

St. Matthias Parish

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 27th and 28th, 2026

Our First 65 Years

On June 24, 1961, Archbishop John J. Mitty established the parish of St. Matthias in the Emerald Hills area of Redwood City.

The founding pastor was Rev. Thomas Lacey.

The rectory was a former residence on Cordilleras Road.

While the Church was being built, Masses were held in a hardware store on Oak Knoll Road.

The pastor envisioned a K-8 school that would grow over time.

65 years later our parish community along with a vibrant and growing preschool celebrates our anniversary.

St. Matthias is a vital parish serving the people of God.



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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.

Pastor's Message on the St. Matthias 65th Foundation Anniversary

My dear parishioners,

This weekend, we give thanks to God as we celebrate the 65th Foundation Anniversary of St. Matthias Church in Redwood City.

On June 24, 1961, the Archdiocese of San Francisco officially established St. Matthias Parish under the leadership of Archbishop John J. Mitty. Father Thomas Lacey was appointed as the founding pastor, assisted by the newly ordained Father Donald Casella. Together with a dedicated group of faithful parishioners, they began building not only a parish but also a vibrant community of faith.

The early years were marked by great enthusiasm and sacrifice. The first parishioners worshipped in a converted hardware store while plans for the permanent church were being developed. Families opened their homes for meetings and prayer gatherings. Ministries were organized, young people became involved, and friendships were formed. Through their hard work and generosity, the foundation of our parish was laid.

Over the next six and a half decades, St. Matthias experienced many joys and challenges. The parish witnessed the changes brought about by the Second Vatican Council, endured financial struggles, celebrated milestones, opened and closed a parish school, established a preschool, weathered difficult moments including the recent pandemic, and successfully navigated a period when the parish's future and pastoral structure were being reconsidered, including a proposal to entrust it to the pastoral care of the Maronite Catholic community. Yet through every season, the people of St. Matthias remained faithful to Christ and committed to one another.

Today, our parish family continues to be a warm and welcoming Catholic community. We are blessed with approximately four hundred registered families, a thriving preschool, faith formation programs for all ages, dedicated volunteers, and parishioners whose love for the Church continues to sustain this community.

As we celebrate this anniversary, we remember with gratitude all those who came before us: our founding pastors, religious sisters, staff members, benefactors, volunteers, and countless parishioners whose prayers, sacrifices, and service made St. Matthias what it is today. We stand on their shoulders and continue the mission they entrusted to us.

The Gospel this Sunday reminds us of the cost and joy of discipleship. Jesus tells His followers that whoever wishes to follow Him must take up his cross daily and follow Him. Those words describe well the history of St. Matthias. For sixty-five years, generations of parishioners carried the cross of building and sustaining a parish community. They sacrificed their time, talent, and treasure so that future generations might know Christ and experience His love.

At the same time, Jesus assures us that whoever loses his life for His sake will save it. The history of St. Matthias is a living testimony to that promise. The sacrifices made by so many faithful people have borne abundant fruit. Their generosity has produced a parish community that continues to worship, serve, teach, and evangelize.

This anniversary also invites us to remember our patron, St. Matthias. Chosen by the apostles to take the place of Judas, St. Matthias was selected not because he sought honor or recognition, but because he faithfully followed the Lord. His election reminds us that God continues to call ordinary people to carry on His mission. Just as St. Matthias was chosen to strengthen the early Church, each one of us is called to strengthen our parish community through prayer, service, stewardship, and participation in the life of the Church.

As we celebrate this special anniversary, may we renew our commitment to the mission of our parish. Let us continue to be a community rooted and grounded in the love of Jesus Christ. May we honor our past with gratitude, embrace the present with faith, and look to the future with hope.

On behalf of our parish family, I thank all who have contributed to the life of St. Matthias throughout these sixty-five years. May God bless our parish abundantly as we continue our journey together.

Happy 65th Anniversary, St. Matthias Parish!

With my prayers,
Fr. Roy Remo, Pastor

Peter's Pence

This weekend we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See. These charitable works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Be a sign of hope with your generosity. For more information, visit www.obolodisaspietro.va/en.html.

AAA Update

We did it! We reached 100%, thank you! Please remember that any amount given past our goal comes back to the parish 100% and won't be assessed.

Bulletin Ad Space

We are looking for bulletin sponsors! Please contact the parish office if you are interested in advertising in our bulletin.

Welcome Weekend

Welcome Weekend is July 11 and 12.

You are invited to bring an appetizer to share at either Appetizer Saturday or Donut Sunday. Donut Sunday will be expanded with appetizers as we are welcoming the new priest to our community! Please contact Melanie if you wish to bring a dish at: Melanie@stmatthiasparish.org

July Senior Luncheon

Please join us on Wednesday, July 8th at noon as we celebrate the 250th birthday of our great nation! Enjoy a festive afternoon filled with patriotic music, yummy "picnic food," fellowship and gratitude for the many blessings of our country.

Doors open at 11:45am. All registered parishioners of St. Charles and St. Matthias 60 years + are warmly invited to attend our monthly Senior Luncheon in Borromeo Hall.

To make a reservation, please RSVP to Kathy Fagliano at 650-591-7349 Ext. 402 or kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org. Reservations must be received by noon on Monday, July 6th.

Remember to wear your red, white and blue!!! We hope to see you there!

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Carol McAdams, Tommie Fogliani, Sofia Rodriguez Gaddi, Kathleen Kaz, Sal Calcagno, Rose Marino, Lena Marino, Catherine Stoddard, and Janice Miller,
that they may be comforted by the loving embrace of Jesus.

We also pray for Al Cresta, Sandy Hobart, Joe Schmidt, Susan Schellenberg, Vivian Tarango, Patricia O'Brien, Brandon Franks, and Otello Ascani, as well as all who recently went to our Lord.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:00 P.M. Mass
Benito & Florencia Pangilinan†

Sunday 9:45 A.M. Mass
Rad and Ariel Guhit



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