



# St. Matthias Parish

"But I say to you, love your enemies  
and pray for those who persecute you."

Matthew 5:44

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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  
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# Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 19, 2023

## Reading 1

**Lv 19:1-2, 17-18**

The LORD said to Moses,

"Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.

"You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD."

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13**

R. (8a) **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

He pardons all your iniquities,  
heals all your ills.

He redeems your life from destruction,  
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.  
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,  
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he put our transgressions from us.  
As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful.**

## Reading 2

**1 Cor 3:16-23**

Brothers and sisters:

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

Let no one deceive himself.

If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God, for it is written: God catches the wise in their own ruses, and again: The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you, Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future: all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

## Alleluia

**1 Jn 2:5**

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
the love of God is truly perfected in him.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel

**Mt 5:38-48**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You have heard that it was said,  
An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.  
But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well.

Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles.  
 Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.  
 "You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.  
 But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.  
 For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have?  
 Do not the tax collectors do the same?  
 And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that?  
 Do not the pagans do the same?  
 So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

## African American Candidates for Sainthood - A Celebration for Black History Month

Did you know that there are currently no canonized African American saints? There are, however, six Black Americans currently being considered for canonization.



Join our Justice and Charity Commission for a celebration of four of the six candidates for sainthood during Black History Month. On **Monday evenings, from 7:00PM-8:15PM** gather in **Fr. Lacey Hall** for a film, discussion, and hospitality and learn about these inspiring individuals who prevailed in professing the gospel of Christ amidst the omnipresent

challenges of racism in the Church.  
 Remaining sessions include:

**February 27th** - Henriette DeLille

(The two others who are being considered for sainthood are Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange and Julia Greeley). All are welcome!

## Black History Month Pop-Up Museum



The Domini Hoskins Black History Museum & Learning Center, with support from The Northern California Chapter of the NFL Alumni Association & San Mateo County Event Center, is celebrating Black History Month from February 3-28, 2023

**Tickets:** \$10 Adults, \$5 for Children under 12 or Seniors 65+

**Hours:** 12noon-5pm Daily; Closed on Mondays - we offer special group tours by appointment only.

**Location:** 890 Jefferson Avenue (formerly, Cost Plus World Market), Redwood City, CA

## Breaking Open the Word

Each Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 pm, Sabrina hosts a Breaking Open the Word session for those interesting in reading and discussing the scripture readings for the weekend Masses. We meet via Google Meet for just one hour to pray, read, reflect, and discuss the readings. If you are interested in joining, please email [sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org) to receive the weekly resource and invitation.

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, Feb 18th**  
at 5:00 pm -

Shirley Nelson +

**Sunday, Feb 19th**  
at 9:45 am -

Joyce Morger +

**Ash Wednesday, Feb 22nd**  
at 12 noon - Paul & Dolores

Falzon +

**7 pm** - Aurora Genochio +

**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...**

*John Clinton*

*Christine Klein*

*Eva Gillet*

*Kevin Magee*

*Rose Marino*

*Bob Mitchell Jr.*

*Suzanne Schaffner*

*Jim Steidel*

**that they may be  
comforted by the loving  
embrace of Jesus.**

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

*Roy Martinez*

## St. Matthias Catholic Preschool

A Quality Early Education Program

**Now Enrolling for 2023-2024 School Year**

Children Ages 3-5 Years Old

Preschool Hours 7:30 am to 5:30 pm

All Day - Year Round School

Enrollment Slots Available

For More Information Please

Contact Preschool Director, Rosemary at

[rosemary@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:rosemary@stmatthiasparish.org)

Or call (650) 367-1320



## This Week at St. Matthias (February 19-26, 2023)

Sunday, 2/19	RCIA Meeting	11:00AM-12:00PM	Merry Room
Monday, 2/20	Presidents' Day — Parish Offices and Preschool Closed		
Tuesday, 2/21	Breaking Open the Word Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting Preschool Advisory Board	1:30PM-2:30PM 3:00PM-4:30PM 7:00PM	Google Meet Merry Room Preschool
Wednesday, 2/22	Ash Wednesday Masses	12:00PM & 7:00PM	Church
Thursday, 2/23	Rosary for Peace Pastoral Council Meeting	10:00AM 7:00PM-8:30PM	Merry Room Fr. Lacey Hall
Feb 25-26th	Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2023 Kickoff		
Sunday, 2/26	RCIA Rite of Sending GIFT Family Faith Formation RCIA Rite of Election	9:45AM Mass 12:00PM-1:00PM 4:00PM	Church Fr. Lacey Hall St. Mary's Cathedral



## Current St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Needs

Thank you to all who contribute food to our food pantry. This enables our volunteers to deliver 16 bags of groceries to families in need each week.

Currently the pantry is in need of:

**Canned Fruit**

**Canned meats and stews**

**Canned tuna, salmon, and chicken**

**2 lb bags of rice and dried beans**

**Canned tomatoes**

**Cornmeal and boxes of baking mixes**

**Spices: cumin, chili powder, cayenne, oregano**

Thank you for your generosity. If possible, when shopping for yourselves or others, consider purchasing Fair Trade or organic items. These protect our workers rights and the health of all. Blessings for all you do!

## Ministry Contacts

Are you interested in getting involved in a ministry at St. Matthias? Would you like to volunteer to help out in some way? If so, here are some key people to make contact with!

Coordinators for the various ministries can answer your questions, provide or arrange

training, and add you to schedules and/or invite you to meetings.

St. Matthias relies on many volunteers to accomplish our mission to respond to the call of Jesus through worship and sacraments, faith formation, service, and social opportunities.

**Readers** - Deacon David Rolandelli  
[david@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:david@stmatthiasparish.org)

**Eucharistic Ministers** - Sabrina Harper  
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**Funeral Support Team/Homebound Ministers** - Lisa Bamford  
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**Ushers/Greeters** - Bob Allen  
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**Altar Servers** - Deacon Rich Foley  
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**St. Vincent de Paul Conference** - Bob Thompson  
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If you are would like to volunteer, but are uncertain about what you'd like to do, contact Lisa or Sabrina and they can help you discern!

st. matthias presents

**murder**  
*on the*  
**freedom train**



murder mystery 🇺🇸 dinner 🇺🇸 silent auction  
**April 22, 2023 @ 6 pm**





Lent is a time for self-reflection and prayer. In 2023, Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (February 22nd) until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (April 6th).

Lent is a 40-day season leading to Easter. The number 40 calls to mind the 40 years that Moses and the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, and the 40 days that Jesus fasted in the desert.

The season of **Lent begins on Ash Wednesday - February 22nd**. St. Matthias will celebrate two Masses with the distribution of ashes; at 12PM and 7PM. St. Charles will have three Masses; at 8:30AM, 10:30AM (school Mass) and 5:00PM. During the Mass, ashes will be blessed and distributed through the tracing of the Sign of the Cross on the forehead while the minister says, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

Ashes are a sacramental symbol of penance in the spirit of humility and sacrifice. This ritual is a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with a repentant heart. During this season, the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available on Wednesday evenings beginning on March 1st from 6:30PM-7:30PM at St. Charles. Reconciliation will also be available as usual on Saturday afternoons at 3:30PM at St. Charles.

During this Lenten season, Catholics are asked to reflect on our lives, offer prayers for

ourselves and others, give to those in need and seek God's forgiveness.

We will also be offering two Lenten retreats.

### **Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God:**

**Awakening to the Flow of God's Love** with Sr. Kathy Camacho, SNDdeN on Saturday, March 11th at St. Matthias from 9AM to 12:30PM. Continental breakfast will be provided free - all are welcome. Contact [sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org) to sign up or for more information.

### **Of God's and Men: A Eucharistic Cinematic**

**Retreat** with Sr. Nancy Usselman, FSP on Saturday, March 25th from 9AM to 3:30PM at St. Charles. Registration is \$45, including lunch. Registration is due by March 15th. Contact Darlene O'Neill [stcharleswclub@gmail.com](mailto:stcharleswclub@gmail.com) to sign up.

## **RCIA: St. Matthias & St. Charles**

On the First Sunday of Lent, February 26th, at the 9:45AM Mass at St. Matthias, we will celebrate the Rite of Sending. There will be a brief introduction of the catechumen/candidates and their sponsors. They will receive a blessing. All those present will be asked to pray for them.

That same day, all RCIA teams throughout the Archdiocese will convene at St. Mary's Cathedral at 4PM for the Rite of Election. These rites of "sending" and "election" reflect the early days of the Church when local Church communities prepared, supported, and celebrated initiating new members into God's Church.

## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross is a traditional devotion focusing on the events of the passion and suffering of Jesus, Our Savior. Stations of the Cross consists of 14 stations, highlighting the events of Jesus's last day as a human being.

Stations of the Cross is a mini-pilgrimage. As the group or individual moves from station to station, the scene is described. Followers here about the event along the way of the cross, pray, sing, and meditate. It is a common practice to offer this devotion on the Fridays of Lent.

St. Matthias has installed Stations of the Cross on the exterior of the Church building. We invite you to walk and pray at the stations at a time most convenient for you.



After an overnight good soaking from Mother Nature, the rain clouds dissipated and the temperature warmed up a bit for our team of 13 to begin the next phase of our landscaping project last Saturday morning. Nearly 80 native plants found their new home on the left side of the Church. A big thank you to Craig and Diana Largent, Cheryl Clawson, Maria Larrenaga, Bill & Mary Schorr, Patrick

Vanderbroeck, Steve Grana, Fr. Dave, Lynda and Bob Allen, Joe Kaz, and Mark Dames with his motorized post hole digger. And another thanks to Katherine Schembri, Kathleen Kaz, and Sabrina Harper for providing the group with some tasty treats!

## Silent Auction Items Needed for Murder Mystery Dinner and Silent Auction

We are currently seeking silent auction items for the Murder Mystery Dinner and Silent Auction. Members of our committee are visiting local businesses to solicit donations - we could use some help with this effort! Would you be willing to help? If so, email [sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org) for more information.

Do you own a small business that could donate goods or services? Would you like to sponsor the event to help offset the costs? Could you contribute gift baskets (or items for gift baskets), game tickets, tools/equipment, host a BBQ or other party at your home for 6-8 others, time at a vacation home or timeshare, or airline miles? If you can help, contact Sabrina at the email address above.

## Faith Formation, Sacraments, Oh My!

Dear families with school-aged children,  
Did you defer your child's faith formation and/or the reception of sacraments (Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation) during the pandemic and would like to find out how you can "get back on track?" If so, please reach out to Sabrina via email [sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org) to find out more about our family-based approach to faith formation and sacramental preparation.

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