

St. Matthias

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St. Matthias Mass Schedule

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.

THE CHILD GREW
AND BECAME STRONG,
FILLED WITH WISDOM;
AND THE FAVOR OF GOD
WAS UPON HIM.

LUKE 2:40



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 27, 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

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying: "Fear not, Abram!

I am your shield; I will make your reward very great." But Abram said,

"O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless

and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?"

Abram continued, "See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir." Then the word of the LORD came to him: "No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir."

The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the

LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. (7a , 8a) The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name; make known among the nations his deeds.

Sing to him, sing his praise, proclaim all his wondrous deeds.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. Glory in his holy name;

rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD!

Look to the LORD in his strength; constantly seek his face.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. You descendants of Abraham, his servants,

sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!

He, the LORD, is our God;

throughout the earth his judgments prevail.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. He remembers forever his covenant

which he made binding for a thousand generations

which he entered into with Abraham and by his oath to Isaac.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Reading 2

Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Brothers and sisters:

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age --and Sarah herself was sterile-- for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

Alleluia

Heb 1:1-2

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;

in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 2:22, 39-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

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.*

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 27th — 9:45 am Bernie Brennan

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.

CHILDREN OF ETERNITY

You are children of eternity. Your immortal crown awaits you, to reward your duty and love. You may indeed sow here in tears, but you may be sure there to reap in joy.

—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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 \$47,589 to date + we've received matching donations of \$7,000 + \$12,175 towards the match = which brings our combined total is \$66,764 or 99%.

The balance needed to complete our goal is \$577

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 DaGragnano, Colton & Jeri Daines, Paxton & Carol Davis, MaryJane Dempsey, Jim & Marilyn Donnelly, Evie Dwyer, Thomas & Ann Ellerhorst, 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, Alan & Sabrina Harper, Kim Hartman, Diana Hill, John & Susan Hobson, 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, Steve McCreddin & Sue McGill, 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, Adam & Alison Rak, 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, Margaret Tonda, 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!

Make Reservations for the Solemnity of Mary (New Year's Day Mass)

Mass on Friday, January 1st will be celebrated at 10:00 am.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/st-matthias-church-12029684434>

Please make a reservation via Eventbrite. Masses will be held outdoors in the Church parking lot. Although we don't have a maximum attendance capacity at outdoor Masses, taking reservations gives us your contact information and allows us to communicate any last minute changes. Please call St. Matthias



parish office if you need assistance or to cancel or change your reservations, (650) 366-9544.

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.

Peninsula Multifaith Coalition organizes the annual MLK Day of Service, each year.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the activities organized have been adapted.

We are collecting new and gently used books to promote literacy in our community. Any children's books we collect for ages 0-18 will be donated to The Children's Book Project, which distributes thousands of free books every month to children in the Bay Area who need them.

If you are able to purchase new books to donate, here is a wish list. Especially appreciated are books that feature Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC) heroes, and books in Spanish and Chinese. Please DO NOT donate textbooks, encyclopedias, library discards, moldy, torn, smelly, or obsolete books.

Any books we receive for adults will be donated to local libraries or Goodwill.

Please bring books in a plastic bag (in case of damp weather) to **one of these drop-off locations** beginning January 5 through 11:00 am on January 18 (MLK Day):

- Congregation Beth Jacob, 1550 Alameda de las Pulgas, Redwood City (leave books during weekday business hours on cart on the patio; call 650-366-8481 first to make sure gate to parking lot is open; gates close early on Fridays)
- Leeb residence, 17 Waterside Circle, Redwood Shores (drop off books any day, 8:00 am-10:00 pm, and ring the doorbell)

Please DO NOT drop off books at St. Matthias Church.

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.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: The Holy Innocents
Tuesday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Wednesday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Thursday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
Friday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day; First Friday
Saturday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; First Saturday

**St. Matthias Preschool is
Now Enrolling
3 to 5 year olds.
Contact Rose Juarez
rosemary@stmatthiasparish.org for
enrollment information.**

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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FEAST OF FAITH

Processions

Why does the liturgy begin with a procession? It is not just a practical matter of getting the ministers of the liturgy from the sacristy to the sanctuary. The procession is a powerful sign of who we are as Christian people. We are not static, staying in one place. We are going somewhere. Our procession leads us to the altar, sign of Christ's presence in our midst. We move, we process, because we recognize our need for what Christ is preparing for us at that table. We go forward eagerly, because we are hungry for that heavenly food.

This procession is an orderly one: servers, deacon, priest presider. Each is set apart by distinctive vesture: albs for the altar servers, dalmatic for the deacon, chasuble for the priest. The procession is an image of the hierarchical structure of the Church. On a deeper level it is an image of unity in diversity. We are all on a journey to the heavenly city, but each of us is clothed with different gifts. We all receive the call to service, but not in the same way. Only by coming together in all our wonderful variety can we achieve the work of the kingdom.

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