

FIRST SUNDAY OF

Advent

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

# St. Matthias Parish

“You also must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.”

MATTHEW 24:44

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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, Marriage & RCIA

Email Deacon Rich Foley for information.

### Funerals

Email Deacon David Rolandelli for information.

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# First Sunday of Advent - November 27, 2022

## Reading 1

### Is 2:1-5

This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come, the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

## Responsorial Psalm

### Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the LORD." And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

Jerusalem, built as a city with compact unity. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD.

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David.

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May those who love you prosper! May peace be within your walls, prosperity in your buildings.

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

Because of my brothers and friends I will say, "Peace be within you!" Because of the house of the LORD, our God, I will pray for your good.

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

## Reading 2

### Rom 13:11-14

Brothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

## Alleluia

### Cf. Ps 85:8

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel

### Mt 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples:

"As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away.

So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left.

Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.

Therefore, stay awake!

For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into.

So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

## Second Collection Next Weekend for our Parish Building Fund



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## The Season of Advent

What are we really waiting for during Advent? The longstanding tradition of the Church is that the Advent season really marks not one but three comings of Christ: his coming into history two thousand years ago, his coming in

glory at the end of time, and his coming into our hearts here and now. Advent starts with a focus on the future coming of Christ so that we might see the big picture. If Christmas is to make any sense at all, we have to ask the question, "What are you doing to get ready for the (final) coming of Christ?" This perspective opens us up to the sense of anticipation experienced by the Jewish people on the eve of the first coming of Christ. This Advent, we will hear John the Baptist tell them (and us) how best to prepare. He urges repentance and an examination and reform of our way of life.

Then on the Fourth Sunday, we are drawn in to the history of Jesus' arrival as the child of Joseph and Mary. Our work of spiritual preparation brings us to the point of the whole season. What good is it that Christ comes into my heart if I don't then carry that presence out into the world, just as Mary did? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## Ushers Needed

We are looking for additional usher help for the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday evenings. Ushers arrive 15 minutes before Mass and are responsible for helping the Greeters at the beginning of Mass, They assist Parishioners find seats and choose parishioners to take up the gifts. After Mass they return the collection baskets to the Sacristy to be bagged up and put in the safe. They help lock up the Church after Mass and secure back gates. Parishioners can contact Bob Allen for more information [bob.allen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bob.allen@sbcglobal.net). Or call him for additional information on 650-363-1139.

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, Nov 26th**  
at 5:00 pm -  
Al Piparo +

**Sunday, Nov 27th**  
at 9:45 am -  
Mimi Piparo +

**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.

## St. Matthias Catholic Preschool

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Contact Preschool Director, Rosemary at  
[rosemary@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:rosemary@stmatthiasparish.org)

Or call (650) 367-1320



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

Stacy Baldwin  
Alyssa Beemer  
Bill & Debbie Bulanti  
Louise Costigan-Kerns  
Eva Gillet  
Christine Klein  
Kerry Peterson  
Fr. Paul Rossi  
Suzanne Schaffner  
Jedd Schultz  
Brian & Mel Smith  
Jim Steidel  
North West

that they may be  
comforted by the loving  
embrace of Jesus.  
And for the souls of the  
faithful departed.

## This Week at St. Matthias (November 27-Dec 4, 2022)

Monday, 11/28	Bible Study: Gospel of Matthew Bible Study: Gospel of Matthew	10:00AM-11:15AM 7:00PM-8:15PM	Fr. Lacey Hall Google Meet
Tuesday, 11/29	Family Reconciliation Meeting	6:00PM-7:00PM	Google Meet
Wednesday, 11/30	Advent Prayer Service for K-8th St. Matthias and St. Charles families	5:00PM - 6:30PM	Church & Fr. Lacey Hall
Thursday, 12/1	Rosary for Peace Breaking Open the Word Prayer & Worship Commission Mtg	10:00AM 10:30AM 7:00PM	Merry Room Google Meet Rectory
Saturday, 12/3 & Sunday, 12/4	Building Fund Collection		

## St. Vincent de Paul Corner

**It's Time to Refill Our Pantry!** Our SVdP food pantry is in great need to replenish many items to fill our 16 bags of groceries each week. The items most needed at this time are: **boxes of cereal, soups, tuna, nut butters (peanut and almond), hearty canned or non-perishable meals such as chili, stew, pasta, ketchup, mustard, mayo, non-perishable lunch box items.** Please no glass containers or expired items. Your generosity is appreciated by our conference and the families we serve. Food can be left in the basket in back corner of the Church (on the Church parking lot side). - SVdP

**Share the Warmth Winter Drive for the Homeless** Thank you to our parishioners for your overwhelming generosity to our winter drive for the homeless. We collected enough coats, sweaters, sweatpants and socks to fill a 6 foot truck bed plus a car! A big thanks to our prayer shawl ministry for their contributions of hand knit items as well. Everything was delivered to Catholic Worker House in Redwood City last Monday for direct distribution to the homeless they serve. They were very appreciated to receive these much needed items to help make the cold season more tolerable for our unhoused neighbors. In this seasons of gratitude, we are once again reminded of how blessed we are to have such a caring, generous community at St. Matthias. Our Conference wishes you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving.

**Rice Bowl Grant Recipient** For the second year in a row, Rice Bowl Grants have been awarded to parishes and organizations working to alleviate hunger in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. The grants were open to parish food pantries,

ministries, and Church-based organizations that work to address hunger in the Archdiocese.

This year's recipients included the St. Vincent de Paul Conferences for St. Matthias and St. Charles parishes. We congratulate our St. Vincent de Paul Society members for their work offering support to our neighbors facing food insecurity.

## Altar Servers

It is time to invite all children and any interested adults who have received their First Holy Communion to serve on the altar during Mass. The ministry of Altar Server is an important ministry at Mass. By being directly involved in the Mass, Altar Servers experience the Mass in a special way. Training will be provided by Deacon Rich and experienced altar servers. Please see Deacon Rich for more information. We hope to have altar servers at more and more Masses during the upcoming year.

## Our Ofrenda: A Table of Remembrance

Items that were brought for the *Ofrenda* can be retrieved from the table in Fr. Lacey Hall. Thank you for sharing your photos and mementos with the parish community during this month of November.

## St. Pius Holiday Grief Workshop

St. Pius Grief Support Ministry will hold a Holiday Grief Workshop facilitated by Sister Toni Lynn Gallagher of the Archdiocese of San Francisco on Monday, December 5th from 7:00PM-8:30PM at the St. Pius Parish Center. Please register by emailing [griefministry@pius.org](mailto:griefministry@pius.org) or call (650) 361-0655.

## The Giving Tree

Starting this weekend, parishioners are invited to bring unwrapped gifts for our annual Giving Tree. These gifts are for the children whose families are served by St. Francis Center in Redwood City. There will be tags on the tree for you to use to label your unwrapped gift for an approximate age and whether the gift is for a boy or a girl. Sr. Christina shared a "Wish List" — these are some gift suggestions:

- Large dolls
- Large trucks or cars or Remote control cars or trucks
- Legos
- Popular toys
- Volleyballs or soccer balls
- Art supplies
- Items for teenagers, such as tech items, headphones or ear buds
- Hair straighteners, blow dryers
- Make up baskets
- Sweatshirts (no red or blue) or Tennis shoes (no red or blue)

Gifts can be brought to the Church and left under the tree until Dec 11th after the 9:45 am Mass.

## St. Charles Men's Club presents a Community Building Dinner

Please join us as we present a co-ed dinner and speaker event featuring Christina Corpus, Sheriff-elect for San Mateo County. Christina is the first elected female Sheriff in San Mateo County and the first Latina Sheriff in California, she is currently the Chief of police for Millbrae. Bay Area raised and has over 20+



years in law enforcement. She will be speaking on her career and the current policing issues of San Mateo County. The event will include a catered dinner with cocktails. Join us after for continued discussion with the community.

**When:** December 1st, doors open at 6:00PM

**Where:** Borromeo Hall, St. Charles

**Cost:** \$25 per person

**Questions?** Contact Paul Carroll via email [paul@5carrolls.com](mailto:paul@5carrolls.com)

## St. Matthias & St. Charles Confirmation Rite of Welcome

Year 2 candidates, their parents and sponsors are celebrating the **Rite of Welcome at St. Charles on Thursday, December 8th at 5:00PM Mass**. This is an opportunity for the community to welcome them into this process of preparing for Confirmation, to allow them to pray for them in this process, and continue supporting them as they conclude their preparation. Please join us in praying for our Year 2 candidates: *Zach Alvarez, Aiden Armando, Michale Avila, Marco Bausch, Ethan Brush, Tyler Castricone, Lucas Chin, Caitlin Cilley, Elizabeth Cruz, Gavin Danek, Hailey Deanna, Hannah Delis, Meher Duggal, Mischa Duggal, Isabella Eaker, Jennifer Elwood, Alexa Eros, Elisa Flores, Manny Gill, KyLeah Gil, Elias Haas, Derek Hymer, Josh Juliano, Will Kizer, Tessa Lee, Clayton Magner, Michael McCrea, Sydney McNeal, Hayley Murray-Houston, Nils Nehrenheim, Kaela Olstead, Izzie Padilla, Charlotte Parks, Joey Paulson, Alexa Pineda, Lydia Rak, Natalie Rakow, Ella Ray, Luke Robinson, Augustin Scherrer, Connor Schmalzle, Maddie Silva, Carly Stafford, Charlie Westcott, Abby Yim, and Zack Zirelli.*

## Peninsula Multifaith Coalition Teen Interfaith Council



Invites all 12-18 year olds to a *Cookie Decorating and Sharing Faith Traditions of the Season* event on **Sunday, December 11th from 6:00PM-7:30PM at St. Matthias Church**. We'll be sharing faith traditions and decorating cookies which will be delivered to LifeMoves shelters. For more information or to RSVP, contact Sabrina [sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org)



## St. Charles Women's Club

Invites women of St. Charles and St. Matthias to brighten the Advent Season and attend a baby shower for Jesus Christmas Brunch.



**When:** Saturday, December 10, 2022

**Time:** 11:00AM-1:00PM

**Where:** Borromeo Hall, St. Charles

Please bring unwrapped toys or stuffed animals for ages 4 and up to be donated to St. Francis Center, Redwood City,

**RSVP:** by Monday, December 5th to ensure proper food count by email to [stcharleswclub@gmail.com](mailto:stcharleswclub@gmail.com) or by phone (650) 591-9846

## Around the Advent Circle

Let's celebrate Advent together! As we expectantly wait and prepare for Jesus' birth, we will search for light and connect our faith to our daily lives. Please join us for conversation on Tuesdays during Advent (November 29th, December 6th, 13th, and 20th) from 7-8PM in the St. Charles Borromeo Small Hall. For all — no matter where you are in life and in your faith. No advanced preparation required. Attend any or all sessions. Contact Alison ([aspong@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:aspong@stcharlesparish.org)) for more information.

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