

St. Matthias

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St. Matthias Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm (Church)*

Sunday 9:45 am (Outdoors)

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.

A VOICE CRIES OUT:
IN THE DESERT PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!
MAKE STRAIGHT IN THE WASTELAND A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD!
EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED IN,
EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW.

ISAIAH 40:3-4



SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 6, 2020

Mass Time: Sunday 9:45am

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

IS 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!

Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news!

Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God!

Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him.

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14

R. (8) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Reading 2

2 PT 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

Alleluia

LK 3:4, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

MK 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and

wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

To Access Live Streamed Masses

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

Sunday 9:45 am on St. Matthias' YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRRy371aMVoldjaDoj8droA>. *Sunday 9:45 am Mass will be celebrated in the Church parking lot. In the event of rain, Mass will be live-streamed from inside the Church, but closed to the public.*

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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MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 6th — 9:45 am Ruby Vasquez (+)

Dec 12th — 9:45 am Richard Marino (+)

Dec 20th — 9:45 am Mimi Piparo (+)

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.

Tuesday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. St. Matthias will celebrate Mass at 7:00 pm that evening. Mass will be live-streamed to our YouTube channel.

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

Roberta Thurston

Josefina Garcia

Barbara Soria

Liz Vugrinecz

Ethan Aronson

John Fortes

Alyssa Beemer

Aurora Genochio

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

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Matching Donations



Fr. Dave recently reminded us about our parish obligation to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. The annual tax or assessment supports the ministries and administrative services provided to parishes by the Archdiocese.

St. Matthias' Tax Assessment for 2020 is \$67,341

Parishioners have donated \$46,875 to date + we've received matching donations of \$7,000 + \$9,925 towards the match = which brings our combined total is \$63,800 or 95%.

The balance needed to complete our goal is \$3,541

Please contact Fr. Dave, Sabrina or Deacon Rich with questions. We ask that you prayerfully consider a pledge or donation before the end of 2020.

We are grateful for those who have contributed including:

Bob & Lynda Allen, Bruce & Teresa Anthony, Jon & Lisa Bamford, Cherell Bassett, Al Beckett, Victor & Rose Berta, Dan & Ann Boram, Tom & Lynda Brouchoud, Bill & Debbie Bulanti, Sal & Robin Calcagno, Jair & Rosemary Campos, Bayardo & Gloria Chamorro, Diana Chamorro, Tony & Tania Chan, Andrew & Christine Chrystal, Karl & Vivian Clausing, Bill & Cheryl Clawson, Lois Conti, Laurie Coulter, Ed & Lisa Cox, Al & Carol Cresta, Mary Monihan & Mariano Dagang, Francesca DaGragano, Colton & Jeri Daines, Paxton & Carol Davis, MaryJane Dempsey, Jim & Marilyn Donnelly, Evie Dwyer, Vince & Denise Falzon, Claire Felong, Roger & Carol Flores, Roger S. & Arlene Flores, Tommie Fogliani, Richard Foley, Nancy Galli, Thomas & Karen Gebhart, Lou & Fran Giannattasio, Justin & Evelyn Gibson, Eva Gillet, Charles & Mira Gillet, Steve & Shirley Grana, Laura & John Granucci, Mike & Karen Guidotti, Paul Haas & Kimberly Calderaro, Andrew & Maureen Hamer, Kim Hartman, Diana Hill, Carmella Huser, Greg & Ginette Jones, Joe & Kathleen Kaz, Bill & Gloria Keating, Jacqueline Keyser, Jason & Fara Klein, Frances Jean Kucic, Craig & Diane Largent, Al & Maria Larrenaga, Sean Leddy, Russell Lee, Anthony & Sandi Machado, Lance Magee, Thomas & Virginia Malaspina, Bill & Angeli Maney, Emily Marent, Laura Markman, Keith & Natalie Marshall, Carol McAdams, Sharon McQueen, Robert & Marge Mitchell, Severin Morger, Fran Mylod, Bruce & Diane Noriega, Mark & Stephanie Niu, Linda O'Keeffe, Sue Panelli, Jay Parashis, Elaine Piparo, Enrica Poggio, Brian & Ann Ponty, Mary Peruzzo, Susan Rawcliffe, Karen Rende, Brad & Adeline Richardson, Jeff & Penny Richardson, Maritza Rogie, David & Mildred Rolandelli, Steve Rusconi, Jerry & Katherine Schembri, Adelaide Sciandri, Joseph Schmidt, Bill & Mary Schorr, Pam Segale, Dave & Kate Severin, Mary Shea, Joseph Sheehan, Edmund So, Jim & Betty Steidel, Thomas & Susan Stenson, Vivian Tarango, Dan & Susan Torres, Brad & Susie Toussaint, Liana Turchet, Jerry & Marina Turner, Tony & Ali Uccelli, Hal Urban, Tim & Sunshine Valderrama, Jacqueline Carter Walker, Joe & Christina Yanacek

Your donations help to ensure that we can meet our obligations to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal!

Open Wide Our Hearts An Anti-Racism Series for Advent



The Bishops' document, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, was developed by the Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). It was approved by the full body of bishops as a formal statement in November 2018.

This series, offered by the Justice and Charity Commission of St. Matthias Church, seeks to raise awareness of Church teaching about racism and educate

parishioners about this aspect of Catholic Social Teaching. This four-week virtual series for the season of Advent will include prayer, video presentations, and discussion of the document. All materials will be provided.

Dates: Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, and 21

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Where: Google Meet

Technical support will be provided for all participants. For questions or to register, contact the parish office at (650) 366-9544 or email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org

St. Matthias' Annual Giving Tree

Each year, the St. Matthias Community participates in St. Francis Center's Toy Drive through our Giving Tree. This year, due to the public health restrictions, we are asking parishioners to support this effort in a different way. Starting on the first weekend of Advent (Nov 28-29), our Giving Tree will be set up in the Church. Parishioners are asked to donate \$25 gift cards to Target. Sr. Christina from St. Francis Center writes, "Why Target cards? ...this year, we are hoping for only Target gift cards so that parents can either shop online or safely go to the store for whatever their family may need. Some will select toys, some will need to select clothing, food or household items." Target gift cards provide flexibility for families. Cards will be due Dec 9th. Please drop your donations into the collection baskets, or the mail slot of the front door of the Rectory.



Holiday Grief Workshop

A Holiday Grief Workshop, on Wednesday, December 9th from 7:00-8:30 pm, will be facilitated by Sister Toni Lynn Gallagher of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. With San Mateo County's move into the purple tier, this gathering will be held virtually. Please register for the workshop to receive login information. Please email griefministry@pius.org or phone (650) 361-0655.

Help Us Save A Life This Winter

These chilly evenings make us so grateful for the warmth of our homes. Sleeping in a car or on the cold, damp street would be really hard. Yet this is how many of our homeless neighbors live — they do not have a warm place to greet them at the end of a long day. You can help the homeless stay warm and protect them from hypothermia and other cold weather related conditions. Your gift to St. Vincent de Pauls' Stay Warm Appeal provides basic survival necessities to those who are struggling to keep warm this winter. Every donation makes a difference in the life of someone who is in need of love and support. Thank you! To donate, visit scdpsm.org or mail to: Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County 50 North B Street, San Mateo, CA 94401 (note "Stay Warm" on your check) Tax ID# 94-1375833.

Due to continuing COVID restrictions, St. Matthias will not be conducting our annual “Share the Warmth” drive for scarves, blankets and socks. Please prayerfully consider donating to the “Stay Warm” appeal instead.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Ambrose;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Juan Diego
Thursday: International Human Rights Day;
Hanukkah begins at sunset
Friday: St. Damasus I
Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

Contact Rose Juarez

rosemary@stmatthiasparish.org for enrollment

St. Matthias Church is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm for personal prayer. We ask that you use the provided Clorox wipes to sanitize the areas that you have come in contact with before leaving.

FEAST OF FAITH

Watching for Christ's Coming

In the season of Advent, we look to the coming of Christ at the end of time, and we prepare ourselves to celebrate his first coming among us at Christmas. Remembrance of the past is combined with preparation for the future. Memory meets action.

In a certain sense, the Mass is an Advent prayer. At the Last Supper, Jesus did not tell his disciples, “Never forget what I did for you.” Instead, he said, “Do this in remembrance of me.” He calls us to remember by *doing*, to combine memory with action. In the celebration of the Eucharist, remembering and doing become one. Jesus is as present in our midst as he was in that upper room, breaking the bread and sharing the cup; but it is a new kind of presence, seen only with the eyes of faith. In the heavenly liturgy, there will be no need of sacraments, for there, “celebration is wholly communion and feast” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1136). Here, things are different. We have only glimpses and flashes of the beauty that is yet to be. And yet, in the liturgy, we truly participate in the heavenly liturgy. The Mass is our foretaste of the joys of heaven.

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SAINT JUAN DIEGO (1474-1548)

December 9

How well Mary's own words describe Juan Diego: “God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly” (Luke 1:52). Through him, for the diverse peoples of the Americas, indigenous and immigrant, the Mother of God became known as their Mother too. Cuauhtlatzin, his given name, means “One Who Speaks Like An Eagle,” and Juan Diego faithfully delivered the Virgin's request that a church be built at Tepeyac where she had appeared to him. To the skeptical bishop's request for a sign, Our Lady showed Juan Diego roses blooming through stony ground, despite winter's cold. When he unfolded his tilma to present them to the bishop, imprinted there was Mary's image! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a mestiza, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus to peoples too easily prone to a “clash of cultures,” Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

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