

# St. Matthias Parish

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26-27, 2025



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### St. Matthias Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday 9:45 A.M.\*

### St. Charles Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday 8:30 A.M.\* and 11:00 A.M.

\*Livestreamed Masses

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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*

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass    Joyce Morgert†

Sunday 9:45 A.M. Mass    Judito Quingco†

## THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

**PRELUDE:** Blest are You

**Opening:** Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord/Abre Mis Ojos

**Gloria Mass of Restoration**

**Offertory:** Have Mercy on us, Lord

**Eux Accl. Leon C. Roberts/Bolduc**

**Comm:** Bread for the World

**Sending:** Shout to the Lord!

*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

Before we hear Jesus teach his disciples to pray, we see Abraham persistently petition God to show mercy toward the people of the city of Sodom. In the Gospel, Jesus confirms how important it is to show this kind of persistence. Our Father in heaven, Jesus teaches us, is generous beyond human generosity, having given the Holy Spirit to be with us always, and so we should freely ask for our needs, assured that we will be heard.

## FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-10a

In those days, the LORD said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out."

While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the LORD remained standing before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer and said: "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" The LORD replied, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

Abraham spoke up again: "See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?" He answered, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there." But Abraham persisted, saying "What if only forty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty." Then Abraham said, "Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?" He replied, "I will

forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there." Still Abraham went on, "Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?" The LORD answered, "I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty." But he still persisted: "Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?" He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."

## SECOND READING

### Colossians 1:24-28

Brothers and sisters: You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And even when you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

## GOSPEL

### Luke 10:38-42

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"





## PRAYER INTENTIONS



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

**Costanza Alviti, Tommie Fogliani, Sofia Rodriguez Gaddi, Kathleen Kaz, and Rose Marino.**

*that they may be comforted by the loving embrace of Jesus. We also pray for Robert Ang and Joan Bamford as well as all who recently went to our Lord.*



## MASS PRESIDERS NEXT WEEK

Saturday at 5:00PM — Fr. Gerald Coleman

Sunday at 9:45AM — Fr. Gerald Coleman



## Events This Week

Daily	W	TH
<p><b>July 26<sup>th</sup>- August 10<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>SVDP Backpack Drive</b></p> <p><b>at Fr. Lacey Hall</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>No Music Workshop</b> We will see you next week!</p>	<p><b>Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>10:00 A.M.</b></p> <p><b>Rosary for Peace at the Church</b></p>

### ***This Week's Theological Reflection***

When we want something from a friend, whether it's something they have or a favor they could do for us, we normally just go ahead and ask. Jesus tells his disciples today that we should approach God the same way. He assures us that the Father in heaven listens to our prayers and that we should persist in prayer, for we are a needy people, ultimately dependent on God. Our lives are in God's hands and so we pray that God watches over us, forgives us, and has mercy on us, as we proclaim when praying how Jesus taught us.



#### **Mass Intentions**

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

Please stop by the office, call (650) 366-9544, or email [lisa@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto: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](mailto:joey@stmatthiasparish.org)

### **Weekly Wednesday Night Music Workshops**

WHO: open to all

WHAT: workshop in refining music skills

WHERE: St Matthias Catholic Church

WHEN: Wednesday, August 6, 2025

TIME: 7PM to 8:15PM

CONTACT: [melanie@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:melanie@stmatthiasparish.org)

**Please join us!**



**ST. MATTHIAS PRESCHOOL WILL BEGIN TO SERVE TWO-YEAR-OLDS,**  
TOILET TRAINED OR NOT-TOILET TRAINED  
**STARTING SEPTEMBER 2025**



A high quality early education and care program for toddlers ages 2.0-2.11 years old  
\$2,400 p/month      Room 1      Group Size: 6  
For more info contact Preschool Director at [rosemary@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:rosemary@stmatthiasparish.org)

## SVDP Backpack Drive

Our annual Back to School Drive will begin the weekend of July 26/27. We will be collecting back packs and school supplies for Third and Sixth grade students attending Holy Family School at St. Francis Center in Redwood City. Back to School Boards will be in the back of church beginning July 26/27. Please select your cards before purchasing any items, to ensure that everything needed by the school will be covered. Items can be returned to Fr. Lacey Hall on the weekends of August 2/3 and August 9/10. Please attach your card to your donation. Deliveries will be made to St. Francis Center on August 13th, just in time for the beginning of school that week. Your generosity is very much appreciated. The teachers, students and our SVDP Conference are most grateful for your support. The smiles on the children's faces when they receive their supplies are an expression of not only their gratitude, but also relief, that they will be ready for a good start to their school year!

## Volunteer Appreciation Gift

Last weekend we had a beautiful celebration for our parish volunteers. Thank you to those that were able to attend. We have a small gift for all past and present parish volunteers that arrived a few days too late for the reception. The gift is available in Fr. Lacey Hall. Please come and take a water bottle as a memento of our thanks for all you do!

## Finance Council

Last weekend our new finance council members were commissioned for the 2025-2026 year. Our new and returning members are: Co-Chairs Colton Daines and Lynda Brouchoud; Members: Ann Campbell, Eilish McCaffrey, John McAfee, Marybelle Ang, Paul Imbordino, and Nina Yang. May God bless you for your "yes!"

We also have three members who have reached the end of their terms: Roger Flores, Ed Cox, and Justin Gibson. May God bless you. Please know that we thank you for your service to our parish community!

## New Gloria in Mass

Have you recently noticed the new Gloria sung in Mass? It comes from the "Mass of Restoration" by OCP composer, Josh Blakesly. Our talented choirs have done a great job introducing it to our community. Our amazing director, Melanie Dresbach has made a recording that you can use to better learn and practice it at home as well. The recording can be easily accessed by the QR Code we have provided.



## 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: [rosemary@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:rosemary@stmatthiasparish.org) for more information.

## Promise Program

The Promise Program will continue through the summer months. Please contact Tony Chan, Facilitator via email: [tonychan@gmail.com](mailto:tonychan@gmail.com) with any questions. Please consider joining the leadership team. We are in need of substitutes, please let us know if you can help.

## Prayer Tree

If you wish us to pray for family, friends, co-workers or neighbors, please contact Mary Schorr, 650.302-9111, or [mgschorr@comcast.net](mailto:mgschorr@comcast.net) OR call or text Rosemary Perino, 650.703-9656. We pray for celebrations, illness, thanksgiving and comfort.



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



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BECAUSE OF THEIR GENEROSITY, WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE  
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The logo for NAREIG International Realty features a stylized "N" inside a circle, followed by the text "NAREIG INTERNATIONAL REALTY". To the right of the logo is a photo of a man with dark hair, smiling. Below the logo, the following text is displayed: "1633 Old Bayshore Highway #280", "Burlingame | CA 94010", "Phone 415-533-6558", "Email tony@nareigus.com", "Web www.nareigus.com", and "陈有杰", "Managing Broker", "Lic#01938263".

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Email: [lisa@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:lisa@stmatthiasparish.org) for more information about becoming a sponsor!