

HEBREWS 12:22

You have approached Mount Zion
and the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem.

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*Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

St. Matthias

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Matthias Mass Schedule

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

St. Charles Mass Schedule

Monday—Saturday	8:30 am
Fridays	6:30 am
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:30 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:45 pm or by
appointment

First Communion and Confirmation

Email Sabrina Harper for information.

Baptism

Email Deacon Rich Foley for information.

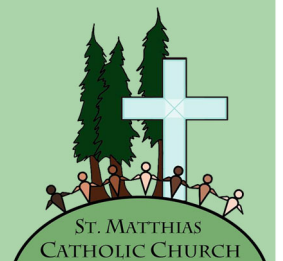
Marriage

Email Deacon Rich Foley for information.

**See the Staff Directory Inside the
Cover for Contact Information.**

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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Our Call to Catechesis

St. Matthias Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

All families with school-aged children are encouraged to participate in our many faith formation and youth ministry programs including GIFT (Generations in Faith Together), Youth Ministry for Middle School and High School youth, and Sacramental Preparation programs for reconciliation, first Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Our GIFT (Generations in Faith Together) program, is our primary form of faith formation for the entire parish community. This intergenerational approach features gatherings that include children, teens and their parents as well as adults without children. Our gatherings are held on the first Sunday of each month from 11:30-1:30 pm and will resume October 6th.

Registration for our faith formation programs for families, children and teens is NOW OPEN. If you have previously attended our programs, look for an email to re-register for the coming year. If you are new to our programs – please email Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org to express interest or ask questions.

Keeping Kids Catholic ... and our Grandkids too!

Thursday, Sept 19th and Thursday, Sept 26th from 7pm—9pm | Fr. Lacey Hall | Contact Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org

During this two part series, Master Catechist, Sabrina Harper will share why Catholic children are pulling away from the Church and what parents, grandparents and parish communities can do about it. Discussions will include ways in which we can actively engage and communicate our love for our faith and concrete strategies to help bond our youth to our Catholic communities. Simple refreshments will be provided for these free presentations. No registration is needed. Please invite your friends!

St. Charles Senior Luncheon—Sept 11th

Wednesday, Sept 11th at 11:45 am | Borromeo Hall, St. Charles

All registered parishioners 60+ are invited to join us as we remember the Heroes of 9/11. You will be treated to a traditional “Fire House” meal prepared by our very own Heroes/First Responders. Please join us at noon in Borromeo Hall. Doors will open at 11:45 am. Caregivers are welcome.

To reserve your spot please RSVP to Kathy Fagliano at 591-7349 ext 402 or email her at kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org by noon on Monday, September 9th. We hope to see you there!

Mass Intentions for August 31-September 8

Saturday, Aug 31 <i>Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	
Sunday, Sept 1 <i>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	People of St. Matthias Blake Bottarini †
Tuesday, Sept 3 <i>St. Gregory the Great</i>	5:30 pm	
Thursday, Sept 5 <i>Weekday</i>	5:30 pm	
Saturday, Sept 7 <i>Weekday</i>	5:00 pm	People of St. Matthias
Sunday, Sept 8 <i>Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	Bernie Bauman † Norman Roos †

Prayer Tree

Network Our Prayer Tree Network is a very special group of people who regularly pray for the needs of the community. All may request prayer for a special need or intention for healing, grieving, discernment, strength, comfort or support by contacting our Prayer Tree Network. The members spend some time every day in prayer for the requests that are received. We are seeking more members to pray in this way. If you are interested in finding out more about this valuable ministry, please call the parish office at (650) 366-9544.



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 visit.



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

If you believe you are a victim of sexual abuse, please call our hotline at (415) 614-5506.

Caring for Ourselves

We have an AED, "Automated External Defibrillator", located in Fr. Lacey Hall. It is to be used for a cardiac emergency of heart attack and it is to be accompanied by an immediate call to 911. Please familiarize yourself with its location. Use of an AED has significantly improved the outcomes of people suffering from a heart attack.

St. Francis Center

Thank you to all parishioners for the abundant donations to our annual ST. FRANCIS CENTER collection which was last weekend (Aug 24-25th). Our SVdP Conference delivered 30 large bags of clothes and towels to the St. Francis Center in Redwood City. Many underserved families will benefit from your very generous donations. Thank you!

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

- Jim Donnelly
- Sarah Rose Hove
- Roxanna Bulger
- Will Richardson
- Shirley Roybal
- Gerard Kaz
- Pamela Foley
- Andres Gutierrez
- Peggy Perez
- Marian Deglientoni
- Rose & Richard Marino
- Erin Magee
- Marge Bartlemus
- Suzanne Schaffner
- Marcia McAuliffe
- Chastidy Ronan

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

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.

Treasure Received

July 2019-June 2020

(income needed to balance budget)	\$332,000.00
Year-To-Date Received	\$18,818
Monthly Need	\$27,667
July Sunday Collections	\$14,148
+ Electronic Donations	\$4,670
Total Offertory for July	\$18,818
Difference (Monthly Need - Received)	<-\$8,849>



**CREATING A
CULTURE OF
GENEROSITY**

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2019 Called to Care & Share

On behalf of everyone who needs and utilizes our programs and services, we invite you to support this once-a-year Appeal. **Please forward your pledge envelope to either the parish office or to the Archdiocese.** Our assessment amount is \$65,273 and every dollar raised over that amount is returned to the parish community. As of August 1, 2019 we have received 44% of our assessment. Thank you for supporting the work of the parish and the Archdiocese. We will continue to update you on our progress.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Annual Ozanam Liturgy & Brunch

On Saturday, September 28th, Mgr. John Talesfore will preside at 9:00 am Mass at the Hilton San Francisco Airport Bayfront Hotel. Mass will be followed by a presentation of Ozanam Service Medallions, other awards and a buffet brunch. This event honors Vincentians and supporters. Family, friends and prospective Vincentians are all welcome to attend.



Many St. Matthias parishioners will be honored at this year's event including;

Bob & Joanne Thompson and Tom Vance, for 30 years of service; Kay Sylvia for 25 years of service; Enrica Poggio for 20 years of service; Betty Casey, Denise Carr, Sharon & Steve Ondry, Mary Schorr and Marina Turner for 15 years of service; and Ginny Curtin, Ollie Murphy, Jennifer O'Holleran and Angie Sullivan for 10 years of service. Congratulations for this achievement and our gratitude for your years of commitment to serving the underserved population of Redwood City.

Becoming A Fully Initiated Catholic – RCIA

Do you know someone who has thought about becoming Catholic or, for whatever reason, has been baptized but has not been confirmed or received Holy Communion? What does it mean to become fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church? Do you or someone you know have questions about the sacraments and what it means to be a Catholic? Please consider RCIA.

The Catholic Church has a process for adults to discern whether God is inviting them to learn more about our faith and, perhaps, to become Catholic. This process is also a pathway to complete the Sacraments of Initiation for those already Baptized (Confirmation, Eucharist).

This process is called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). The RCIA process provides guided weekly sessions on the fundamental beliefs of our faith, including an understanding of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist (Mass). In addition, the process emphasizes prayer, discernment and spiritual formation; candidates respond to their call to become followers of Jesus through the Catholic Church.

Participants include candidates from St. Matthias and St. Charles parishes along with their sponsors and team members. RCIA sessions will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in the St. Matthias rectory. The first RCIA gathering will be held on Sunday, September 15th. Parishioners who would like to participate as an RCIA team member and support our candidates are also welcome.

Deacon Rich and Deacon David will lead and facilitate RCIA sessions. If you have any questions, know of someone who would like to discuss joining RCIA, are considering being a team member, or would just like to experience the RCIA process, please contact Deacon Rich before or after Mass or email him at rich@stmatthiasparish.org.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit calls individuals to seek a deeper relationship with Almighty God through His Church.

Bible Study: Letters of St. Paul

Deacon Rich will present a six-week Bible Study on *St. Paul's Letters to the Colossians and to the Ephesians* beginning Monday, September 9th from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in Fr. Lacey Hall at St. Matthias Church.

According to theologian Fr. Raymond Brown, "Next to Jesus, Paul has been the most influential figure in the history of Christianity." Although Paul was not one of the twelve Apostles, he called himself "The Apostle to the Gentiles." In his letters, St. Paul describes the implications of Jesus' ministry and his teachings for particular communities of believers.

Since Paul's letters are a part of the New Testament and proclaimed at most Masses, no Christian has been unaffected by what he has written. Paul's letters provide further context and insight into the developments within the early Church as described in the Acts of the Apostles. What can we learn from Paul's writing that will help each one of us to deepen our belief in a loving God and guide us more fully to live our Catholic Christian faith?

All are welcome. No prior experience with Bible study is needed. Bibles are available in the parish hall or you may bring your own Bible, notepad and pen. While any Catholic Bible will suffice, the preferred Bibles are the *New Revised Standard Version* and *The New American Bible*. Please join us for any or all sessions. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Rich (rich@stmatthiasparish.org).

Christ Life Evangelization

ChristLife is a three-part evangelization series; part one is called Discovering Christ, part two is called Following Christ, and part three is Sharing Christ. The objective of Discovering Christ finds its expression in the second goal of the U.S. Bishops' evangelization plan, *Go and Make Disciples*: "To invite every person in the United States to come to know Jesus in the fullness of our Catholic Faith" (53). Discovering Christ intends to ambitiously meet this goal by equipping Catholic individuals and parishes with a simple set of tools to invite others to hear and embrace the Gospel.

"I feel Jesus wants us to invite him into each and every part of our lives. The Christ Life series helped me to see this. Invite him to the party as well as to the time to clean up afterwards." - Suzie

Parents who are attending GIFT are especially invited to participate in ChristLife. "This experience invites every person, baptized or unbaptized, to encounter the love of God the Father, enter into or renew a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as God's children (ChristLife)." We feel that, especially for parents, this personal relationship with Jesus must be developed and nurtured so that it can be modeled for, and passed on to their children.

All are welcome to attend. Do you know anyone in your life, community or even at St. Matthias who wonders about the meaning of life? Discovering Christ creates this open door for anyone who is searching for deeper meaning and provides an opportunity to share the Good News and nurture their personal love of Jesus Christ. Following Christ helps participants understand Jesus' desire for us to be disciples, and Sharing Christ is designed to give participants the courage and skills necessary to go out and share the Good News!

"These sessions have accelerated my spiritual growth, connection to Jesus, and have made me more aware of his call for

me." - Mary

All three parts of the ChristLife series will be offered this year beginning on September 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm with Discovering Christ. To find out more about Christ Life, contact Sabrina.

Women's Mini-Retreat at St. Charles

Saturday, September 7th from 9:00 am—3:00 pm | Borremeo Hall St. Charles Church
St. Charles' Women's Club invites all St. Matthias women to a Mini-Retreat called, "Hearing the Prophetic Voice of Our Biblical Sisters" led by Mary Romo, PhD. Advance registration of \$25 required and includes continental breakfast and a box lunch. Please contact Donna McKay at 650-575-6471 for more information and to register.

Prayers for Peace & Potluck Picnic

Monday, September 2, 2019 | Prayers begin at 11:00 am | Twin Pines Park, Belmont
The Peninsula Multifaith Coalition brings together our diverse faith community to build bridges of understanding and respect. This gathering will bring together members from seven faith traditions who will share prayers for peace. Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Jews, Sikhs, and Bahai's will offer prayers. Prayers will be spoken, sung and chanted quietly as all of us respectfully participate in spirit.

A potluck picnic will follow! Bring your favorite foods, music and games to share!

All Ages, All Faiths, All People Welcome!



'Let us learn from the visit of God to his people. Be present to others, be close, feel compassion, sow hope.'

-Pope Francis

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Parish and Preschool Closed for Labor Day			
<u>Sunday, Sept 1st</u>	<u>Monday, Sept 2nd</u>	<u>Tuesday, Sept 3rd</u>	<u>Wednesday, Sept 4th</u>
8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass		5:30 pm Daily Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Fundraiser Meeting (DR)	7:00 pm Book Club "Letter to a Suffering Church" (Hall)
<u>Thursday, Sept 5th</u>	<u>Friday, Sept 6th</u>	<u>Saturday, Sept 7th</u>	<u>Sunday, Sept 8th</u>
5:30 pm Mass (Church) 7:00 pm Prayer & Worship Mtg (DR)	9:15 am Rosary for Peace (MR)	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	8:00 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Sunday Mass

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

Moving Through the Loss of a Loved One: The Next Steps

Monday, September 16, 2019 @ 7:00 pm | St. Pius | This focused support group is being offered by the St. Pius Grief Ministry this fall. This session is intended for those who have previously attended a Grief Support group and/or would like to participate in a support group focused on progressing through personal grief. The sessions will be held on Monday evenings for 8-weeks beginning Monday, Sept 16th at 7:00 pm at St. Pius' Parish Center. For more info contact (650) 361-0655.

High School Youth: Mark Your Calendars for OnFire!

Saturday, September 14th from 9 am—9 pm | Six Flags, Vallejo

Join youth from St. Matthias & St. Charles for this all-day event which gathers youth from parishes and schools all over northern California and Nevada! The day features music, Mass, rides, speakers, all you can eat lunch, friends and inspiration. For more information and to purchase tickets visit: <http://onfirenorcal.com>. Contact Sabrina to find out more Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org

BACAR Presents: "A Call to Engage This Chaotic and Painful World"

Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 9am—3pm | Notre Dame High School, 1540 Ralston Avenue, Belmont | To register, contact Kathy Noether knoether@aol.com

Karl Rahner stated, "in the future Christians will be contemplatives or they will not be at all." This conference will explore the contemplative practice and the resulting action that is required. Through examining Pope Francis' writing, we will explore the mandate for political engagement and the challenge to live 21st century holiness. Prayer is not a private practice, but rather one impels us into action. Let us together explore the call to engage this chaotic and painful world.

Keynote Speaker: BACAR is privileged to have the knowledge and expertise of Sr. Simone Campbell, Sister of Social Service (SSS) as our Keynote speaker this year.

Sister Simone is a lawyer, lobbyist, and executive director of NETWORK. She is an outspoken advocate for social justice and the Nuns on the Bus campaign. She founded the Community Law Center in Oakland, CA in 1978. BACAR, Inc.: Bay Area Conference of Associates and Religious, Inc. Tickets are \$60 in advance and include a boxed lunch.