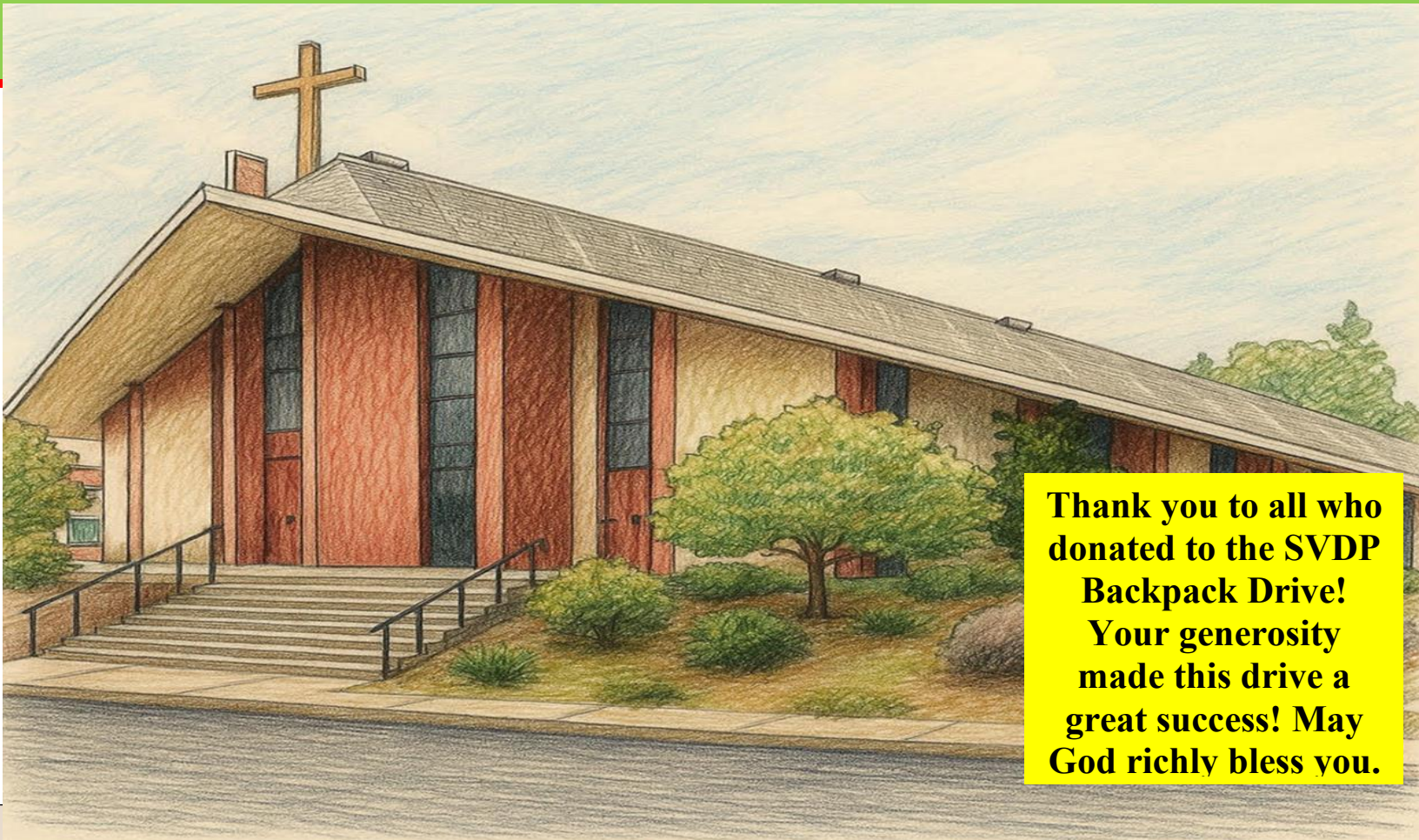


# St. Matthias Parish

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 9-10, 2025**



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God richly bless you.**

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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  
opportunities.*

## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass    Jeffrey Carrera†

Sunday 9:45 A.M. Mass    Norman Roost†

## THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

**PRELUDE:** Taize: Come and Fill Our Hearts with Your Peace

**Opening:** Our God is Here

**Gloria** Mass of Restoration

**Ps.** I believe, I believe I shall see goodness of the Lord, in the land, in the land of the living.

**Gospel Accl.** Respond & Acclaim

**Offertory** Love, Burn Bright

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

**Comm:** Bread of Life (refrain)

**Reflection:** All is Holy (J. Cotter)

**Sending:** O Love of God/Amor de Dios

*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 selections from scripture celebrate our forebears for their faith. Abraham's faith was so strong that he was willing to sacrifice his beloved son. Centuries later, the Chosen People have faith sufficient to courageously make their escape from bondage. Jesus asks his disciples to have faith in his return, for which they should always be prepared. May today's readings remind us to ask ourselves what we need to do to prepare ourselves for that day.

## FIRST READING

Wisdom 18:6-9

The night of the passover was known beforehand to our fathers, that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith, they might have courage. Your people awaited the salvation of the just and the destruction of their foes. For when you punished our adversaries, in this you glorified us whom you had summoned. For in secret the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice and putting into effect with one accord the divine institution.

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Brothers and sisters: Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. Because of it the ancients were well attested.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age —and Sarah herself was sterile— for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

All these died in faith. They did not receive what had been promised but saw it and greeted it from afar and acknowledged themselves to be strangers and aliens on earth, for those who speak thus show that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land from which they had come, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better homeland, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name.” He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

## GOSPEL

### Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

“Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Then Peter said, “Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?” And the Lord replied, “Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so. Truly, I say to you, the master will put the servant in charge of all his property. But if that servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed in coming,’ and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, to eat and drink and get drunk, then that servant’s master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish the servant severely and assign him a place with the unfaithful. That servant who knew his master’s will but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will shall be beaten severely; and the servant who was ignorant of his master’s will but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating shall be beaten only lightly. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.”





## 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

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<b>Sunday the 10th</b>	<b>Sunday the 10th</b>	<b>Friday the 15th</b>
<b>Last Day of the SVDP Backpack Drive at Fr. Lacey Hall</b>	<b>After 9:45 A.M. Mass  Welcome Weekend Donuts at Fr. Lacey Hall</b>	<b>5:00 P.M. Mass  Feast of the Assumption at Church</b>

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

In this day and age when we can look up just about anything online and determine what is true and what is real, it's tough to have to rely on faith. But this is what God has asked us to do for thousands of years. One day our time on earth will come to an end—or the world itself will come to an end—and no internet source knows when that will be. We should be prepared at all times, just in case. Let us pray that when we gather together each week to worship God with our community of faith, our own faith is strengthened so that we can face our future with hope and resolve.



### **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.

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## Parish Spotlight: Fr. Gerald Coleman

**St. Matthias Parish continues to be blessed by the gifts of Fr. Gerald Coleman who is presiding at all our Masses during Fr. Roy's vacation. As you know he has been celebrating Mass at our parish for the past several years.**

**Fr. Jerry is a retired professor of Moral Theology and former president-rector at St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park. We are grateful that Fr. Coleman is a member of the St. Matthias Community.**

**We invite you to thank him for all he does for our parish.**

## Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Assumption

Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Assumption. Fr. Coleman will preside at a special 5:00 P.M. liturgy. Please join us for this Holy Day of Opportunity.

## Special Back to School Blessing

There will be a special blessing for all those returning to school. All elementary, middle school, high school and college youth returning to school are invited to join us at Mass on August 16 and 17th for a special blessing as they begin the new school year.

## Catholic Volunteer Opportunities at Stanford Hospital

Would you be interested in visiting Catholic patients at Stanford Hospital and offering them Holy Communion? If you are a compassionate listener, empathic, well grounded in your faith and open to serving a couple of hours a week, then, becoming a Spiritual Care Services Volunteer at Stanford might be the right opportunity for you. We particularly welcome bilingual Spanish/English candidates.

In addition, we offer Spiritual Care Volunteer positions as Clerks, if you'd rather work in an office environment, have good organizational skills, and can serve 2-3 hours early in the morning one day per week to prepare the visitation lists for the Catholic Spiritual Care Volunteers who visit patients.

Don't miss Stanford Health Care's next virtual orientation about serving as a Spiritual Care Volunteer on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 4:00 PM via Zoom! To learn more about this special ministry and sign up for the orientation session please contact Stanford Health Care's Volunteer Resources at [VolunteerResources@stanfordhealthcare.org](mailto:VolunteerResources@stanfordhealthcare.org) by Friday, August, 8, 2025.

## Couples Retreat

The Archdiocese is offering a couples retreat, Together in Heaven, on September 27th. Information can be found at [www.sfarch.org/marriage](http://www.sfarch.org/marriage).

## Catholic San Francisco

If you are not receiving bi-monthly editions of "Catholic San Francisco" published and mailed to you by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, let us know so we can make sure you receive it. Please call or email the parish office this week.

## Catholic Relief Services/Gaza

The people of Gaza need prayer and support right now. Please pray for peace in Gaza and donate to CRS if you are able. Catholic Relief Services is providing food, water, shelter, medicine and medical supplies to Gaza. To help, please designate your donation to the Special Gaza Fund.





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The logo for NAREIG International Realty features a stylized "N" inside a circle, followed by the text "NAREIG INTERNATIONAL REALTY". Below the logo, the text reads: "1633 Old Bayshore Highway #280", "Burlingame | CA 94010", "Phone 415-533-6558", "Email tony@nareigus.com", "Web www.nareigus.com".A portrait of Tony Y. Chan, a man with short dark hair, wearing a dark jacket over a light-colored shirt.

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