

St. Matthias Parish



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

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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/>



Join our Planting Party on Saturday, March 9th at 9AM. More details inside.

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**First Communion
Family Meeting**

**Tuesday, Feb 27th
at 6PM in the
Upper Room**

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**Leave the
Light On
Reconciliation**

**Weds, Feb 28th at
6PM at St. Charles**

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**Rosary for
Peace**

**Thursday, Feb
29th at 10AM
Church**



**Synod
2021
2023**
For a synodal Church
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Next phase of the Synod on Friday, March 8th from 7-9PM. More details inside.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament meets new Testament in today's Gospel, which features Jesus, the center of the New Testament, with two of the main figures from the Hebrew scriptures, Moses and Elijah. The two people who perhaps best represent the law and the prophets of old join with the Son of God, who himself said that he had come to fulfill the law and the prophets. In the company of Moses and Elijah, Jesus is transfigured, giving his disciples a brief taste of his glory. May that glorious vision sustain us during this penitential season.

Reading 1 Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son.

But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son."

As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command."

Reading 2 Rom 8:31b-34

Brothers and sisters:

If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare his own Son

but handed him over for us all,

how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?

It is God who acquits us, who will condemn?

Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Gospel Mk 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here!

Let us make three tents:

one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified.

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice,

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

Music for Liturgy this Weekend

**Second Sunday of Lent
(Feb 24-25, 2024)**

131 In These Days of Lenten Journey
627 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
Eat This Bread
Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Lenten Offerings

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.

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.

Stations of the Cross at St. Matthias: Parishioners are welcome to come into the Church during office hours to pray the Stations of the Cross on their own or with their families. Stations of the Cross are also available outside of the Church building. St. Matthias will host Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers at 6:00 pm on March 15 and 22, and Stations of the Cross (no soup) on Good Friday evening March 29th.

Lenten Soup Suppers followed by Stations of the Cross at St. Charles: All are invited to "break bread" and enjoy soup and conversation with others each Friday evening during Lent at 6:15 pm. Feel free to stay for the Stations of the Cross in the Grotto (behind the Parish Center) following the meal. Soup Suppers will be held in the Small Hall (next to Borromeo kitchen) and move into the Grotto following supper. Feel free to bring your own soup bowl. No RSVP is required. Contact Alison Spong aspong@stcharlesparish.org with questions.

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!

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.**

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.

Join us for **Suzanne Schaffner's funeral on Wednesday, February 28th at 10:45AM Rosary and 11:00AM Mass** with a reception to follow.



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.

Next Bible Study: Letters of James and John

Our next **Bible Study series**, presented by Deacon Rich Foley, will be a study of the Letter of James and the three short Letters of John. This will begin on **Monday, April 8th** and will conclude on Monday, June 10th.

The Letter of James presents a beautiful understanding of Christian life, the human person, and salvation. The three Letters of John offer profound teachings of Christian faith and love. There is evidence that these short letters were widely circulated in the early Church.

This series will be in Fr. Lacey Hall and will be offered at 10AM and 7PM. If you would like to be added to the email list to participate, please email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org.

Praise & Worship at St. Patrick's Seminary

Fr. Vito Perrone, COSJ and the St. Patrick's seminarians will lead Eucharistic Adoration and offer the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **March 15th and April 19th from 7:15PM to 8:45PM** at St. Patrick's Seminary, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Light refreshments will follow.

Fundamental Health Care Ethics

Health care professionals are invited to the fourth Converging Roads health care ethics conference on **March 9, 2024 from 9:45AM to 6:00PM at St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park.** This one-day conference will explore the theme of Fundamental Health Care Ethics and offers continuing education for health care professionals rooted in the Hippocratic and Catholic Ethical tradition. Registration is \$75-\$159 based on CME/CNE inclusion. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, the Archdiocese of San Francisco, the San Francisco and Santa Clara Guilds of the Catholic Medical Association, and St. Patrick's Seminary & University. For more info, please visit convergingroads.com/sanfrancisco or email ana@forlifeandfamily.org

Archdiocesan Restorative Justice Event

Learn how to visit incarcerated young people ages 12 to 25 years old at San Francisco Juvenile Justice Center. Attend a 2-day training from 8AM to 4PM on Saturday, March 23 and 31st at One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco. To schedule a screening interview, call Julio Escobar at 415-614-5572 or email escobarj@sfarch.org.

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!



MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, Feb 24th @ 5:00 PM — Eugene Morger +

SUN, Feb 25th @ 9:45 AM — Eddie So +

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.



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

Kathleen Aronson

Stacy Baldwin

Nina Clinton

Sofia Rodriguez Gaddi

Rose Marino

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Rudolfo Pelayo

Karen Rende

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

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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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