

*And suddenly there was a multitude
of the heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying:*

**“GLORY TO GOD
IN THE HIGHEST.”**

Luke 2:13-14

St. Matthias Parish

December 25, 2022 • Christmas

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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.

Funerals

Email Deacon David Rolandelli for
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Christmas Eve

Reading I

Is 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt
in the land of gloom a light has shone.
You have brought them abundant joy and
great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at
the harvest, as people make merry when
dividing spoils.

For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on
their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster
you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.
For every boot that tramped in battle, every
cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for
flames.

For a child is born to us, a son is given us;
upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.

His dominion is vast and forever peaceful,
from David's throne, and over his kingdom,
which he confirms and sustains by judgment
and justice, both now and forever.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13.

*R. (Lk 2:11) Today is born our Savior, Christ
the Lord.*

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all you lands.

Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Announce his salvation, day after day.

Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice;
let the sea and what fills it resound;
let the plains be joyful and all that is in
them!

Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

They shall exult before the LORD, for he
comes;

for he comes to rule the earth.

He shall rule the world with justice
and the peoples with his constancy.

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Reading II

Ti 2:11-14

Beloved:

The grace of God has appeared, saving all
and training us to reject godless ways and
worldly desires and to live temperately, justly,
and devoutly in this age, as we await the
blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of
our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who
gave himself for us to deliver us from all
lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a
people as his own, eager to do what is good.

Alleluia

Lk 2:10-11

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I proclaim to you good news of great joy:
today a Savior is born for us,
Christ the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled.

This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son.

She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock.

The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear.

The angel said to them,

“Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you:

you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”



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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



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 24th
at 4:00 pm -

Paul & Emilie Flores +
at 9:00 pm -
Joyce Morger +

Sunday, Dec 25th
at 9:45 am -

People of St. Matthias

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.

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

Bill & Debbie Bulanti
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Eva Gillet

Erin Magee

Kevin Magee

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that they may be
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This Week at St. Matthias (December 24-January 1, 2022)

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

Saturday, 12/24	Christmas Eve Masses	3:00PM 4:00PM 5:00PM 9:00PM 10:00PM	St. Charles St. Matthias St. Charles St. Matthias St. Charles
Sunday, 12/25	Christmas Day Masses	8:30AM 9:45AM 11:00AM	St. Charles St. Matthias St. Charles
Monday, 12/26	Parish Offices Closed		
Thursday, 12/29	Rosary for Peace Breaking Open the Word	10:00AM 10:30AM	Merry Room Google Meet



Reading I

Is 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings glad tidings,
announcing peace, bearing good news,
announcing salvation, and saying to Zion,
“Your God is King!”

Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry,
together they shout for joy,
for they see directly, before their eyes,
the LORD restoring Zion.

Break out together in song,
O ruins of Jerusalem!
For the LORD comforts his people,
he redeems Jerusalem.

The LORD has bared his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations;
all the ends of the earth will behold
the salvation of our God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6.

*R. (3c) All the ends of the earth have seen the
saving power of God.*

Reading II

Heb 1:1-6

Brothers and sisters:

In times past, God spoke in partial and
various ways to our ancestors through the

prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to
us through the Son, whom he made heir of all
things and through whom he created the
universe, who is the refulgence of his glory,
the very imprint of his being, and who
sustains all things by his mighty word.

When he had accomplished purification from
sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the
Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels
as the name he has inherited is more
excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say:
You are my son; this day I have begotten
you? Or again: I will be a father to him, and
he shall be a son to me?

And again, when he leads the firstborn into
the world, he says:

Let all the angels of God worship him.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A holy day has dawned upon us.

Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.

For today a great light has come upon the
earth.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word

was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God.

And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth.



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. Invite others who may benefit from this special occasion.

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>



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 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.

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