone Viral

Class 5 - February 7, 2023 (7:30PM-9:00PM)
A Glimpse of Paradise

Class 6 - February 14, 2023 (7:30PM-9:00PM)
The Phoenix from the Flames

Visit <https://www.sfarchdiocese.org/arch-and-spire-course/> to find out more and register to attend.

Gratitude for the Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who brought gifts for the Giving Tree. They were all delivered to St. Francis Center on Monday, December 12th. Sr. Christina Heltsley shared this message of gratitude with us:

Thank each and everyone of you for your generosity, your goodness, your kindness and for partnering with us to further the Gospel. We are, well, mega-grateful! When I think about my own childhood much is remembered with deep appreciation; however nothing rivals my memories of Christmas! So many things combined to make those days absolutely the BEST ... special Church services, special family meals, special visits with grandparents, special decorations, wrappings and GIFTS. Thank you for helping so many of our client families to create deep and vivid memories. We understand that toys are not everything, but for children and for their parents they sure are a BIG something! Blessings and gratitude, Sister Christina Heltsley



NEW YEAR

The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul.

—G. K. Chesterton



We Need Organizers to Make St. Charles Scripture Camp 2023 Happen

We need a Director or Directing Group to get Scripture Camp 2023 - **Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light** - launched! One of the past directors will be happy to help the new Directing Forces to get Camp organized. Please consider supporting our campers and Junior Leaders so that the Camp can blast off! Be a star — and help lead Scripture Camp! Hearing a call even if from a distant space, please contact Alison at scripturecamp@stcharlesparish.org. Support for the Director/Directing Group abounds!

BLESSINGS

Today's readings include another account of the story of Jesus' birth. The reading from the book of Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God's Son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God's Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her

son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel, about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such a great blessing.

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OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Resolve to Spread God's Mercy and Peace
Imagine: two New Year's celebrations in little over a month! In late November, Advent began the new liturgical year, and today the secular New Year 2023 begins. In today's Gospel, everyone who heard it was amazed by the story the shepherds told of the angels' message regarding the child. Mary herself continued to reflect on all these things in her heart. With religious persecutions raging, international and domestic conflicts seething, our family and friends suffering various difficulties, and COVID not yet entirely in the rear-view mirror, not to mention our own personal problems, how much our world needs Jesus as another New Year veiled in mystery begins! As we pray for God's mercy to enfold our world and embrace each of us in 2023, let our New Year's resolution be to live for others, as Mary did, a channel of God's mercy and an instrument of Christ's peace.

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TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

—Benjamin Franklin

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