

# ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

## St. Matthias



### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28-29, 2018



**First Reading** — When they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said (2 Kings 4:42-44).

**Psalms** — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — Strive to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-6).

**Gospel** — Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted (John 6:1-15).

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*St. Matthias is a Roman Catholic Community striving to respond to the call of Jesus through worship and sacraments, faith formation, service, and social opportunities.*

*Under the guidance of the pastor and pastoral staff, we seek to strengthen current lay leadership and develop and empower new leadership.*

*Although a small parish, we commit ourselves and parish programs to hospitality, generosity to those in need, and outreach to all those seeking a faith community.*

*As Catholics, we recognize the many challenges facing the Church, but we trust in the Holy Spirit to guide us into the future.*

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[www.sfarchdiocese.org](http://www.sfarchdiocese.org)

#### Mass Schedule

Monday—Thursday 5:30 pm  
Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am

#### Reconciliation

Saturday 3:45 pm or by  
appointment

#### First Communion and Confirmation

Call Sabrina Harper to find out  
more about these sacraments.

#### Baptism

Call Liz Vugrinecz to schedule an  
appointment for preparation.

#### Marriage

Contact Deacon Rich Foley at  
least six months in advance of the  
wedding date.

#### Parish Library

Open Monday—Thursday from 9:30  
am—6:00 pm; Saturday 9:30 am—6:00  
pm; Sunday 8:00 am—11:30 am. Lo-  
cated in the Upper Rm of Lacey Hall.

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## Fr. Tom's Column

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Today's Gospel reading from Matthew is a prelude to what will become the revelation of Jesus as the Bread of Life. This is referred to as the "Bread of Life Discourse." In the Book of Kings and then again in the Gospel passage of Matthew, we have a juxtaposition of Elisha and Jesus calling for the people to be fed. In the case of Elisha, his servant objects to his request to feed the masses because of lack of food. Elisha, trusting in God's providence to provide for the needs of his people, insists. This scene is a foretelling of John's account of the multiplication of loaves and fishes. In a similar way, Jesus asks Philip where he can buy enough food to feed the five thousand people who have gathered around Jesus. The disciple Andrew, not unlike Elisha's servant, protests that there is no way the limited amount of loaves and fishes can possibly feed the crowd. Despite the obvious parallels and similarities in both of these accounts, Jesus alone is the Bread of Life.

There is rich symbolism in Jesus recognizing the needs of the people around him. Jesus is sensitive and aware that people are hungry and need to be fed. In responding to them, he not only addresses the practical, temporal needs of others but also points them to hope. That there are left-overs points to the reality that for those who trust in God's providential care, the availability of God's grace is without limit, overflowing for those who seek it.

This scene of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes is instructive for us as we face moments of limitation and doubt in our own lives. We sometimes have situations which on the surface seem impossible to face or overcome. It is true that the outcomes we desire do not always conform to or meet our expectations. This is reality. We can easily become dispirited and discouraged. Yet, one of the great blessings and gifts of Christian maturity is to face each situation and reflect on how God is present in that circumstance. What is God trying to say to us and where is he leading us. This discernment and reflection can lead us to a deeper experience of God's presence in our lives and where we come to know in a profound way that God answers our pleas and satisfies our hungry hearts.

The words of Saint Paul to the Ephesians read in today's Second Reading help us to reflect upon the challenges but also the necessity of bonding together as authentic Christians. I encourage each of us to take some time this week to re-read and reflect upon these words: **"I urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all..."**

Have a safe and blessed week!

*Father Tom*

# Our Call to Family & Pastoral Care

## Mass Intentions & Clergy Assignments

<b>Saturday, July 28th</b> <i>Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	<b>Bill &amp; Phyllis Panelli and Al &amp; Janice Sahagun †</b>	Fr. Ted Magpayo
<b>Sunday, July 29th</b> <i>17th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	8:00 am	<b>People of St. Matthias</b>	Fr. Ted Magpayo
	10:30 am		Fr. Tom Martin
<b>Monday, July 30th</b> <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	<b>Special Intentions of the BVM</b>	Fr. Ted Magpayo
<b>Tuesday, July 31st</b> <i>St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i>	5:30 pm	<b>Special Intentions of the BVM</b>	Fr. Tom Martin
<b>Wednesday, Aug 1st</b> <i>St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</i>	5:30 pm	<b>Special Intentions of the BVM</b>	
<b>Thursday, Aug 2nd</b> <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	<b>Special Intentions of the BVM</b>	
<b>Saturday, Aug 4th</b> <i>St. John Vianney, Priest</i>	5:00 pm	<b>People of St. Matthias</b>	
<b>Sunday, Aug 5th</b> <i>18th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	8:00 am		
	10:30 am		

*Clergy assignments for Masses are subject to change.*

## Prayer Tree Network

Please contact our Prayer Phone Tree if you have someone who needs prayers for healing, grieving, loss, discernment, strength, comfort or support. Call Marilyn Donnelly at 365-5192 or Carol McAdams at 369-4365.

## Pastoral Care of the Sick

Do you know a parishioner ill at home, homebound, or in a care facility who would like to receive Communion or anointing? Call the parish office, and we will arrange to have a priest or deacon visit. For a priest at Kaiser or Sequoia hospital, contact Fr. Martin Muruli through the nurse's station at either hospital.



## Pray for the sick in our community...

Eric Alvarez  
Terry Azofeifa  
Patrick Boland  
Bill Bulanti  
Bobby Zavas  
Carlos Chavez  
Bart Coulter  
Nancy Guass  
Louise Leeper  
Rose & Richard Marino  
Severin Morger  
Robert Munn  
Peggy Perez  
Yvonne Salinger  
Sharon Spry  
Bobby Zavas

**...that they may be comforted by the love of Jesus.**

To add or remove a name from this list, email [info@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:info@stmatthiasparish.org). Please let us know when your friend or loved one's health has improved.

### NEW IN THE PARISH OR CHANGE OF STATUS FORM

To register in the parish or make a change in address, to add or remove family members, please fill out the form below. (Please cut it out and place in the collection basket).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone / Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# Our Call to Stewardship

*All we have is a gift from God. What we do with what we have is our gift to God.*

Sharing our gifts and returning them to God means giving generously of our time, talent, and treasure. To find out ways to share your time and talent, visit this page or [www.stmatthiasparish.org](http://www.stmatthiasparish.org).

## Treasure Received

July 2018– June 2019 (income needed to balance budget) **\$320,000.00**

St. Matthias' Finance Council has suggested that income be reported on a monthly, rather than weekly, basis for this fiscal year. Income figures for the previous month will be reported the first weekend of the next month.

### Year-To-Date Received

Monthly Need **\$26,666**

July Sunday Collections  
+ Electronic Donations

**Total Offertory for July**

**Difference (Need-Received)**

**2018 AAA Campaign Assessment \$67,319**

We have received \$31,885 or 47% of our assessment as of 7/18/2018.

## Online Giving

Online giving is *safe, secure and easy*. Start giving online today! Visit our website at [stmatthiasparish.org](http://stmatthiasparish.org) and click on "Support Us" then "Online Donation" to sign up.

**Our St. Matthias Finance Council met on July 19th to review the budget for 2018-2019. Please note the updated figures to the left. Additional updates will follow about our financial situation. Please prayerfully consider how you support our parish and consider giving a little more each week.**

## Help St. Matthias' Financial Security—Consider Stock or IRA Contributions

### Did you know you can donate to the church directly from brokerage account?

A charitable contribution of long-term (owned over one year) appreciated securities is one of the most tax-efficient ways to donate to the Church. Long-term appreciated securities with unrealized gains may be donated to the Church and a tax deduction taken for the full fair market value of the securities. Since the securities are donated rather than sold, the capital gains taxes no longer apply. You get a full deduction for the securities and don't pay taxes on the gain! The more appreciation the securities have, the greater the tax savings will be. You can reach out to Sabrina Harper for an Archdiocese form that can be used to make the request through your broker. Consult a tax professional for specific guidance.

### If you are over 70 ½ you may be able to meet your minimum required distribution from your IRA.

Making a donation to St. Matthias directly from an IRA may provide a way to effectively claim a tax deduction and meet your IRA minimum distribution requirements for those 70 ½ and older. These are referred to as Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD). Reach out to Sabrina Harper for the form that can be used to make the request through your broker. Consult a tax professional for specific guidance.

## Our Call to Justice & Charity: The Two Feet of Love *in Action*

Our Ecuadorian Pilgrimage came to an end on July 4th. The participants were prompted to reflect upon and consider the following questions: What experience was the most meaningful for you? Which encounter was the most life-changing or impactful? How did this trip challenge or surprise you?

Following is the next paper received from **Benjamin Schembri**. Benjamin will also be a sophomore at Sequoia High School in the fall. His family is well-known at St. Matthias, Noah sings in the choir, Benjamin, his brother Daniel and sister, Sarah are altar servers. His parents, Katherine and Jerry help organize the Kids' Carnival at Oktoberfest along with many other things!

Benjamin's reflection paper will appear in two parts. Here is part one:

Going to Ecuador had never crossed my mind before my older brother Noah went on this trip. When he got back he told me all the great things that he had done while he was there. Two years later, Sabrina Harper told me that she was going on this trip to Ecuador again. This was going to be my first time I've ever been out of the country without my family.

I was scared about going out on my own with a bunch of boys, some of whom I had never known before. I roomed with Chicco, Charlie, and Ryan M. Of the boys on the trip, I knew Charlie and Ryan from Sequoia High School and I had known Chicco from middle school youth ministry at St. Matthias. All of us boys in our room had been in the same confirmation class too. While I did not know Ryan T., Brendan and Buddy, I got to know them well and enjoyed their company over the course of our trip.

We arrived in Guayaquil late in the day on Wednesday. The next day we had breakfast, eggs, ham and toast, at 8 a.m. Later, we walked down to Casa Damien with the directors, Nathan and Germania, who were very welcoming. First, we talked about Leprosy with Nathan and he asked what we knew about it. He told us that it's called Hansen's Disease because leprosy is a bad term to use. After that we went to meet all the people in the compound at Casa Damien. We went and met the seven women first and the ones I remember the most are Esther, Sister Luz and Elvia. We then walked over to the open patio of the men's quarters. The local Rotary Club made it so the floor was not just dirt. It was now tile so that wheelchairs

could go across the floor. We all introduced ourselves to the men and by then it was close to the end of the day. Afterwards we went to the grocery store to buy snacks and water, then Diego our driver drove us back to the hostel.



Playing Chinese Checkers with the women of Damien House.

The next day we went to Damien House. We went to the art room to put our stuff away (which is where we put all of our stuff throughout the trip), then we split into groups and one of the groups went to the men's section and the other group went to the ladies section. My group played Chinese checkers with the ladies which was really fun. It was good therapy for their hands moving the little balls across the board. After that we went to Mass at the Chapel. We brought all the men to their living spaces and then had lunch with the staff and helpers at Casa Damien. After lunch we all got in the car to head to the school, Nuevo Mundo. It took about 20 minutes to get there, and once we arrived we met Pat, the founder of the school. Pat is a very good friend of Sister Annie, who is the founder of Casa Damien. She took us all into a room and instructed us to ask her questions about the school. She then asked us what we wanted to be when we grow up. A bunch of us said that we wanted to be Engineers. Then she told us that things can change. She advised us that we should be teachers so we can teach kids like the ones in Ecuador English so their lives could be a lot better. Pat was a nice lady and we enjoyed our time with her. She then introduced us to Jocelyn & her classroom. We spoke to Jocelyn's class and had them ask questions in English and we would answer them in English. After we were done with the class, we toured the school and then left for a tour of Duran.

# Our Call to Catechesis

## A Day on “The Eucharist” with Fr. Ron Rohlheiser, OMI

The Archdiocesan Office of Consecrated Life invites you to come and be enriched by the wisdom and depth of spirituality of Fr. Ron Rohlheiser, OMI, teacher, college president, award-winning author, and syndicated columnist, whose work appears regularly in our newspaper, Catholic San Francisco. There are two sessions, in two different venues:

### Saturday, August 11th

St. Agnes Church, San Francisco, 9:00 –11:30 am:  
The Eucharist: Our One Great Act of Fidelity

St. Pius Church, Redwood City, 1:30 –4:30 pm: A Spirituality of the Eucharist

Each session will address different aspects of the Eucharist; all are welcome to attend one or both. Registration is not required. A free-will offering will be accepted at each site.

## Share Jesus: Faith Formation Day

### Saturday, August 25th

from 9:00—4:00 pm at  
St. Denis Church, Menlo Park

*What does it mean when the Church says that “parents are the primary catechists of their children?” How can parents fulfill that awesome responsibility and who is there to help support that mission?*

The Parish Catechetical Leaders and Master Catechists of Deanery 11 are pleased to present a one-day seminar for parents and catechists of all ages. These sessions offer credit for certification and



recertification for Basic and Master Catechetical certificates, but are also designed for parents who serve a primary role as catechists for their children. Parents teach their children about the love of God on a daily basis by how they care for them and how they model the faith.

For more information, please contact Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org.

## SALT: Sharing and Learning Together Pre- school Pro- gram



Drop off child care and catechesis during the 10:30 am Mass starting on **Sunday, August 26th!** As we welcome everyone back from summer holidays, we are excited to provide families with young children the ability to drop off their pre-school-aged children for religious instruction and free play while the rest of the family attends Mass. To participate, simply bring your toilet-trained child(ren) to Room 1 of the Preschool Building (the classroom nearest the playground) at 10:15 am on Sunday, August 26th, to sign in.

This program is being developed in response to popular request, and relies entirely upon volunteers to prepare learning materials and care for the children. We trust that families who benefit from the program will participate accordingly. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Sabrina Harper at [sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org). The frequency with which we will offer it will depend on volunteer response.

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# Parish & Preschool Events

DR = Rectory Dining Room MR = Merry Room UR = Upper Room PS = Preschool

2nd Collection— St. Vincent de Paul			
Sunday, July 29th <i>17th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>	Monday, July 30th <i>Weekday</i>	Tuesday, July 31st <i>St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i>	Wednesday, August 1st <i>St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop &amp; Doctor of Church</i>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)	5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)
Thursday, August 2nd <i>Weekday</i>	Friday, August 3rd <i>Weekday</i>	Saturday, August 4th <i>St. John Vianney, Priest</i>	Sunday, August 5th <i>18th Sunday in Ord. Time</i>
5:30 pm Daily Mass (MR)	9:00 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	8:00 am Sunday Mass 9:15 am Breaking Open the Word (MR) 10:30 am Sunday Mass

## St. Matthias Improvements

### Good-bye Dated Grass Cloth —and Hello Pretty Colors!

The wall paper removal and painting project got underway this past week. By end of day Monday 7/23, all the dated, damaged grass cloth wall paper had been removed.

By next week, bright beau-

tiful colors will recolor these tired walls!

Please note—because of the scope of the work, the office staff has been temporarily displaced and can't work in the building. If you need assistance, please email the staff as this will be the best way to get in touch until the projects completion!



### Preschool Renewal

Brigid Bugos, along with help from her family and friends, completed her Gold Scout award project on Sunday, 7/22.

They repaired the aging retaining wall in front of the Preschool, painted it to match the Church, laid ground cover and cleaned the area up.

“Thank you so much for your amazing help and hard work yesterday. I could not have accomplished this project without your dedication. I know we made a huge impact on the school's outward appearance that now reflects the fantastic school and community inside. I have attached before, during, and after pictures of one of the areas so you can see the progress we made.”



-Brigid