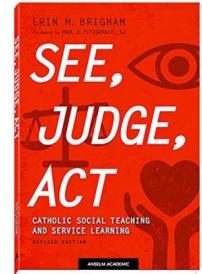


St. Matthias Parish

Ordinary Time



See, Judge, Act Book Club

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Taizé Prayer for Advent

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Parish Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

Wednesday, Nov 22nd
through Friday, Nov
24th.

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See, Judge, Act Book Club

Monday, Nov 20th
at 6:30 PM Upper
Room

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Family Reconciliation Meeting

Tuesday, Nov 21st at
6:30 PM Upper Room.

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Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, Nov 23rd
at 10 AM Church

Reading 1 Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

When one finds a worthy wife,
her value is far beyond pearls.
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,
has an unfailing prize.
She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and works with loving hands.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her fingers ply the spindle.
She reaches out her hands to the poor,
and extends her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her a reward for her labors,
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

R. (cf. 1a) **Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

Blessed are you who fear the LORD,
who walk in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the recesses of your home;
Your children like olive plants
around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Behold, thus is the man blessed
who fears the LORD.
The LORD bless you from Zion:
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Reading 2 1 Thes 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you.

For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night.

When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief.

For all of you are children of the light and children of the day.

We are not of the night or of darkness.

Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

Gospel Mt 25:14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

"After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them.

The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five.

He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.'

His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'

Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.'

His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'

Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.'

His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter?

Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten.'

For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

Dia de los Muertos Altar

Our *Ofrenda* or Dia de los Muertos Altar is in place in the back of Church and will remain throughout the entire month of November. Parishioners are invited to bring photos or mementos that remind them of their loved ones to share on the table.

Giving Tree for St. Francis Center

**November 26th
through December
10th**

Our annual Giving Tree will be set up after Sunday Mass on November 26th.

Unwrapped gifts will be collected for children of all ages and will be distributed through St. Francis Center. The deadline to bring your gifts will be Dec 10th by the of 9:45 am Mass. This is a lovely way to share our many blessings with our neighbors in need. Here is a wish list:

For Younger Children:

Large dolls, Large trucks, Remote Control Cars and Trucks, Large Lego Sets, Robots, Board Games, Stuffed Animals, Disney Dolls, Puzzles, Play-Dough Kits, Barbies, Books for ages 6 to 15 years of age.

For Teens:

Soccer balls, Hair Straighteners, Blow Dryers, Make-Up Baskets, Product Baskets, Jewelry, Sweatshirts (no blue or red), Tennis Shoes (no blue or red), Tech Items, Alexa, Ear Buds, Headphones, Scooters

Miscellaneous:

Christmas wrapping paper and bows, AA or AAA Batteries, Large Black Hefty Trash Bags, Packing Tape, \$25.00 Target Gift Cards

San Diego Service Learning Trip

Youth from 8th through 10th grades are invited



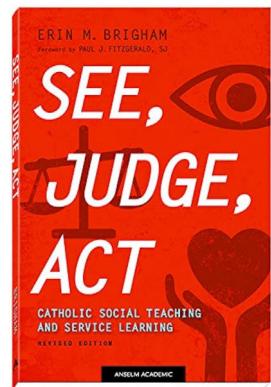
for a week of service learning in San Diego from **Thursday, December 28, 2023 to Tuesday, January 2, 2024**. We will be serving at Fr. Joe's Village, <https://my.neighbor.org/> scattered with some sightseeing of beautiful San Diego. We may stop for a tour of Homeboy Industries, <https://homeboyindustries.org/> This trip is being coordinate by **Katherine Schembri and Sabrina Harper** and our trip is limited to 5-6 young people. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested.

Five Day Silent Retreat

Vallombrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park is offering an opportunity for "complete spiritual renewal" with a five-day silent retreat beginning at 5 pm Tuesday, December 5, and ending Sunday, December 10th. Between prayer, conferences and spiritual direction, silence and a moratorium on electronic devices will be observed. "Through the whispering of the Holy Spirit, He teaches, guides, consoles and blesses each of us." To make reservations, call Jaynie at Vallombrosa Mon-Fri 8am to 3pm, (650)325-5614.

See, Judge, Act: Catholic Social Teaching and Service Learning Book Club

See, Judge, Act is a splendid introduction to the rich heritage of modern Catholic social teaching. Even more, in the spirit of Pope Francis's pastoral theology, it offers an invaluable guide to living the tradition in the context of service learning. Following the hermeneutical logic of the pastoral circle or spiral in responding to the "signs of the times," (Author Erin) Brigham brings the wisdom of a vital tradition to bear on a range of critical social issues. *See, Judge, Act* gives us reason to hope that the Church's social teaching will cease to be our "best-kept secret."



—William O'Neill, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University

This series, offered as a “book club” by our Justice and Charity Commission seeks to take a “step back” from our racial justice learning and explore Catholic Social Teaching more broadly. This eight-week series will include prayer, reading, reflection, and discussion using Erin M. Brigham’s book as a guide.

When: Monday, November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 18, and January 8, 15, and 22

Where: Fr. Lacey Hall at St. Matthias Church

Time: 7:00—8:00 pm

Other: Participants are asked to purchase a copy of the book (available on Amazon). Questions or to register, contact the parish office at 650-366-9544 or email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org.

Grief, Gratitude and Beatitude— Navigating the Holidays While Mourning Loved Ones

The St. Pius Grief Ministry invites you to a holiday grief workshop on Monday, November 27, 7 to 8:30 pm. The workshop will be facilitated by Sister Toni Lynn Gallagher, the Bereavement Coordinator for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. All are welcome! St. Pius Parish Center 1100 Woodside Rd. Redwood City.

RSVP (650)361-0655 or griefministry@pius.org

St. Charles Women's Club Events

A Baby Shower for Jesus! December 13th, 7 pm in Borromeo Hall we'll celebrate the birth of Jesus with all the traditions of a baby shower. Bring gifts for infants to age 2 years in a gift bag to be opened at the shower and donated to Catholic Charities.

Winter Dinner Wednesday, January 17th, 7 pm in Borromeo Hall. Begin the New Year with our annual epicurean dinner! More info, email StCharlesWClub@gmail.com.

Taizé Morning of Prayer and Song for Advent

Join our Music Director, Melanie for an Taizé Morning of Prayer for Advent. This contemplative service offers a time of prayer, song, and silent reflection based on the Morning Prayer format. The music and practice of Taizé prayer enhances this service. The theme is praise of Christ as the light of the world as we come together to sing, reflect, and offer prayers of thanksgiving and of healing.

When: Morning mornings of Advent—Dec 4, 11, and 18 at 10:00 am in the Church with refreshments following in Fr. Lacey Hall. All are welcome!

Ongoing Series at St. Charles

Each Sunday from 9:45 to 10:45 am in the Parish Center Chapel drop in to hear about **The Catholic Way—What We Believe, Ways We Pray, How We Live**. No advanced preparation or registration. Attend any session and enjoy light refreshments. Questions, contact Allison at aspong@stcharlesparish.org.

Join us for a Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 23rd at 10:00 am. Parishioners are invited to bring the bread and wine they will share at their tables to Church for a blessing.

Music for Liturgy this Weekend

November 18-19

Opening: #747 This is my Song

Off: #491 Love, Burn Bright

Comm: Taize: In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful

Sending: Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord (Spirit & Song)

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, NOV 18TH @ 5:00 PM — Ricardo & Joey Hizon +

SUN, NOV 19TH @ 9:45 AM — Mimi Piparo +

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

Alyssa Beemer

Kevin Magee

Lance Magee

Rose Marino

Bob Mitchell, Jr.

Karen Rende

Suzanne Schaffner

Pat Schott

Jim Steidel

That they may be comforted by the loving embrace of Jesus. And for the souls of the faithful departed...

Joe Jenkins

Weekend of Nov 18-19: Second Collection Catholic Campaign for Human Development

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the domestic anti-poverty, social justice program of the U.S. Catholic bishops. Its programs address root causes of poverty and work toward a sustainable future for those struggling in our diocese and across the country.



St. Matthias Catholic Preschool

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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
*LIVESTREAMED MASSES

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