

# St. Matthias Parish

## The Season of Lent *fast-pray-give*



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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, copies of our bulletin, and more, visit <https://www.stmatthiasparish.org/parish-calendar/>

As a Pilgrim  
People of God,  
we journey  
together during  
this Season of  
Lent. How is  
your journey so  
far? Are we  
praying more,  
fasting more,  
and giving more  
of ourselves?

**Su**

**First  
Communion  
Prep**

Mar 16th,  
10:45 A.M. at Fr.  
Lacey Hall

**Tu**

**Prayer Shawl  
Ministry**

Mar 18th,  
3:00 A.M. at Fr.  
Lacey Hall

**F**

**Stations of the  
Cross**

March 21st,  
6:00 P.M. at St.  
Charles

## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Two dramatic scenes are narrated to us today. First, God seals the covenant with Abram by appearing as smoke and fire and passing between the animals Abraham had sacrificed as a sign of his covenant with God. In the Gospel, Jesus is transfigured in glory, his face and clothing changing in appearance and dazzling the three apostles who witnessed it. Adding to the drama, God the Father speaks from the cloud that envelops them all, saying, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Let us now listen to the word of God.

### **First Reading** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

The Lord God took Abram outside and said,  
"Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.  
Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be."  
Abram put his faith in the LORD,  
who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

He then said to him,  
"I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans  
to give you this land as a possession."  
"O Lord GOD," he asked,  
"how am I to know that I shall possess it?"  
He answered him,  
"Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat,  
a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."  
Abram brought him all these, split them in two,  
and placed each half opposite the other;  
but the birds he did not cut up.  
Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses,  
but Abram stayed with them.  
As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram,  
and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him.

When the sun had set and it was dark,  
there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch,  
which passed between those pieces.  
It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with  
Abram, saying:

"To your descendants I give this land,  
from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."

### **Second Reading** Phillipians 3:17-4:1

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters,  
and observe those who thus conduct themselves  
according to the model you have in us.  
For many, as I have often told you  
and now tell you even in tears,  
conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ.  
Their end is destruction.  
Their God is their stomach;  
their glory is in their "shame."  
Their minds are occupied with earthly things.

But our citizenship is in heaven,  
and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.  
He will change our lowly body  
to conform with his glorified body  
by the power that enables him also  
to bring all things into subjection to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters,  
whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,  
in this way stand firm in the Lord.

### **Gospel** Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James  
and went up the mountain to pray.  
While he was praying his face changed in appearance  
and his clothing became dazzling white.  
And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and  
Elijah,  
who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus  
that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.  
Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep,  
but becoming fully awake,  
they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.  
As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus,  
"Master, it is good that we are here;  
let us make three tents,  
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."  
But he did not know what he was saying.  
While he was still speaking,  
a cloud came and cast a shadow over them,  
and they became frightened when they entered the cloud.  
Then from the cloud came a voice that said,  
"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."  
After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.  
They fell silent and did not at that time  
tell anyone what they had seen.

## THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

March 15-16, 2025

135 In These Days of Lenten Journey  
Ps. 27: The Goodness of the Lord #748  
Healing Waters  
597 In God Alone  
Have Mercy  
395 With One Voice

*Breaking Bread song books are available for your  
use during the service and are housed on the shelf  
at the entrance from the parking lot.*

## March 2025 Music Ministry

The first weekend in the month of March gave us the opportunity to sing many 'alleluia' refrains and to sing Gloria a final time before Lent began. We wait until Holy Week to rejoice in song for both pieces: Holy Thursday to sing Glory to God, and we will proclaim 'alleluia!' at The Great Vigil.

During the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday, we heard the powerful words in the poem by Brian Wren, "Dust and Ashes":

Dust and ashes touch our face  
Mark our failures and our falling  
Holy Spirit, come, walk with us tomorrow  
Take us as disciples washed and wakened by our calling.

Take us by the hand and lead us  
Lead us through the desert sand  
Bring us Living Water: Holy Spirit, come.

The music for this month of Lent will be framed by two songs that remind us of our calling, and beckon us to search our hearts and give to others. "In These Days of Lenten Journey" will be our opening song as we pray:

In these days of Lenten journey  
We have seen and we have heard  
The call to sow justice  
In the lives of those we meet.

We will join in singing the newest song of sending forth added to our repertoire, "With One Voice"

Take the Word to our neighborhood and streets  
Shine the Light for all to see...

With One voice, we'll pass the word along,  
With one voice, bring justice to the world!

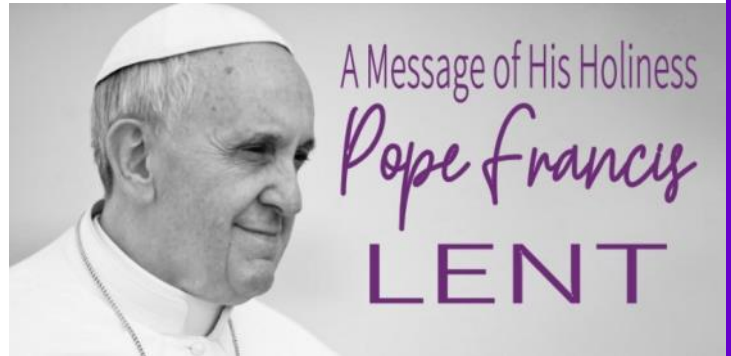
By request, pieces by the St. Louise Jesuits have been added to our list of music for the weekends of Lent. Expect to sing "Turn to Me" and "You are Near"! We have a special treat: one of our musicians has been writing songs for us and we will sing their piece "Have Mercy" this Lent.

What a great time to bring change to your life by joining the music ministry this Lent. All are welcome, and the ability to read music is not a must. Feel free to contact me via email or just

come to rehearsal. We rehearse on Saturdays at 4PM and at 0845 on Sundays. As St. Augustine said: those who sing once, pray twice.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Dresbach

## Lent According to Pope Francis



"What are you giving up for Lent?" It's a question a lot of people will get these next few days. If you want to change your body, perhaps alcohol, sweets and cigarettes is the way to go. But if you want to change your heart, a harder fast is needed. This narrow road is gritty, but it isn't sterile. It will make room in ourselves to experience a love that can make us whole and set us free. So, if we're going to fast from anything this Lent, Pope Francis suggests that even more than sweets or alcohol, we fast from indifference towards others.

In his 2021 annual Lenten message, the Pope says: "Indifference to our neighbor and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience." These are the words of the Pope:

*Fast from hurting words ... and say kind words, Fast from sadness ... and be filled with gratitude, Fast from anger ... and be filled with patience, Fast from pessimism ... and be filled with hope, Fast from worries ... and have trust in God, Fast from complaints ... and contemplate simplicity, Fast from pressures ... and be prayerful, Fast from bitterness ... and fill your hearts with joy, Fast from selfishness ... and be compassionate to others, Fast from grudges ... and be reconciled, Fast from words ... and be silent so you can listen!*

## Lenten Happenings This Week:

Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper are on Friday evening at 6:00 P.M. at St. Charles

Lenten Reconciliation are on Wednesday evening from 5:35 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. at St. Charles

## Mass Intentions

Please be sure to sign-up for Mass Intentions with Lisa in the Parish Office. We have a few openings in the weeks to come.

This is a beautiful way to include the Parish Community in praying for the needs of both the living and the dead.

## It's Tax Season Again!

If you would like a statement of your St. Matthias donations for the 2024 tax year, please email [lisa@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:lisa@stmatthiasparish.org) or call the office at 650-366-9544.

## Promise Program

The Promise Program for children ages 3-6 resumes on: Sunday, March 23, 2025 during the 9:45 A.M. Mass. Please contact Tony Chan, Facilitator via email: [tonychan@gmail.com](mailto:tonychan@gmail.com) with any questions.

## AAA- Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

The annual appeal has begun in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Through the generosity of those that contribute, the Archdiocese is able to provide vital services to parishes.

This week we focus on the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Schools. Through the work and effort of this special office, our St. Matthias Preschool is given administrative support and guidance. Trainings are also provided through their work.

## Spring Fundraiser Committee

We are forming a Spring Fundraiser Committee to assist us as we begin planning a Parish Fundraiser in the near future.

We want to look at creative, unifying, and fun ideas that will help up support our parish. All are welcome to join us and fundraising experience is not necessary... all we ask for is desire to help us succeed!

If you are interested in helping with the Spring Fundraiser, please contact Joey at: [joey@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:joey@stmatthiasparish.org) to join us.

## Bulletin

Please submit any bulletin announcements no later than 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday mornings.

Submissions can be emailed to: [joey@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:joey@stmatthiasparish.org)

### *Parish Lenten Drive Collecting Baby Items for St. Francis Center*

As we reflect on the season of Lent and the spirit of giving, our parish community is coming together to support babies in need. We are collecting essential baby items for the St. Francis Center in the North Fair Oaks area of Redwood City.



**COLLECTION DATES: MARCH 29/30 AND APRIL 5/6**  
PLEASE BRING THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW  
TO FR. LACEY HALL

### Items Needed:

- BABY DIAPERS ALL SIZES FROM NEWBORN TO SIZE 5
- BABY FORMULA AND BABY FOOD (POUCHES, JARS, BOXED CEREALS ETC)
- NEW BABY LAYETTE CLOTHING (ONESIES, SLEEP AND PLAY OUTFITS, GOWNS, FOOTED PAJAMAS, BIBS AND BOOTIE SOCKS) SIZES NEWBORN TO 12 MONTHS
- BABY BLANKETS (RECEIVING BLANKETS, SWADDLERS, CRIB BLANKETS)
- HANDMADE ITEMS SUCH AS BOOTIES, HATS, SWEATERS, BLANKETS)

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR DRIVE IN ANYWAY YOU CAN. YOUR GENEROSITY WILL MAKE  
A BIG DIFFERENCE  
THANK YOU FOR HELP,  
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*We pray for those in our community who are ill...*

**Costanza Alviti**

**Tommie Fogliani**

**Sofia Rodriguez Gaddi**

**Bill Harper**

**Kathleen Kaz**

**Rose Marino**

**Mary Monihan**

**Jeanine Tavernier**

*that they may be comforted by the loving embrace of Jesus.*

*And for for all who recently went to our Lord.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SAT, March @ 5:00PM — Gilbert Nehma †**

**SUN, March 9:45AM — Pro Populo**

**MASS PRESIDERS NEXT WEEK**

**SAT, March 22nd @ 5:00PM — Fr. Roy Remo**

**SUN, March 23rd @ 9:45AM — Fr. Gerald Coleman**



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### St. Matthias Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:45 am\*

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### St. Charles Mass Schedule

Monday—Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am\* & 11:00 am

\*LIVESTREAMED MASSES

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