

St. Matthias

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St. Matthias Mass Schedule

NEW: Sunday 9:30 am*

St. Charles Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday 5:00 pm*

Sunday 8:30 am*, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

*Live streamed Masses. See details inside.

St. Matthias Reconciliation

By appointment, call the parish office.

St. Charles Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm

First Communion and Confirmation

Email Sabrina Harper for information.

Baptism

Email Deacon Rich Foley for information.

Marriage

Email Deacon Rich Foley for information.
See Staff Directory inside for contact information.

Peter asked, "Lord,
how often must I forgive?
As many as seven times?"

MATTHEW 18:21

TWENTY-FOURTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 13
2020



Welcome to OUTDOOR Mass!

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord God, Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone at the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Reading 1

SIR 27:30—28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight.

The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins?

Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

R. (8) **The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

R. **The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

Reading 2

ROM 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Alleluia

JN 13:34

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

MT 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?"

Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt.

At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.'

Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and

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

Roberta Thurston

Josefina Garcia

Barbara Soria

...that they may be comforted by the loving embrace of Jesus.

And for those who have recently passed away including...

Eddie Burke

...that they may be welcomed into the loving embrace of Jesus.

To Access Live Streamed Masses

St. Matthias and St. Charles are live streaming Masses each week.

Sunday 9:30 am on St. Matthias' YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRRy371aMVoldjaDoj8droA>. This Mass will be held outdoors, all are welcome to attend.

Monday-Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:30 am on St. Charles' Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StCharlesParishSC/>.

St. Charles' Sunday 8:30 am Mass is celebrated outdoors, all are welcome to attend.

If you wish to attend one of our Outdoor Masses, please bring your own chair, wear a mask and maintain social distance of 6 feet between the members of your household and others.

Please regularly check the "COVID-19 Updates" page of the parish website for updates.

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went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God. Born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

St. Matthias Faith Formation & Preschool News

RCIA - Becoming Catholic 2020

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?

The Roman Catholic Church has a process for adults who desire to become Catholic or 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 weekly sessions on the fundamental beliefs of our faith as well as an understanding of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist (Mass). In addition, the process emphasizes prayer, discernment and spiritual formation as each candidate responds to their call to become followers of Jesus through the Catholic Church.

This year RCIA will be presented online each Sunday morning from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The first RCIA gathering will be held on Sunday, September 20th. Parishioners, who would like to participate as an RCIA team member and support our candidates, are welcome. RCIA sessions are facilitated by St. Matthias parish deacons, Rich Foley and David Rolandelli.

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. Please email him at rich@stmatthiasparish.org or call Deacon Rich at St. Matthias, 366-9544.

Please join us as we pray that the Holy Spirit will call individuals to seek a deeper relationship with Almighty God through His Church.

St. Matthias Preschool is Now Enrolling 3 to 5 year olds.

Contact Rose Juarez rose@stmatthiasparish.org for enrollment information.



GIFT Begins TODAY!

For the 9th consecutive year, we are offering a family-based approach to faith formation called GIFT (Generations in Faith Together).

This approach is designed to support all members of the family in their faith journey; to meet each individual where they are. Because we are a small parish, we are able to customize our content and offer topics that are important to you.

We are the only parish in the Archdiocese of San Francisco that regularly offers this family-focused approach to faith formation and believe this model best promotes the domestic church. These gatherings provide the foundation for sacramental preparation for First

Holy Communion and Confirmation and for our middle and high school youth ministry programs.

Families with school-aged children are encouraged to register for GIFT. Our first GIFT gathering is today, 9/13 at 12 noon. Due to COVID-19, our faith formation and youth ministry programs will be offered virtually. For questions or more information, please contact Sabrina sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org or call St. Matthias (650) 366-9544.

“Moving Through the Loss of A Loved One: The Next Step” is a focused support group being offered by the St. Pius Grief Ministry this fall. This session is intended for those who have previously attended a Grief Support group session and/or would like to participate in a support group focused on progressing through their personal grief journey. This *virtual (via Zoom)* session will be held on Monday evenings for 8 weeks beginning Monday, September 14th at 7:00pm. For more information or to register, please contact the Grief Ministry at [650-361-0655](tel:650-361-0655) or griefministry@pius.org

Living the Ups and Downs of Our Faith with Fr. Ron Rolheiser

Saturday September 26, 9am-4pm. Online. \$25. Recording available for ticket holders who cannot attend.

Register on <https://vallombrosa.org/calendar>

“We live with a deep secret that sometimes we know, and then not!” Faith has this curious quality. Some days we can walk on water and other days we feel like atheists. These talks will explore the deep inner dynamics of faith. What is real faith? What is genuine doubt? What are

the dark nights of the soul that can assail us? How do we work at sustaining a genuine faith? The retreat will be made up of three separate, live ZOOM calls through the day.

St. Charles & St. Matthias Parish Pals

St. Charles & St. Matthias Parish Pals are parishioners who reach out and chat with parish seniors via weekly phone calls, creating connections and catching up within this pandemic situation. A simple conversation brings smiles and joyful anticipation for the next opportunity to chat. If you would like to volunteer to be a Parish Pal, or if you would like to receive a phone call from a Parish Pal, please contact Kathy Fagliano at 650-591-7349 ext. 402 or e-mail her at kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org.

Thank You to our Annual Appeal Donors

Our Annual Appeal Assessment for 2020 is \$67,431. To date, we have received 59.57% of our goal, or \$40,113. We are grateful for those who have contributed including:

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Special Thanks to our Electronic and Regular Donors

St. Matthias would like to thank the approximately thirty families who are currently giving electronically and those who continue to make weekly or monthly donations either by dropping off checks or envelopes in collection baskets at Mass or by mailing donations to the parish office. Your consistent giving does not go unnoticed in the parish office. Each month our parish receives a steady and predictable stream of income from those donors who have made the commitment to give to God first by having designated contributions automatically transferred to the parish through our Online Giving Program. During this time of uncertainty caused by the global pandemic, St. Matthias is grateful for all who continue to support the parish. If you would like to learn more about online giving which is safe, easy and secure, please contact Lisa Bamford at 366-9544 or lisa@stmatthiasparish.org or check out our website at www.stmatthiasparish.org/SupportUs/Online

Saint John Chrysostom (c. 344-407) September 13

"Speaking truth to power" may have become just another cliché, but doing precisely that cost John "the Golden Mouth" (*Chrysostom*) his diocese and, after exile and a forced march, his health and life. "Renowned for eloquence, heroic in suffering" (*Sacramentary*), John's scriptural insights still comfort and challenge. Mystical theologian, he

bids Eastern Christians, whose principal Divine Liturgy bears his name, to lift up their hearts to "God ineffable, beyond comprehension, invisible, beyond understanding, existing forever, always the same." Model pastor, he warns Roman Catholics in the *Liturgy of the Hours* not to neglect God-in-the-flesh: "Would you honor Christ's body? Do not scorn his nakedness, honoring him here in church with silken robes, while neglecting him cold and naked outside. What use to burden Christ's altar with golden chalices, while Christ himself starves to death? What use dressing the altar with gold-woven cloths, while denying the shivering Christ the clothes he needs? Do not adorn the church while ignoring your needy brother: he is the most precious temple of all!" (Saturday, Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day; Catechetical Sunday
Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Wednesday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine
Friday: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5781
Saturday: St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a