St. Matthias Parish

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 24-25, 2025

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.

> Great News!!! We have hit 90% of our AAA!!!

> > \$48,707 of \$54,043

PARISH CONTACT

INFORMATION

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St.	Matthias	Mass Schedule
	Saturday	5:00 pm
	Sunday	9:45 am*

Pastor, Fr. Roy Remo frroy@stmatthiasparish.org

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St. Charles Mass Schedule

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

*LIVESTREAMED MASSES



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass Gloria Oswaldt

Sunday 9:45 A.M. Mass

Anne Jennings†

THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

Opening: Alleluia! Love is Alive!189 (vs. 2, refrain twice) Sprinking Rite Springs of Water 171 Gloria Mass of St. Ann Ps. Resp. & Acclam Gospel Accl. Easter Alleluia (Ye Sons & Daughters) 184 Offertory Now is the Time 493 Eux Accl: Mass of St. Ann Comm: I Have Loved You (refrain only) 610 Closing: Christ, be Our Light 518 (Longing for Light, Longing for Peace vs.) 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.



INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Today's readings reel from the practical to the visionary and back again. In the first reading, the original apostles, guided by the Holy Spirit, decide what to require of uncircumcised Gentile converts, of which there were many. Next, we hear another vision of John's from Revelation. Finally, Jesus prepares the apostles for the time after he has ascended to the Father. His message is both practical and visionary. May God's word also enhance our faith in both ways.

FIRST READING

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved." Because there arose no little dissension and debate by Paul and Barnabas with them, it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some of the others should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question.

The apostles and elders, in agreement with the whole church, decided to choose representatives and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. The ones chosen were Judas, who was called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers.



This is the letter delivered by them: "The apostles and the elders, your brothers, to the brothers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia of Gentile origin: greetings. Since we have heard that some of our number who went out without any mandate from us have upset you with their teachings and disturbed your peace of mind, we have with one accord decided to choose representatives and to send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we are sending Judas and Silas who will also convey this same message by word of mouth: 'It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell.'"

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God.

Its radiance was like that of a precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal. It had a massive, high wall, with twelve gates where twelve angels were stationed and on which names were inscribed, the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites. There were three gates facing east, three north, three south, and three west. The wall of the city had twelve courses of stones as its foundation, on which were inscribed the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.

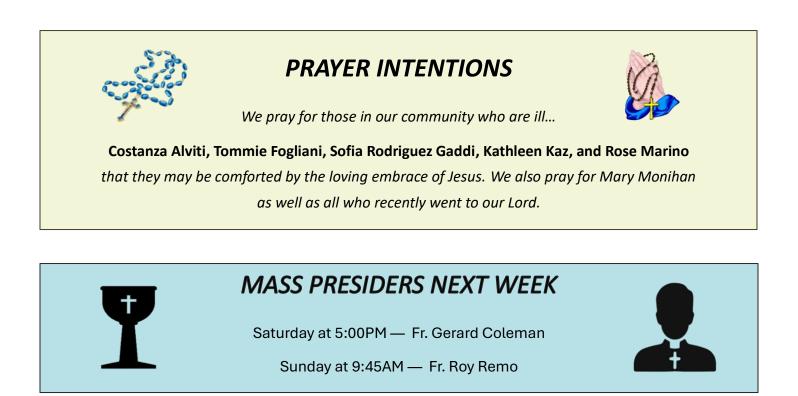
GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.

"I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe."





Events This Week

M	M	TH
Monday the 26 th	Monday the 26 th	Thursday the 29th
All Day	No Bible Study	10:00 A.M.
Parish Office Closed in	In observance of	Rosary for Peace
honor of Memorial Day	Memorial Day	at St. Matthias Church



This Week's Theological Reflection

As we continue this glorious Easter season, we approach the solemnity of the Ascension, marking Jesus' ascent from this earth to be with the Father in heaven forever. In John's account of the Last Supper, Jesus, knowing that his time here was short, prepared the disciples for the future. He specifically promises to leave them with two gifts: his peace and the Holy Spirit. Let us give thanks for the peace of Christ and the Holy Spirit, two incomparable gifts which nearly two thousand years later we have been given as well.



Mass Intentions

Please contact Lisa Bamford if you would like to schedule Mass Intentions.

Please stop by the office, call (650) 266-9544, or email lisa@stmatthiasparish.org

Bulletin

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

Submissions can be emailed to: joey@stmatthiasparish.org





St. Vincent de Paul

Please visit the link or QR Code to learn about our St. Vincent de Paul Conference and how to support them. Link: https://tinyurl.com/SupportSVdP



Help Needed: Livestream Ministry

Since the pandemic, there have been a small group of parishioners providing livestreams of our weekly masses. Today, there are 40 - 50views each week on YouTube of the St Matthias services recorded by just two volunteers. To maintain continuity in providing this vital service to those unable to attend mass in person, we immediately need 2 - 3additional livestream volunteers. If you can operate the camera on your cell phone you have all of the required skills to help. If interested, please contact Pastoral Associate Joey Guiterrez or Livestreamers Ed Cox and Craig Largent.



Memorial Day

The St. Matthias Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025.

Now Enrolling

The St. Matthias Preschool is now enrolling for the 2025-2026 academic year. We have an amazing program for our youngest little Matthians! Please contact our director for more information or to schedule a tour. You can reach Rosemary Juarez at: <u>rosemary@stmatthiasparish.org</u> for more information.

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. Please be on the lookout for special summer offerings!

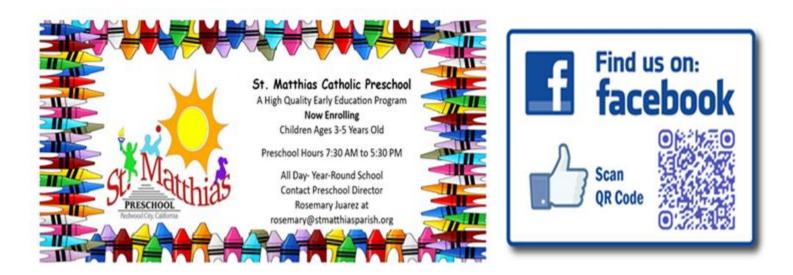
Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries

On June 29th at the 9:45 Mass, there will be a blessing for those couples celebrating their wedding anniversary at milestone years of 5, 10, 15, 20, etc. to 50 and each year beyond 50. We need to know who has reached or will reach these milestone years of their marriage. Please fill out a notecard with your name and date of your wedding. Please give the card to an usher or drop the card into the collection basket. In addition, please place the date on your calendar.

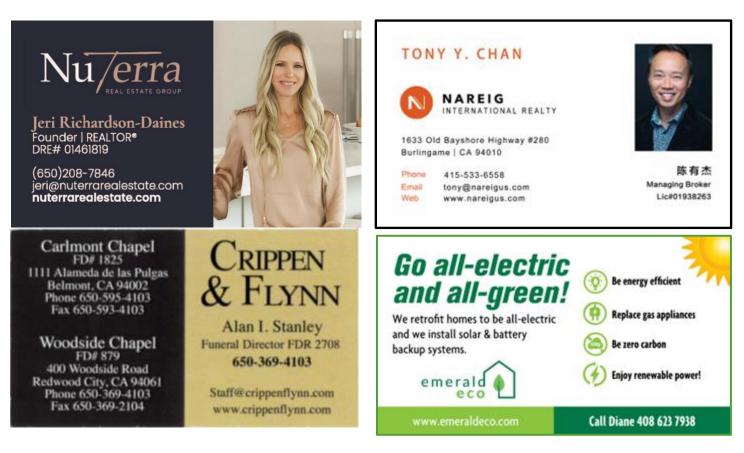
Pentecost Sunday: Do you speak another language?

We are seeking volunteers, who speak another language, to say one of the Prayers of the Faithful during one or both Masses on Pentecost Sunday, June 7-8. The Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and they received the power to spread the Word of God heard by those who spoke many different languages. Please consider helping us make our Masses on Pentecost Sunday special. Call the office at 650-344-9544 or let Deacon David or Deacon Rich know if you will be willing to participate. (Deacon Rich rich@stmatthiasparish.org)

Thank you for joining us today! God bless and keep you and yours.



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