

# St. Matthias Parish

**Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
September 13-14, 2025**



**This Sunday is Welcome Sunday!  
We will have donuts at Fr. Lacey  
Hall after the 9:45 A.M. Mass.  
Thank you to our Hospitality  
Ministry!**

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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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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    Al Piparot

Sunday 9:45 A.M. Mass    Alice and Sam Mascit

## THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

Prelude: "Be Still and Know That I am God"

Open: "O God, Beyond all Praising"

Gloria: Mass of Restoration (MoR)

Ps. 139 Franciscan

Celtic Alleluia

Offertory: "All is Well" vs. 1 & 3

Eux Acclams: MoR, Bolduc

Lamb of God: Brown

Communion: "You are Our Living Bread" M. Jan Joncas, SJ

Sending: "Sent Out in Jesus' Name"

*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

In today's first reading, God has Moses make a bronze serpent, mount it on a pole, and lift it up so that those who were bitten by venomous snakes could look upon it and live. Centuries later, Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man must be lifted up in a similar way so that all who look upon him as their salvation will live. On this feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, let us consider that what Jesus did for us on the cross to save our immortal souls recalls what God had Moses do in the desert to save the Chosen People's mortal lives.

## FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4b-9

With their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert, where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food!"

In punishment the LORD sent among the people saraph serpents, which bit the people so that many of them died. Then the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people, and the LORD said to Moses, "Make a saraph and mount it

on a pole and if any who have been bitten look at it, they will live." Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

## SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

Brothers and sisters: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## GOSPEL

John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

## 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.



**This weekend there is a second collection for Urgent Relief in Gaza. This emergency collection is being taken at parishes throughout the Archdiocese of San Francisco.**



## ***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. Roy Remo**




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

By his crucifixion, Jesus transformed the cross from a profane instrument of execution to a symbol of triumph. Jesus sanctified the cross, making it holy, by sacrificing his life to win our salvation. We exalt the holy cross in a special way today, but we also exalt it every time we make the sign of the cross to express and bear witness to our faith. May the cross be a sign for us of Christ's power to overcome death and give new life.





# WHITE MASS FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS



**Celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone**

Light reception follows the Mass

**Friday, October 3, 2025 - 6 p.m.**  
**St Dunstan Catholic Church**  
1133 Broadway, Millbrae, CA 94030

For more information, scan the QR Code  
or visit: [starch.org/event/2025-white-mass/](http://starch.org/event/2025-white-mass/)

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November 13, 2025  
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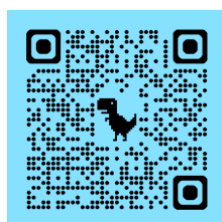
## Faith Formation Registrations

It is time to register for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation year.

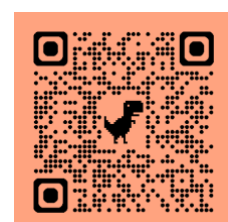
### We offer the following:

- Promise Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:45 Mass for children ages 3-6
- GIFT- Intergenerational Family Catechesis for grades 1<sup>st</sup> and up
- First Eucharist/Communion Preparation for grades 2<sup>nd</sup> and up after a first year in Gift
- Middle School Youth Ministry for grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>
- High School Confirmation Preparation for grades 9<sup>th</sup> and up
- High School Youth Ministry is being developed, more to come for grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>
- OCIA adapted for Children and Teens for children and teens above the age of 7

### K-8<sup>th</sup> Registration



### Confirmation Registration



## Adult Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for adults to help as catechists in the OCIA Adapted for Children and Teens. It would involve a twice-a-month commitment during the school year. This program helps catch-up children and teens sacramentally. Please email Joey at [joey@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:joey@stmatthiasparish.org) if you are interested.

## Support SVDP

Support our St. Vincent de Paul Conference! To read stories from our deliveries, learn how to join the conference, or see the items we most need in our pantry, visit <https://tinyurl.com/SupportSVdP> or use the QR code.



## 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](mailto:rich@stmatthiasparish.org).

## 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.

## 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](mailto:rich@stmatthiasparish.org) for further information.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY invites new members! Do you sew? quilt? knit? crochet? or use a small loom? We make shawls, lap robes, scarves, hats and blankets for those who are celebrating or need comfort. We also sew bibs, quilt booties and make hats for baptisms and need another person who sews. We work at our own pace at home but meet monthly to collect and bless our projects. Come and check us out Tuesday, October 21st, 3pm in church hall. Or contact Laurie Coulter, call or text 408 202-9990.

## Together in Holiness

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference – Married and engaged couples are invited to the ninth annual Together in Holiness marriage conference on September 27, 2025 from 10:45 am – 6:00 pm at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Belmont, CA. This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. An Early Bird discount is available through August 11 as well as scholarships upon request. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Archdiocese of San Francisco. For more info, visit [togetherinholiness.org/sanfrancisco](https://togetherinholiness.org/sanfrancisco) or email [jessie@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:jessie@forlifeandfamily.org).

## St. Francis Center Fall Fundraiser

Saturday, October 4, 2025 there will be a fundraiser at St. Denis in Menlo Park immediately after Mass from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Meet the Executive Director and Auxiliary members to explore opportunities to get involved. Flyers are on the back table. Appetizers and beverages provided.

## Music Notes

This month of September, youth and others will be working toward goals in their education and we support them in song with words of encouragement, hope, and comfort as students approach and enter the unknown. What is an exciting and joyous time for some can bring anxiety and fear to others. We offer support in the words that we prayerfully sing in:

"Be Still and Know that I am God"

"Be Not Afraid"

"All is Well with My Soul"

and the beautiful Franciscan version of Psalm 139, "In the Still and Quiet Hours of the Evening/Morning" composed by Pat Groves, OFM.

Thanks to Tom Vance for his help, the September Song sheets are in the pews ready for use. You will find the actual notation to follow along as we sing the new setting of The Gloria and the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy).

Join in celebrating the joy of The Gloria! We have new bells for you to ring especially during the singing of The Gloria. Families: please bring your little ones over to the music area before the liturgy starts to pick bells to ring during this joyous piece. We have new bells that fit the hands of toddlers: all are welcome to join in ringing and singing.

If you are interested in joining music ministry and sharing your musical talent, please contact me or see me after Saturday or Sunday liturgy.

Respectfully submitted by  
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## Catholic San Francisco

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

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