

St. Matthias Parish

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16-17, 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
opportunities.*

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass People of St. Matthias Parish

Sunday 9:45 A.M. Mass Assunta Salat†

THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

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

Opening: Our God is Here

Gloria: Mass of Restoration

Ps. 40 Lord, come to my Aid

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 readings are difficult to hear. Jeremiah's preaching so inflamed the people of Judah that he was thrown into a pit to die. Jesus warned his disciples that he came to inflame people so much that parents would turn against their children and vice versa. Nevertheless, says the author of Hebrews, we must persevere in our faith, endure our cross, and resist sin, so that one day we may find the joy that lies before us. As we suffer hardships on our journey to the Lord, may God's word encourage us to never give up.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

In those days, the princes said to the king: "Jeremiah ought to be put to death; he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin." King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power"; for the king could do nothing with them. And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah, which was in the quarters of the guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

Ebed-melech, a court official, went there from the palace and said to him: "My lord king, these men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah, casting him into the cistern. He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city." Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1-4

Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

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.





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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<p>Saturday and Sunday</p> <p>Blessing of Students at Mass</p>	<p>Tuesday the 19th</p> <p>3:00 P.M.</p> <p>Prayer Shawl Ministry at Fr. Lacey Hall</p>	<p>Thursday the 21st</p> <p>10:00 P.M.</p> <p>Rosary for Peace at Church</p>

This Week's Theological Reflection

Today's second reading speaks of a great cloud of witnesses, perhaps referring to the large number of Christians who gave witness to their faith through their words and actions. Baptized in the Lord, we are those witnesses now. Looking around and seeing our faith community gathered here today, let us think of ourselves as a "great cloud of witnesses," assured of each other's support and encouragement as we live out our discipleship to the Lord.



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

Bulletin

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

Submissions can be emailed to: joey@stmatthiasparish.org

PILGRIMAGE 2026
16 DAYS 15 NIGHTS
PHILIPPINE TOUR
January 27 - February 11

Join us as we embark on a journey to strengthen our faith, reconnect to our rich religious and cultural heritage, and enjoy the Philippines!

Fr. Dominic Lee
In-Residence, St. Mark Church

Fr. Roy Bemo
Pastor, St. Charles Church

Fr. Francis Garbo
Pastor, Mission Dolores Basilica

Fr. Boie Espeleta
Parochial Vicar, St. Robert Church

Fr. Angel Quitalig
Vicar for Filipinos

Land package with domestic airfare:

US\$ 4,276 Based on Single Occupancy	US\$ 3,322 Based on Double/Twin Occupancy	US\$ 2,918 Based on Triple Occupancy
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International Airfare via Eva Air starts at US\$ 1,100 per person. Rates subject to change.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!
SCAN QR CODE

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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

Brothers of the Sacred Heart Mission Appeal

The Brothers of the Sacred Heart were founded in France in 1821. We have primarily been involved with education throughout our 200 + years. The Brothers have 9 schools in the New England area, the New York / New Jersey area and in the Southern region of the United States.

The Brothers have missions established in 30 countries around the world – the Philippines (Asia), Zambia, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Lesotho (Africa), Peru, Columbia (South America), Haiti (Caribbean), Oceania (South Pacific Islands of Vanuatu and Fortuna) – to name a few. We have assisted with education, healthcare, agricultural endeavors and pastoral care in these locations. Also, missionary assistance helps to provide for the formation of young men who are pursuing their vocation with the Brothers.

Contributions to these works will allow for numerous young women and men to have adequate housing, proper meals, sturdy equipment and school supplies that cannot be had without the support and prayers of parishioners.

Thank you for your generosity and God's blessings on you and your loved ones!

Back to School Drive Thank You from SVDP

Thank you to our wonderful parishioners for helping us exceed our goals! We collected nearly 100 back packs and an abundance of school supplies. Deliveries were made to Holy Family School and Youth Center, Catholic Worker House and to the SVDP Day Laborer Ministry, all in Redwood City! This expression of compassion for our neighbors in need will reach throughout our local communities as school begins! Thank you for bringing hope and joy to so many.

Bible Study: The Gospel of Luke

The St. Matthias/St. Charles Bible Study resumes on Monday, September 15th at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. in St. Matthias' parish hall. All are welcome even if you were unable to attend the spring session. Deacon Rich will lead a study of the second half of the Gospel according to Luke which recounts Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, his suffering, death and resurrection. We will study and discuss the themes of the teaching meal, the role of women and the importance of prayer.

This eight week series concludes on Monday, November 3rd. Please join us. If you have any questions, please email Deacon Rich at rich@stmatthiasparish.org.

Couples Retreat

The Archdiocese is offering a couples retreat, Together in Heaven, on September 27th. Information can be found at 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.

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 for more information.

Curious About Becoming Catholic?

Are you, or anyone you know, curious about becoming a Catholic? Or, if you are already baptized would you like to complete the sacraments of initiation by receiving the Eucharist, and being confirmed in the Catholic Church? Adults are invited to join our upcoming Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) program for St. Charles and St. Matthias parishes. Participants examine their faith and learn about Catholic traditions and teachings. Participants receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Sessions are held each Sunday morning at 11 a.m. at St. Matthias. The first session is Sunday, September 21st. Please contact Deacon Rich at rich@stmatthiasparish.org for further information.

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



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BULLETIN SPONSORS.
BECAUSE OF THEIR GENEROSITY, WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE
THIS BULLETIN WEEKLY.

The advertisement for Nu/terra Real Estate Group features a dark blue background with the company logo in white. Below the logo, the text reads: "Jeri Richardson-Daines", "Founder | REALTOR®", "DRE# 01461819", "(650)208-7846", "jeri@nuterrarealestate.com", "nuterrarealestate.com". To the right of the text is a photo of Jeri Richardson-Daines, a woman with long blonde hair, wearing a light-colored top.

The advertisement for NAREIG International Realty features a white background with the company logo in orange and black. Below the logo, the text reads: "TONY Y. CHAN", "NAREIG INTERNATIONAL REALTY", "1633 Old Bayshore Highway #280", "Burlingame | CA 94010", "Phone 415-533-6558", "Email tony@nareigus.com", "Web www.nareigus.com". To the right of the text is a photo of Tony Y. Chan, a man with short dark hair, wearing a dark jacket over a light-colored shirt.

The advertisement for CRIPPEN & FLYNN features a light blue background with the company name in large, bold, black letters. Below the name, the text reads: "SINCE 1949", "Cremation Pre- Need Arrangements", "Burial Memorial Services", "Our Professional Services are Base Upon Your Individual Needs", "Se Habla Español", "Мы говорим по-русски", "Woodside Chapel", "400 Woodside Road", "Redwood City", "(650) 369-4103", "FD879", "Carlmont Chapel", "1111 Alameda de las Pulgas", "Belmont", "(650) 595-4103", "FD1825".

The advertisement for emerald eco features a green background with the company logo in white. Below the logo, the text reads: "Go all-electric and all-green!", "We retrofit homes to be all-electric and we install solar & battery backup systems.", "www.emeraldeco.com", "Call Diane 408 623 7938". To the right of the text is a list of benefits: "Be energy efficient", "Replace gas appliances", "Be zero carbon", "Enjoy renewable power!". Each benefit is accompanied by a small icon.

Email: lisa@stmatthiasparish.org for more information about becoming a sponsor!