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MATTHEW 4:4

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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
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Funerals

Email Deacon David Rolandelli for
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FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT
FEBRUARY 26, 2023



First Sunday of Lent - February 26, 2023

Reading 1

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being.

Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed.

Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made.

The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?"

The woman answered the serpent:

"We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'"

But the serpent said to the woman:

"You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil."

The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17

R. (cf. 3a) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Reading 2

Rom 5:12, 17-19

Brothers and sisters:

Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned.

For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all.

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

Verse Before the Gospel

Mt 4:4b

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Gospel

Mt 4:1-11

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.

The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread."

He said in reply, "It is written:

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down.

For it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."

At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."

Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.



African African 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!

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 to receive the weekly resource and invitation.

Important Bulletin Update

After 110 years of publishing bulletins and providing other Catholic communication services, our bulletin publisher, J.S. Paluch is ceasing operations effective immediately. This will be the last bulletin published by J.S. Paluch for St. Matthias Church.

Next weekend, March 4-5th, we will begin self-publishing the bulletin on a weekly basis so that we can continue to keep parishioners informed about parish as well as community events.

You'll notice the following changes - the new bulletin will be 4 pages instead of 8. The scripture readings will not be included,

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Feb 25th
at 5:00 pm -

Virginia and Maggiorino
Poggio +

Sunday, Feb 26th
at 9:45 am -
David William +

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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rosemary@stmatthiasparish.org

Or call (650) 367-1320



**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...**

Don Gazzano Jr.

This Week at St. Matthias (February 26 - March 5, 2023)

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
Monday, 2/27	African American Candidates for Sainthood: Henriette DeLille	7:00PM-8:15PM	Fr. Lacey Hall
Tuesday, 2/28	Preschool Parent Social Breaking Open the Word	8:30AM-9:30AM 1:30PM-2:30PM	Preschool Garden Google Meet
Wednesday, 3/1	Middle School Youth Ministry (MSYM)	5:00PM-6:00PM	St. Charles
Thursday, 3/2	Rosary for Peace Prayer & Worship Meeting	10:00AM 7:00PM-8:00PM	Merry Room Fr. Lacey Hall
March 4-5	Building Fund Collection to help with our ongoing maintenance needs		
Sunday, 3/5	RCIA Session PMC Teen Council Meeting	11:00AM-12:00PM 1:00PM	Fr. Lacey Hall Congregational Church, San Mateo 4

however, we do have copies of the missalette, *Breaking Bread* available for use.

We'd like to make sure all parishioners are signed up to receive *The Matthian*, our weekly eNewsletter. If you don't receive this, please email Sabrina so you can be added to our distribution list.

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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
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Eucharistic Ministers - Sabrina Harper
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If you would like to volunteer, but are uncertain about what you'd like to do, contact Lisa or Sabrina and they can help you discern!

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 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.

st. matthias presents

murder on the
freedom train



murder mystery dinner silent auction

April 22, 2023 @ 6 pm



During this Lenten 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**.

We will 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 to sign up or for more information.

Of God's and Men: A Eucharistic Cinematic Retreat with Sr. Nancy Usselmann, 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 to sign up.

AED Training on March 13th at 7PM

Thanks to parishioner donations, we were able to purchase a new AED machine for Fr. Lacey Hall. On Monday, March 13th at 7PM we will be hosting a live training and demonstration session for all who are interested. Please contact Bob Allen at bob.allen@sbcglobal.net to RSVP.

Our Lenten Environment & Prayer

The cloth emanating from the hands of the crucified Jesus represents grace and a divine connection.

The tearing of the cloth represents our sins and betrayals.

Knotting and repairing that tear represents repentance and reconciliation.

Through reconciliation and divine forgiveness, we stand a step closer to the Resurrected Jesus.

Holy Mary, full of God's grace, you humbly accepted God's will.

You give us an example of docility, patience and kindness. Help us to ponder God's will for us.

Holy Mary, Our Mother, help us to amend for our sins and weaknesses. Through your intercession, help us to tie the tears we have created.

Help us to draw closer to your Son.

Help us to love the church.

Help us to be free from temptation and sin. Help us to amend the tears we have caused. AMEN.

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

March Senior Luncheon

The parishioners of St. Matthias and St. Charles will all be a wee bit Irish when they attend the Senior Luncheon on March 1st at noon in O'Borromeo Hall. The busy leprechauns of St. O'Charlies will be making corned beef sandwiches for you to enjoy! All registered parishioners 60+ years old are cordially invited to our monthly luncheon. To make a reservation, RSVP by noon on Feb 27th to Kathy Fagliano at 650-591-7349 ext 402 or kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org. Remember to wear you GREEN! We hope to see you there!

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.

RCIA: Rites of Sending & Election

This weekend, 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.

Catechumen: **Sebastian Peck (St. Matthias)** and his Sponsor, Rob Olsen

Candidates: **Gail Nevius Abbas (SC), Justine French (SM), and Cindy Obioha (SC)** and their sponsors Dorothy Farkas, Ken Purdy, and Adebola Giwa

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. Congratulations to all! We ask all members of St. Matthias and St. Charles to keep our entire RCIA team in your prayer as they journey toward the Easter Vigil.

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