

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Advent

DECEMBER 18, 2022

St. Matthias Parish

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."*

MATTHEW 1:23

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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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Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 18, 2022

Reading 1

Is 7:10-14

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying:
Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God;
let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as
the sky!
But Ahaz answered,
"I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!"
Then Isaiah said:
Listen, O house of David!
Is it not enough for you to weary people,
must you also weary my God?
Therefore the Lord himself will give you this
sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall name him Emmanuel.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6.

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;
the world and those who dwell in it.
For he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?
or who may stand in his holy place?
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is
clean,
who desires not what is vain.

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,
a reward from God his savior.
Such is the race that seeks for him,
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Reading 2

Rom 1:1-7

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus,

called to be an apostle and set apart for the
gospel of God, which he promised previously
through his prophets in the holy Scriptures,
the gospel about his Son, descended from
David according to the flesh, but established
as Son of God in power according to the Spirit
of holiness through resurrection from the
dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him we have received the grace of
apostleship, to bring about the obedience of
faith, for the sake of his name, among all the
Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are
called to belong to Jesus Christ;
to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to
be holy. Grace to you and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia

Mt 1:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 1:18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came
about. When his mother Mary was betrothed
to Joseph, but before they lived together,
she was found with child through the Holy
Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a
righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to
shame, decided to divorce her quietly.
Such was his intention when, behold,
the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a
dream and said, "Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into
your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit
that this child has been conceived in her.
She will bear a son and you are to name him

Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.



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Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Masses at 4pm and 9pm at St. Matthias / 3pm, 5pm and 10pm at St. Charles

Sunday, December 25th

Christmas Day Masses at 9:45am at St. Matthias / 8:30am and 11:00am at St. Charles

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 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.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

It's Time to Refill Our Pantry! Our SVdP food pantry is in



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 17th
at 5:00 pm -

Paul & Maria Dolores Falzon
+

Sunday, Dec 18th
at 9:45 am -
Mia Ainarði +

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

A Quality Early Education Program
Now Enrolling for 2022-2023 School Year
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All Day - Year Round School



Enrollment Slots Available

For More Information Please

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...*Dolores*

Donnelly Scholz

This Week at St. Matthias (December 18-25, 2022)

Sunday, 12/18	RCIA Meeting	11:00AM-12:00PM	Merry Room
Preschool Closed for Christmas Break (December 19 through January 2)			
Tuesday, 12/20	Prayer Shawl Ministry	3:00PM-4:30PM	Merry Room
Weds, 12/21	Simbang Gabi Mass	5:00PM	St. Charles
Thursday, 12/22	Rosary for Peace	10:00AM	Merry Room
	Breaking Open the Word	10:30AM	Google Meet
Saturday, 12/24	Christmas Eve Masses	3:00PM	St. Charles
		4:00PM	St. Matthias
		5:00PM	St. Charles
		9:00PM	St. Matthias
		10:00PM	St. Charles
Sunday, 12/25	Christmas Day Masses	8:30AM	St. Charles
		9:45AM	St. Matthias
		11:00AM	St. Charles

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



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

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

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>



Simbang Gabi Advent Novena 2022

What is Simbang Gabi? Simbang Gabi (translation Masses at Night) is a long treasured Filipino spiritual tradition. In the Philippines, it was celebrated as a series of nine dawn Masses 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, Simbang 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 Simbang 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!

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



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.



San Diego Service Learning Trip

Five of our St. Matthias young people are preparing for a Service Learning to San Diego with Katherine Schembri and Sabrina Harper

from January 1-6, 2023. Sarah Schembri, Neve Willis, Hannah McAfee, Elias Haas, and Fred Quontamatteo have chosen to sacrifice some of their winter break to do service at Fr. Joe's Villages in San Diego. They will be reflecting 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 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 their T-shirts for the trip. The group will be blessed at the 9:45AM Mass on Sunday, January 1st and will leave from St. Matthias immediately following Mass. Please keep our group in your prayers and follow our adventures through the blog.

God Wants To Be One With Us

What great lengths God will go to in loving and saving us! Think of the most outlandish circumstance you might conceive. That seems to be what the Lord is saying to Ahaz in today's first reading. "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Not only is the idea of a virgin conceiving beyond comprehension in Ahaz's time, so would the concept of God wanting to be with us be, as the name Emmanuel indicates. And yet, this is what we celebrate in the Incarnation—God wants so completely to be one with us that God came to be with us in a son born to a virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is more to this story than even these amazing and outlandish occurrences, however. God wants to be one with us so deeply that God partners with us to make God's presence known.

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