St. Matthias Parish

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4th and 5th, 2026

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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

My dear parishioners,

Happy Fourth of July!

As we celebrate our nation's Independence Day and gather for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, I find myself reflecting with gratitude on another milestone in my priestly ministry. On July 1, I completed my second year as your pastor, having arrived at St. Charles and St. Matthias on July 1, 2024.

The past two years have been filled with many blessings, opportunities, challenges, and moments of grace. The recent fiscal year of 2025–2026 was particularly demanding. As many of you know, I was entrusted with the pastoral care of both St. Charles and St. Matthias while also overseeing St. Charles School and St. Matthias Preschool, all without the assistance of a parochial vicar.

There were many days occupied with parish meetings, school activities, sacramental celebrations, hospital visits, funerals, weddings, counseling sessions, administrative responsibilities, and the countless ordinary tasks that are part of parish life. At times the workload was heavy, and there were moments when I wondered how everything would be accomplished.

Yet through it all, God remained faithful.

I would not have been able to carry out this ministry without your patience, understanding, prayers, and generous support. I am deeply grateful to our parish staff, school administrators, teachers, volunteers, ministry leaders, deacons, and parishioners who stepped forward whenever help was needed. Together we continued the mission of Christ and served God's people with dedication and generosity.

For this reason, I am especially thankful that on July 1 our new parochial vicar, Fr. Alner Nambatac, arrived and officially joined our parish communities. His presence will be a great blessing to St. Charles and St. Matthias. In next week's Pastor's Message, we will introduce him more fully. We will also have a Welcome Mass on July 12, 2026, followed by a simple coffee and doughnut reception after the 9:45 a.m. Mass. I hope you will join us in extending a warm welcome to him.

My experience during the past year reminds me of the Gospel for this Sunday. Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

These words have a special meaning for me. There were many occasions during the past year when I felt tired and overwhelmed by the demands of ministry. Yet whenever I turned to prayer, celebrated the Eucharist, spent time before the Blessed Sacrament, or simply entrusted my concerns to the Lord, I experienced the truth of His promise. Christ did not remove every difficulty, but He gave me the strength to carry them.

The Gospel reminds us that we are not meant to carry our burdens alone. The Lord invites us to place our worries, struggles, and responsibilities in His hands. He walks with us, strengthens us, and provides the help we need through the people He places in our lives. Looking back on this past year, I can clearly see how God worked through so many of you to lighten my load and support our parish mission.

As we begin a new fiscal year and welcome our new parochial vicar, let us continue to place Christ at the center of our lives. Let us support one another, work together in faith, and continue building communities where people encounter the love, mercy, and presence of Jesus Christ.

Thank you once again for your kindness, encouragement, and prayers. Please continue to pray for me, for Fr. Alner, and for all who serve our parish communities.

With gratitude and prayers,
Fr. Roy,
Pastor

Welcome Weekend

Welcome Weekend with hospitality will be held on Saturday, July 11 and on Sunday, July 12 after each mass. Following the 9:45 am on Sunday, we will also be welcoming our new priest, Fr. Al, to our community. Besides coffee, juice, and donuts we will also have appetizers and snacks. If you would like to bring an appetizer to share on Appetizer Saturday or for the Welcome Reception on Sunday, please email Melanie at Melanie@stmatthiasparish.org.

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.

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!

WELCOME FR. ALNER!

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
People of St. Matthias

Sunday 9:45 A.M. Mass
Vincenzo Passanisi†

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