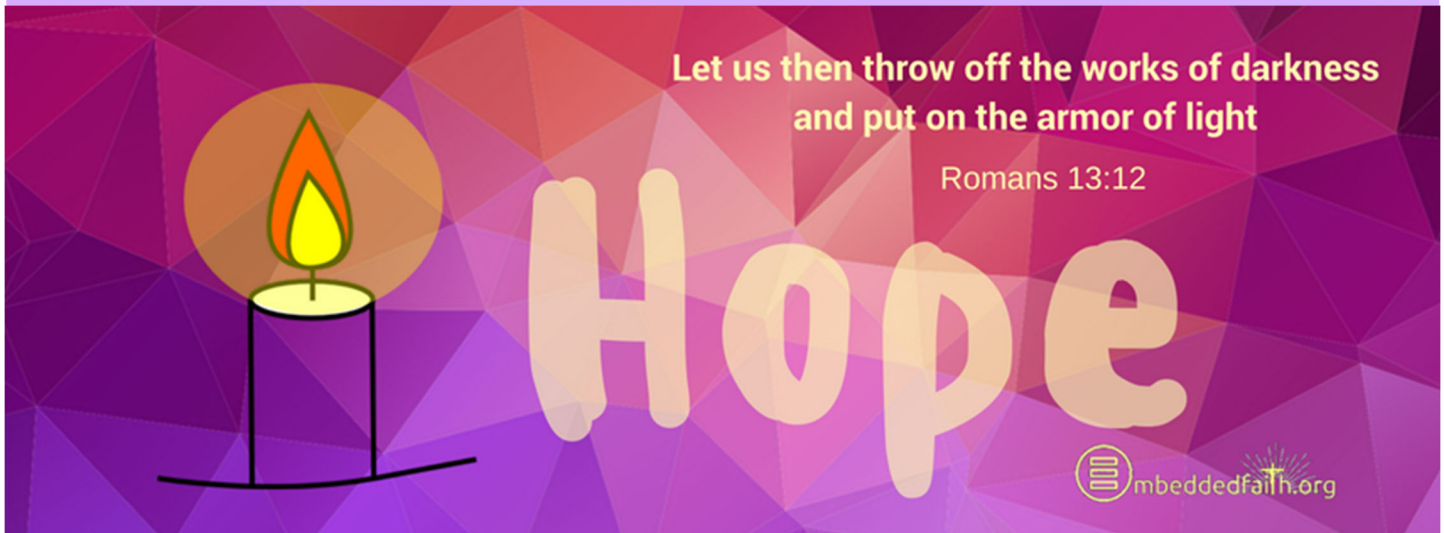


# St. Matthias Parish



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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/>

***HAPPY***

***NEW***

***LITURGICAL***

**Su**

**Promise**

**Children's Liturgy**

**During 9:45 AM  
mass**

**Sa**

**Caroling,  
Cookies, & Cocoa**

**Dec 7, 3:15pm  
Fr. Lacey Hall**

**Su**

**Giving Tree  
Donations Due  
Sunday, Dec 8th**

***YEAR!***

## **Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word**

The readings on this first Sunday of Advent cover Christ's three comings. Jeremiah prophesies that God will send a Messiah, who will bring righteousness and justice to the world. Paul prays that Christ may permeate the hearts of the Thessalonians, increasing their love for each other and for all. Finally, Jesus tells his disciples that one day he will come again in glory to redeem all those who stand virtuously before him. May we be reminded that Christ came into this world two thousand years ago, will do so again at the end of time, but also continually comes into our world through our hearts.

### **First Reading Jer 33:14-16**

The days are coming, says the LORD,  
when I will fulfill the promise  
I made to the house of Israel and Judah.  
In those days, in that time,  
I will raise up for David a just shoot ;  
he shall do what is right and just in the  
land. In those days Judah shall be safe  
and Jerusalem shall dwell secure;  
this is what they shall call her:  
"The LORD our justice."

### **Second Reading 1 Thes 3:12—4:2**

Brothers and sisters:  
May the Lord make you increase and  
abound in love  
for one another and for all,  
just as we have for you,  
so as to strengthen your hearts,  
to be blameless in holiness before our God  
and Father  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his  
holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters,  
we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord  
Jesus that,  
as you received from us  
how you should conduct yourselves to  
please God

and as you are conducting yourselves  
you do so even more.

For you know what instructions we gave  
you through the Lord Jesus.

### **Gospel Lk 21:25-28, 34-36**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon,  
and the stars,  
and on earth nations will be in dismay,  
perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the  
waves.

People will die of fright  
in anticipation of what is coming upon the  
world,  
for the powers of the heavens will be  
shaken.

And then they will see the Son of Man  
coming in a cloud with power and great  
glory.

But when these signs begin to happen,  
stand erect and raise your heads  
because your redemption is at hand.

"Beware that your hearts do not become  
drowsy

from carousing and drunkenness  
and the anxieties of daily life,  
and that day catch you by surprise like a  
trap. For that day will assault everyone  
who lives on the face of the earth.

Be vigilant at all times  
and pray that you have the strength  
to escape the tribulations that are  
imminent and to stand before the Son of  
Man."

## **MUSIC**

### **NOVEMBER 30-December 1**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Beyond the Moon & Stars  
TAIZE: The Kingdom of God  
43 People, Look East

## Welcome to Advent

Welcome to a new liturgical year and the season of Advent! Advent includes the days and nights before the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas). Advent means "coming." During this time we read and sing about God's promises. It is a time of waiting and preparing. We wait for the blessed hope, the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We wait in hope that all will be one and the Kingdom of God will be realized.

In Advent, we prepare ourselves and our hearts for Jesus' birth, when the light of Christ pushes out the darkness. Our liturgical color is purple which is a symbol of reflection and anticipation. An Advent wreath is displayed and holds four candles. A new candle is lit on each of the four Sundays before Christmas. The four candles traditionally represent hope, faith, joy and peace.

While Advent is a time of celebration and anticipation of Christ's birth, it is more than that. It is only in the shadow of Advent that the miracle of Christmas can fully be understood and appreciated.

## Reconciliation

As we prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus, we open ourselves to God's grace in the sacrament of Reconciliation. St. Charles Church will "Leave the Light On for You," Wednesday evenings from 6-7 pm, December 4, 11, and 18, for all those who would like to receive the sacrament. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

## Extra Vases to take home

Following a recent cleaning of the sacristy, we found ourselves with a surplus of vases. Before we dispose of them, we would like to offer them to you! They are on table in Father Lacey hall. Take them home with you and fill them with Christmas ornaments, holly berry branches or amaryllis bulbs! There is no limit per customer. Take as many as you can use. After December 8th, they will be disposed of."



## The Giving Tree is back!

The Giving Tree has returned to the church as a reminder of our annual holiday gift drive in support of the St. Francis Center. Donated gifts are distributed through their Holiday Toy Program for needy families in our area. The Giving Tree is up early because we only have the weekends of Nov 30/ Dec 1 and Dec 7/8 for collecting your donations. Please stop by the tree and pick up a tag as a reminder to get an extra gift when you are out shopping this week. The last day to drop off gifts will be Sunday, December 8th. Thank you!

Below is a wish list of suggested gift ideas to inspire your generosity! Gifts need not be wrapped or tagged, but donations of Christmas wrapping paper and bows are also appreciated.

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|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Large Dolls        | Books for ages 6-15 yrs      |
| Large Trucks       | Soccer Balls                 |
| Headphones         | Remote Control Cars/trucks   |
| Large Lego Sets    | Jewelry                      |
| Robots             | Sweatshirts                  |
| Hello Kitty items  | Tennis Shoes                 |
| Board Games        | Ear Buds                     |
| Scooters           | Large Stuffed Animals        |
| Disney Dolls       | Art Sets and Supplies        |
| Puzzles            | Furbys & Plushy Animals      |
| Play Doh Kits      | Building Blocks              |
| Super Hero Toys    | Cultural Dolls               |
| Slime Kits         | Sensory Boxes                |
| Bracelet Kits      | \$25 Target Gift Cards       |
| Pokeman Cards      | Large Black Hefty Trash bags |
| Blow Dryers        | Hair Ties & Brushes          |
| Hair Straighteners | AA & AAA Batteries           |



## Caroling, Cookies, and Cocoa

Join us Saturday, December 7, at 3:15PM for Caroling, Cookies, and Cocoa! We'll meet at Fr. Lacey Hall, carol in the neighborhood from 3:30-4:30, and then enjoy some cookies and cocoa before heading in to the 5PM Mass. Wear warm clothes and comfortable shoes: and bring some cookies to share if you'd like. After Mass, all will be invited to Fr. Lacey Hall for a little more music and refreshments! All are welcome to this community building evening; please invite your family and friends! Questions, or to volunteer, [lisa@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:lisa@stmatthiasparish.org).

## Replacing the Church Sound System

If you were at Mass this past weekend, perhaps you noticed that Fr. Coleman and Fr. Roy could be heard a bit more clearly. We recently had our church sound system evaluated by St. Charles parishioner and sound professional, Joe Boerio. He was able to make some minor and immediate improvements! We are now developing plans to completely replace our old sound system. This is something we have long wanted to do, and Fr. Roy hopes to make it happen within the next year! If you would be interested in giving financial support for this important upgrade, please speak to Fr. Roy or contact the parish office. Thank you!

## A St. Charles Men's Club Invitation

Mark your calendar for our December 5th dinner meeting event—a delicious Beef Bourguignon with all the fixings, prepared by our expert guest chef Deacon Tom Kramer and his kitchen crew! Drinks, meal, dessert and chatter for \$30. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Roy Remo, Pastor of St. Charles and St Mathias Parish, newly installed and ready to share his story with us. **Borromeo Hall, Doors open at 6pm. No RSVP required, come as you are.**

## Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 9th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at St. Matthias will be at 7:00pm.

Masses at St. Charles will be at 10:30am (School/Community Mass) and 5:00pm.

## December Senior Luncheon

“O Come, all Ye Faithful” and let's Deck Borromeo Hall with Christmas Cheer!! Please join us on Wednesday, December 11th at noon for a delicious lunch prepared especially for you by the “Elves” of St. Charles.

All registered parishioners of St. Charles and St. Matthias 60 years + are cordially invited to lunch on the second Wednesday of every month. Doors open at 11:45am.

To reserve your spot please RSVP to Kathy Fagliano at 650-591-7349 ext. 402 or

[kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org).

## Baby Shower for Jesus

The St. Charles Women's Club will be hosting a Baby Shower for Jesus December 11 at 7pm in Borromeo Hall. Please bring gifts for children of all ages to be donated to St. Francis Center: Toys, Clothes, Socks, Jackets. Questions- [StCharlesWClub@gmail.com](mailto:StCharlesWClub@gmail.com)

## Grief Workshop at St. Pius

LONGING-HOPE--JOY Gospel models of longing and hope allow us a glimpse of coming joy as we pray together through the weeks of Advent. Sister Toni Lynn Gallagher, RSM will lead us through ways we can grieve while walking together a journey of HOPE. Come join us at St. Pius X Parish Center December 16th, 2024. 7PM. All are welcome. Contact [griefministry@pius.org](mailto:griefministry@pius.org) to RSVP.

## MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, November 30th @ 5:00PM — Paul Wang †

SUN, December 1st @ 9:45AM — Mike Moriarty †

Please contact [lisa@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:lisa@stmatthiasparish.org) if you would like to schedule a mass in the first quarter of 2025.

### Second Collection

Nov 30 & Dec 1:

### Building Fund

Thank you for your support of our parish maintenance and improvements.



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

**Jerry Acozta**

**Tommie Fogliani**

**Sofia Rodriguez Gaddi**

**Joy & Charles**

**Rudolfo Pelayo**

**Rose Marino**

*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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