

St. Matthias Parish



RCIA
A Journey In Faith

RCIA Rite of Election February 18th. More details inside.

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Lenten Drive for Baby Items Starts Feb 24-25th. More inside.

St. Matthias is a Roman Catholic Community in the Archdiocese of San Francisco striving to respond to the call of Jesus through worship and sacraments, faith formation, service, and social opportunities.

To see the full calendar of events, visit <https://www.stmatthiasparish.org/parish-calendar/>

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Parish Offices Closed

Monday, Feb 19th
in observance of Presidents' Day

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Breaking Open the Word

Tuesday, Feb 20th
at 1:30PM via Google Meet

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Pastoral Council

Thursday, Feb 22nd at 7:00PM



Join us for a Black Catholic History Month event on Feb 24th at 2:00PM. More details inside.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

After the great Flood, God made a covenant with us. Never again would a flood destroy the whole earth. Centuries later, God sent Jesus as the new covenant. As we hear in the second reading, Jesus suffered for our sins to lead us to God. In today's Gospel, Jesus emerges from forty days in the desert, proclaiming that this is the time to repent and believe. Let us heed his message as we listen to God's word.

Reading 1 Gn 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:
"See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth."
God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

Reading 2 1 Pt 3:18-22

Beloved:
Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God.
Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.
In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water.
This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.

It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

Verse Before the Gospel Mt 4:4b

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

Gospel Mk 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.
He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.
After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

General Lenten Regulations

ABSTINENCE:

Everyone eighteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on the FRIDAYS of Lent and GOOD FRIDAY. On these days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fasting or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation. Fasting helps us unclutter our minds and hearts of excesses so that we can focus and reflect on our ongoing conversion.

Leave the Light On: Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Wednesday evenings during the Lenten season from 6:00-7:00PM at St. Charles Church.

RCIA St. Matthias and St. Charles, 2024

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process designed to guide, form, and support those adults and older children seeking full initiation into the Church by receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Catechumens are those who have not been Baptized and seek to become Catholic. The following individuals have been meeting regularly to learn about our Catholic beliefs, our sacraments, and deepen their faith in our loving Savior, Jesus Christ.

Catechumens: **Julie Kramer** (SC), **Kimya Hoffman** (SC), **Nicky Ravella** (SM) and **Drew Stuart** (SC) and their sponsors: Bobbie Feiner, Peter Hoffman, Julie Ravella Johnson, Larry Timko, Rich Johnson, and Joni Anorretto

We have five individuals who have been Baptized and are candidates preparing to complete their full initiation into the Church through the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. One individual will also receive his First Holy Communion.

Candidates: **Emily Iberle** (SC), **Sophia Nikravesh** (SM), **Julie Lawlor** (SC), **Andrew Cardozo** (SC), **Nate Ross** (SC), and their sponsors: Rudy Iberle, Raquel Nikravesh, Phil Feiner, Chris Cardozo, Christine Ross

In addition, RCIA teams from throughout the Archdiocese will convene at St. Mary's Cathedral at **4PM Sunday, February 18th**. Archbishop Cordileone will preside over the Rite of Election. All sponsors will testify to the readiness of the catechumens and candidates. 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! Members of the St. Matthias and St. Charles Catholic communities are invited to keep our entire RCIA team, our catechumens, candidates, and their sponsors in your prayers as they journey toward the Easter Vigil celebration.



Calling all Green Thumbs

The next step in our landscaping renewal project will be held on **Saturday, March 9th starting**

at 9AM. We will be planting approximately 60 native plants on the left side of the Church building. This includes digging holes, assembling gopher baskets, mixing potting soil, and placing the plants in their designated spots. You'll need to bring a shovel, gloves, and gardening tools. If you can help, email Steve Grana sgrana@comcast.net or call 650-714-1601. Your time and support are appreciated!

It's Tax Season Again!

If you would like a statement of your donations for the 2023 tax year, please email lisa@stmatthiasparish.org or call the office at 650-366-9544. A statement will be emailed to you. In your request, kindly include the email address that you'd like us to use to send this to you. This helps us to keep our database up-to-date!

Two long-time parishioners have recently passed away and their funerals will be at St. Matthias.

Suzanne Schaffner on Wednesday, February 28th at 10:45AM Rosary and 11:00AM Mass with a reception to follow, and **Elizabeth (Betty) Leddy on Friday, February 23rd at 11:00AM.**

St. Vincent de Paul Lenten Drive

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is coordinating a Lenten Baby Items Drive. All items donated will be delivered to St. Francis Center. Items needed include:

Diapers—Newborn to size 6

Baby wipes

Infant formula (Enfamil or Similac)

Jars of Baby Food, Baby Food Pouches, Baby Cereal

Baby Layette Clothes — Newborn to size 6

Gowns, Hats, Booties, Onesies (long and short sleeve), Footed Pajamas, Sleepers, Swaddlers, Receiving Blankets (new or gently used).

All donations can be brought to Fr. Lacey Hall on the weekends of **February 24/25, March 2/3, and 9/10.**

St. Matthias' Justice and Charity Commission Presents...

A Black Catholic History Month event. Sr. Martin de Porres Coleman, SNDdeN professed vows and became the first Black Sister of Notre Dame in 1952. She will share her experiences as a founding member of the National Black Sisters Conference, founded in 1968 and as an active participant in the Civil Rights Movement in the San Francisco Bay Area. This talk, inspired by Cyprian Davis, OSB's 1995 book, *The History of Black Catholics in the United States* will focus on the experiences of Bay Area Black Catholics.

When: Saturday, February 24th

Where: Fr. Lacey Hall

Time: 2:00 to 3:30PM

Other: For questions or more information, contact the parish office at 650-366-9544 or email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org

An Opportunity for Contemplative Prayer: Taizé Prayer

Join the St. Matthias community in prayer and song on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:00AM in the

Church. The first service will be on **Tuesday, March 19th.** We will use hymns as well as responses from the Taizé and Iona communities.

Lunar New Year of 2024 Eucharistic Celebration and Banquet

The Chinese Ministry of the Archdiocese of San Francisco is celebrating the Lunar New Year of 2024 with a Eucharistic celebration, followed by an Ancestor Veneration Ceremony at 2:30PM on Saturday, February 24th at St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral. Archbishop Cordileone will preside over the liturgy. Following Mass, a New year's Banquet will be held in Patrons Hall starting at 5:00PM. The cost of each ticket is \$70. Contact Fr. Peter Zhai, SVD, zhaip@sfarch.org for more information.



Pope Francis invites the whole Church to participate in the next phase of the Synod on Synodality through engagement sessions that will inform the upcoming Synod of Bishops on Synodality in October 2024. **Friday, March 8th from 7-9PM at St. Matthew's Church, 1 Notre Dame Avenue, San Mateo.**

Music for Liturgy this Weekend

First Sunday of Lent (Feb 17-18, 2024)

131 In These Days of Lenten Journey (vs. 1 & 2)
481 I Love the Lord
The Kingdom of God
131 In These Days of Lenten Journey (vs. 3 & 4)

Breaking Bread songbooks are available for your use during Mass. Please feel free to pick up a copy from the rack at the back of the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, Feb 17th @ 5:00 PM — Kevin Magee (special intention)

SUN, Feb 18th @ 9:45 AM — Suzanne Schaffner +

AAA Kick Off— Feb 24-25, 2024

On the weekend of February 24-25, 2024, we will kick off the 2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. This annual drive helps to fund the pastoral outreach, catechetical ministries, and administrative support provided by the Archdiocese of San Francisco. We appreciate your support. Watch for more information.

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

Kathleen Aronson

Stacy Baldwin

Nina Clinton

Sofia Rodriguez Gaddi

Rose Marino

Kevin & Lance Magee

Rudolfo Pelayo

Karen Rende

Pat Schott

Jim Steidel

That they may be comforted by the loving embrace of Jesus.

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All Day — Year Round School

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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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