

St. Matthias Parish

The Season of Lent *fast-pray-give*



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Second
Collection is for
CRS this
weekend.

Save the date:
Friday, April 4,
2025 is Children's
Stations of the
Cross and soup
here at St.
Matthias.

This
Weekend

CRS Second Collection

Mar 29th and
30th at
all Masses.

This
Weekend

SVDP Baby Item Drive

Begins this
weekend until
April 6th at
Fr. Lacey Hall

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OCIA Scrutiny

March 30th,
9:45 A.M. at
Church

SATURDAY READINGS

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

On the plains of Jericho, the Chosen People finally reach a fertile land that can produce food for them to eat. Paul extols God's goodness, for God reconciled the world through Christ. In the Gospel story of the prodigal son, the father is so overjoyed at his wayward son's return that he throws a huge feast, serving the choicest food and insisting his son wear the household's finest clothes. From beginning to end, we can, as we sing in the responsorial psalm, "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord."

First Reading 1 Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

The LORD said to Joshua,

"Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth of the month. On the day after the Passover, they ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain. On that same day after the Passover, on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Brothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable:

"A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation.

When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm

to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any.

Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father.

While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began.

Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean.

The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

(both Saturday and Sunday)

March 29-30, 2025

135 In These Days of Lenten Journey
451 Shepherd Me, O God
649 Turn to Me
157 Behold, the Lamb of God
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.

SUNDAY READINGS

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Today's readings center around sight. God sees differently than we see, as we hear in the first reading when God chooses David over his older brothers. In the Gospel, Jesus gives a man who had been blind from birth the ability to see, but others with normal vision remain willfully blind. Jesus reveals himself as the light of the world, enabling Paul to preach that we are light in the Lord Jesus. Let us pray that we live in that light—the light of Christ—who enables us to truly see.

First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says:

"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will give you light."

Gospel John 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God

might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue.

For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him." So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes."

We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin,

and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains."

Promise Program

The Promise Program for children ages 3-6 has resumed! Parents, please be sure to send your children, this is a great opportunity for them to grow in their faith. Please contact Tony Chan, Facilitator via email: tonychan@gmail.com with any questions.

Senior Luncheon

HOP on over to our April Senior Luncheon. We would be delighted if you could join us on April 9th at noon in Borromeo Hall. Doors open at 11:45. Caregivers are welcome.

All registered parishioners of St. Charles and St. Matthias 60+ are welcome to attend our monthly luncheon on the second Wednesday of each month. To make a reservation please RSVP to Kathy Fagliano at 650- 591-7349 ext.402 or kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org

Reservations MUST be received by noon on Monday, April 7th as we need to shop.

We hope to see EVERYBUNNY there!!!

TEENS TEACHING TECH

Immediately following the luncheon, we will have students available to answer questions about your devices. Feel free to bring your cell phones, tablets or iPads.

Second Collection

This weekend's second collection is for the support of Catholic Relief Services "CRS" which supports the needy worldwide. Please give as you are able.

Stations of the Cross for Children and Families

We will have a special "Children and Families Stations of the Cross" on Friday, April 4, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in the Church. Parishioners of all ages are All are welcome to attend! Soup will be served after the stations in Fr. Lacey Hall.

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

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,

ST. MATTHIAS ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE



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 29th @ 5:00PM — Jeanne Knuelder †

SUN, March 30th 9:45AM — Parishioners of St. Matthias

MASS PRESIDERS NEXT WEEK

SAT, April 5th @ 5:00PM — Fr. Samuel Musiimenta

SUN, April 6th @ 9:45AM — Fr. Gerald Coleman



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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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