

# St. Matthias Parish

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 6-7, 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    Ross and Louella Jones†

Sunday 9:45 A.M. Mass    Jim Murray†

## THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

**Prelude:** Be Still

**Opening:** Be Not Afraid

**Gloria:** Mass of Restoration

**Ps. 139:** “In the still and quiet hours of the morning, I think of you my God. Always you are there to guide and comfort me, I think of you my God.

**Gospel Accl.**

**Offertory:** All is Well With My Soul

**Eux Accl.** Mass of Restoration

**Comm:** You Are Our Living Bread

**Sending:** Sent Out in Jesus' Name/Enviado Soy 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.*

**Thank you to Tom Vance for stepping up to prepare the sanctuary for September music. Tom cleared out the August song sheets last Sunday and distributed the new September song sheets. Thank you, Tom!**

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Jesus, our teacher, offers lessons today on being a disciple. These lessons can be difficult—we must carry our own crosses, we must renounce all our possessions, we even must hate our own family—but we gather as a family of faith in this place to hear them and reflect on them. The words of Wisdom may help, as they point out that as much as we try, we cannot possibly conceive the mind of God. Therefore, with faith and humility, let us listen to God's word.

## FIRST READING

Wisdom 9:13-18b

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns.

And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

## SECOND READING

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

## GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

## 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. Roy Remo**



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

Over the last two thousand years Jesus has been given many titles, from Bread of Life to Our Savior. One of his first titles, going back to when he first stood and proclaimed God's word in the synagogue, is Rabbi, or Teacher. How appropriate to focus on that title on this first Sunday of September, a time of year when millions of young people are returning to school. Today we hear Jesus teach the crowds what it means to be a disciple. May he teach us as well as we gather together in his name.



## 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)

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

**FIRST DAY OF 2 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL**

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)

**BECOME A TIGER**  
JOIN US FOR ADMISSIONS EVENTS

Notre Dame Belmont has been voted the best private high school in the SF Bay Area for two years!

**SHADOW A TIGER**  
Sept. 16 - Nov. 17, 2025

**TIGER TALKS**  
September through November 2025

**OPEN HOUSE**  
October 19, 2025  
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**NOTRE DAME NIGHT**  
November 13, 2025  
7 to 8:30 p.m.

REGISTER FOR EVENTS AT [NDHSB.ORG](https://ndhsb.org)

APPLICATION DUE DATE: December 12, 2025  
LATE APPLICATION DATE: January 9, 2026  
FINANCIAL AID DUE DATE: January 9, 2026

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:  
Debbie Anderson '85, Director of Admissions  
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650.595.9505

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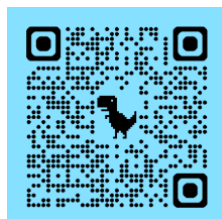
## Faith Formation Registrations

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

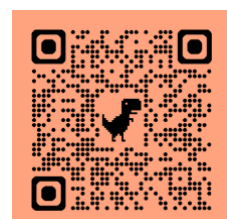
### We offer the following:

- 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.

## September Senior Luncheon ~Back to School~

All registered parishioners of St. Charles and St. Matthias who are 60 years + are cordially invited to the Senior Luncheon, held on the second Wednesday of each month at noon in Borromeo Hall.

The first day of "School" is Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. The doors open at 11:45am. We will meet in Borromeo Hall Cafeteria and enjoy a brown bag lunch just like Mom used to make!! Along with your reservation, please include your sandwich choice: Bologna, Ham, Salami, Turkey or Peanut Butter & Jelly! All reservations must be received by noon on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, or you may have to eat your lunch in the Principal's Office. This will be a great day to connect with old friends and to meet new friends! For reservations please RSVP to Kathy Fagliano at 650- 591-7349 ext. 402 or [kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org). We hope to see you in "class." **PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY AT NOON!**

## 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.



## St. Charles Women's Club

St. Charles Women's Club is kicking off a new season, and what better way to celebrate than with pizza, friends, and fun!

Date: Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6:00 PM Grotto

Join us for an evening of laughter, connection, and delicious pizza as we launch into a new season of events, activities, and community. Whether you're a long-time member or brand new, this is the perfect chance to reconnect, make new friends, and hear about what's coming up this season.



Pizza and refreshments will be provided. Bring your enthusiasm and invite a friend!

## Bible Study: The Gospel of Luke

The St. Matthias/St. Charles Bible Study resumes on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

## 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.

## 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 Marriage Conference – Married and engaged couples are invited to the ninth annual

## Together in Holiness

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](http://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.



*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  
THIS BULLETIN WEEKLY.**

The advertisement for Nu/terra Real Estate Group features the company logo on the left and a portrait of Jeri Richardson-Daines on the right. The text includes: "Nu/terra REAL ESTATE GROUP", "Jeri Richardson-Daines", "Founder | REALTOR\*", "DRE# 01461819", "(650)208-7846", "jeri@nuterrarealestate.com", and "nuterrarealestate.com".

The advertisement for Tony Y. Chan of NAREIG International Realty features the company logo on the left and a portrait of Tony Y. Chan on the right. The text includes: "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", "陈有杰", "Managing Broker", and "Lic#01938263".

The advertisement for Crippen &amp; Flynn features the company name and "SINCE 1949" at the top. Below this, it lists "Cremation", "Pre- Need Arrangements", "Burial", and "Memorial Services". It states "Our Professional Services are Base Upon Your Individual Needs" and "Se Habla Español Мы говорим по-русски". It then lists two locations: "Woodside Chapel" at "400 Woodside Road, Redwood City, (650) 369-4103, FD879" and "Carlmont Chapel" at "1111 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont, (650) 595-4103, FD1825".

The advertisement for Emerald Eco features the company logo and the text "Go all-electric and all-green!". It states "We retrofit homes to be all-electric and we install solar &amp; battery backup systems." and lists four benefits: "Be energy efficient", "Replace gas appliances", "Be zero carbon", and "Enjoy renewable power!". It includes the website "www.emeraldeco.com" and the contact information "Call Diane 408 623 7938".

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