

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Advent

DECEMBER 11, 2022

St. Matthias Parish

“Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear, the dead are raised,
and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

MATTHEW 11:4-5

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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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Third Sunday of Advent - December 11, 2022

Reading 1

Is 35:1-6a, 10

The desert and the parched land will exult;
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to them,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;
they will see the glory of the LORD,
the splendor of our God.
Strengthen the hands that are feeble,
make firm the knees that are weak,
say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not!
Here is your God, he comes with vindication;
with divine recompense he comes to save you.
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing.
Those whom the LORD has ransomed will
return and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy;
they will meet with joy and gladness,
sorrow and mourning will flee.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10.

R. (cf. Is 35:4) **Lord, come and save us.**
The LORD God keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets captives free.
R. **Lord, come and save us.**
The LORD gives sight to the blind;
the LORD raises up those who were bowed
down. The LORD loves the just;
the LORD protects strangers.
R. **Lord, come and save us.**
The fatherless and the widow he sustains,

but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
The LORD shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations.
R. **Lord, come and save us.**

Reading 2

Jas 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters,
until the coming of the Lord.
See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit
of the earth, being patient with it
until it receives the early and the late rains.
You too must be patient. Make your hearts
firm, because the coming of the Lord is at
hand.
Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about
one another, that you may not be judged.
Behold, the Judge is standing before the
gates.
Take as an example of hardship and patience,
brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke
in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia

Is 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18)

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel

Mt 11:2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the
works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to
Jesus with this question, "Are you the one
who is to come, or should we look for
another?"
Jesus said to them in reply,

"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Our Second Collection this Weekend is for our the Religious Retirement Fund.



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via QR code**

**Join us for
Donuts &
Coffee after
the 9:45AM
Mass!**



Rite of Welcome and Acceptance

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process in the Church which guides and supports those who feel a calling to become fully initiated members of the Roman Catholic Church. For the past three months, our candidates along with our St. Matthias/St. Charles RCIA Team Members have met weekly to learn about our faith and to depend each one's spiritual journey. This process will culminate with the reception of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

The first step in this process is a public acceptance of God's invitation and the parish community welcoming the candidates. The community is asked to pray for our candidates as they continue in the process of spiritual growth.

During this Sunday's Mass at St. Matthias, we welcome and bless our Catechumen, Sebastian Peck (St. Matthias). A catechumen is someone who is preparing for all three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We will also welcome and bless our two candidates, Gail Nevius Abbas (St. Charles), and Justine French (St. Matthias) who are preparing for their Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Please keep Sebastian, Gail, and Justine in your prayers.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 10th
at 5:00 pm -

Nicanor & William Pacumio +

Sunday, Dec 11th
at 9:45 am -

Joyce Morger +

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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Contact Preschool Director, Rosemary at

rosemary@stmatthiasparish.org

Or call (650) 367-1320

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

Jedd Schultz

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 (December 11-18, 2022)

Sunday, 12/11	Donut Sunday RCIA Meeting Confirmation Year 1 Advent Reflection PMC Teen Holiday Event	10:45AM 11:00AM-12:00PM 3:00PM-5:00PM 6:00PM-7:30PM	Fr. Lacey Hall Merry Room Upper Room Fr. Lacey Hall
Monday, 12/12	Bible Study: Gospel of Matthew Bible Study: Gospel of Matthew	10:00AM-11:15AM 7:00PM-8:15PM	Fr. Lacey Hall Google Meet
Tuesday, 12/13	St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Party	6:30PM-8:30PM	Fr. Lacey Hall
Weds, 12/14	Restaurant Fundraiser at Canyon Inn Middle School Youth Ministry	All Day 5:00PM-6:00PM	Canyon Inn St. Charles
Thursday, 12/15	Rosary for Peace Breaking Open the Word Pastoral Council	10:00AM 10:30AM 7:00PM	Merry Room Google Meet Rectory
Sunday, 12/18	RCIA Meeting	11:00AM-12:00PM	Merry Room

Ushers Needed

We are looking for additional usher help for the **5:00 pm Mass on Saturday**. Ushers arrive 15 minutes before Mass and are responsible for helping the Greeters at the beginning of Mass, assist parishioners to find seats, and choose someone to take up the gifts. After Mass they are responsible for bagging donations and depositing in the safe. They help lock up the Church after Mass and secure back gates. Contact Bob Allen for information bob.allen@sbcglobal.net or call 650-363-1139.

Livestream Technicians Needed

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. 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.

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 (remaining dates: Dec 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) for more information.

PREPARING THE WAY: RECONCILIATION IN ADVENT

Do not fear.
Is 41:10



"There are people who are afraid to go to confession, forgetting that they will not encounter a severe judge there, but the immensely merciful Father"

POPE FRANCIS

Each Wednesday during Advent (remaining dates: Dec 14th, 21st) from 6:30-7:30 PM, clergy will be available for the **sacrament of Reconciliation** at St. Charles Church. All are welcome.

The Giving Tree

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. Matthias Youth are Invited!

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

Mark your calendar for the annual Martin Luther King Day of Service. Registration will begin soon!



Simbang Gabi Advent Novena 2022

What is Sambaing Gabi? Sambaing Gabi (translation Masses at Night) is a long treasured Filipino spiritual tradition. In the Philippines, it was celebrated as a series of nine dawn Mases right before Christmas, each Mass followed by a reception for fellowship. For pastoral reasons, these daily novena Masses are now also celebrated in the evening. Set within Advent, Sambaing Gabi invites participants to heighten their preparation for the birth of Jesus, as well as honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The most popular symbol for Sambaing Gabi is the parol or star lantern which represents the star of Bethlehem. A parol is usually brought up during the processional to remind us of the guiding light that led many to the manger. All parishes are invited to process in with a parol at our Simbang Gabi Masses.

Simbang Gabi Masses will be held in our Southern San Mateo Country Deanery (comprised of 9 parishes in San Carlos, Redwood City, East Palo Alto, and Menlo Park) is being hosted in several locations this year as listed below.

Our Simbang Gabi weeknight collections will benefit Street Life Ministries. Please join us!

Thursday, December 15th 7PM at
Church of the Nativity

Friday, December 16th 7PM at
St. Raymond Church

Saturday, December 17th 5PM at
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Sunday, December 18th 7PM at
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Monday, December 19th 7PM at
St. Pius Church

Tuesday, December 20th 7PM at
Vallombrosa Chapel

Wednesday, December 21st 5PM at
St. Charles Church

Thursday, December 22nd 7PM at
Church of the Nativity

Friday, December 23rd 7PM at
Vallombrosa Chapel

St. Matthias' Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve - 4PM and 9PM

Christmas Day - 9:45AM



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Our Next Restaurant Fundraiser

Thank you to all who supported our last Restaurant Fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen. **Our next Restaurant Fundraiser will be at Canyon Inn on December 14th!**

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All Day

Dec 14th

(11 AM-9 PM)

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