

St. Matthias

ST. MATTHIAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Matthias Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm (Indoors)*

Sunday 9:45 am (Indoors)*

St. Charles Mass Schedule

Monday-Saturday 5:00 pm*

Sunday 8:30 am* & 11:00 am

*Live streamed Masses.

St. Matthias Reconciliation

By appointment, call the parish office.

St. Charles Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm

Wednesday 6:30 - 7:30 pm (during Advent)

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 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 26, 2021

*Jesus said to his parents,
“Why were you looking for me?
Did you not know that I
must be in my Father’s house?”*

Luke 2:49



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The Confiteor

I confess to Almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Reading I

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them.

When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard.

Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives.

Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.

R. (cf. 1) Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Reading II

Col 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body.

And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord.

Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them.

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord.

Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Alleluia

Col 3:15a, 16a

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom.

After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.

Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety."

And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

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 for 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.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Our St. Vincent dePaul Conference would like to thank our Parish community for their generosity to our Thanksgiving and December

monetary collections as well as the food donations to our pantry. Our families have been well served throughout the year because of You! One of our delivery teams shared how a little girls eyes lit up when she saw the Oreo



Staff Directory

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, Dec 26th at 9:45 am -

Teresita Concha (+)

Prayer Shawl Ministry!

Calling all crafters to join our lively group which meets monthly. We work on projects to give to parishioners, family and friends in times of celebration and comfort. We work on projects at home and meet monthly to share techniques, tips and to bless our projects. We crochet, quilt, knit, embroider, sew, and weave hats, scarves, shawls, and lap robes in addition to bibs for baptisms. You can join us even if you cannot attend the meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, 3:00 pm in the Merry Room. Contact Laurie Coulter lpmcoulter@yahoo.com or call 367-8229.

St. Matthias Church is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm for personal prayer. The Church parking lot is available once again for parking during the week. **Office Hours** are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Wednesday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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

*Bob Razura
Kevin Magee
Fr. Paul Rossi
Liz Vugrinec
Alyssa Beemer
Evie Dwyer
Mia Ainardi
Suzanne Schaffner
Adelaide Sciandri
Robert Franco*

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

cookies on top of the groceries! Small things bring such delight to children. Thank you for remembering our neighbors in need. We wish you a peaceful and joyful Christmas.

— *Gratefully, St. Matthias' St. Vincent de Paul Conference*

Reflection Question:

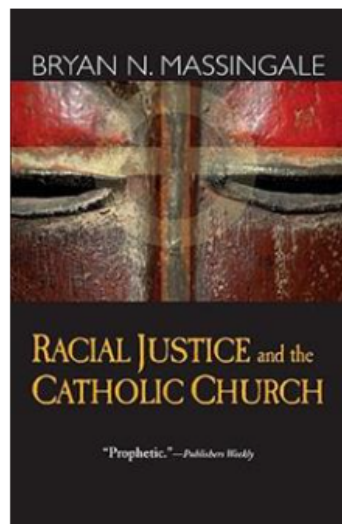
How can I imitate the Holy Family this week?

An Anti-Racism Series: Racial Justice and the Catholic Church

Racial Justice and the Catholic Church, written by Rev. Bryan N. Massingale, a leading Black Catholic moral theologian, addresses the thorny issue of racial justice past and present. Massingale writes from an abiding conviction that the Catholic faith and Black experience make essential

contributions in the continuing struggle against racial injustice. This series, offered as a "book club" by the Justice & Charity Commission of St. Matthias Church seeks to raise awareness of Church teaching about racism and educate parishioners about racial justice in the Catholic Church. This six-week series virtual series will include prayer, reading, reflection, and discussion about the book.

When: Remaining dates:
Monday Jan 10, 17 & 24



Where: Google Meet

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

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

RCIA Rite of Acceptance and Welcome

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process in the Church to guide and support those who feel a calling to become a fully initiated member of the Roman Catholic Church.

The first step in the process is a public acceptance of God's invitation and a welcome by the community of believers. On Sunday, December 12th at the 9:45 am Mass at St. Matthias, Fr. Coleman led the ritual of the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome.

Four individuals from St. Matthias and St. Charles parish communities have expressed their intention to continue their spiritual journey and receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Fr. Coleman and the sponsors blessed the candidates with the sign of the cross to strengthen them as they continue their preparation for the sacraments.

The St. Matthias and St. Charles communities welcome the following:

Lydia Green and her sponsor, Ron Driscoll (SM)

Isabella Froman and her sponsor, John Froman (SM)

Daniel Guzman and his sponsor, Alexandra Yanes (SM)

Shawn Ayers and his sponsor, Dorothy Farkas (SC)

The RCIA Team includes Dorothy Farkas, Christina Jerrold, Mark Aquino, Eilish McCaffrey, Deacon David Rolandelli and Deacon Rich Foley.

Please keep these candidates and their sponsors in your prayers.

Peninsula Multifaith Coalition MLK Day of Service 2022

The Peninsula Multifaith Coalition (PMC) was founded in 2012. It is made up of a group of faith congregations of which St. Matthias is one of its members. There are Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, and a diversity of Christian faith congregations that are members. The faith members learn from one another and together work on projects to improve the Peninsula community. Parishioner and member of our Justice & Charity Commission, Nancy Galli represents St. Matthias at PMC meetings. The next PMC event will be the MLK Jr. Multifaith Day of Service. Registration is now open. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pmcs-10th-annual-mlk-jr-multifaith-day-of-service-tickets-222046506077> to sign up and learn more!

Synod 2021-2023



Pope Francis has convoked a global synod. He is asking us to consider how we journey together and focus on “communion, participation, and mission.” This synod seeks to gather feedback from all Catholics across the globe. The Archdiocese of San Francisco has designed a process for parishioner engagement which will include a survey called the Disciple Maker Index to be made available in January. This will be followed by a series of listening sessions across the three counties of the Archdiocese. More information will be made available soon after the New Year.

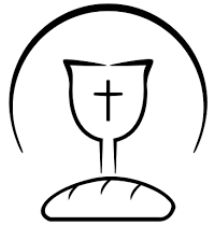
Breaking Open the Word

Each Thursday morning at 10:30 am, Sabrina hosts a Breaking Open the Word session for those interesting in reading and discussing the scripture readings for the weekend Masses. We meet via Google Meet for just one hour to pray, read, reflect, and discuss the readings. If you are interested in joining, please email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org to receive the weekly resource and invitation.



Course on the Eucharist

Beginning new year, the online School of Pastoral Ministry will be hosting a course on the Eucharist. The Eucharist is, like so many aspects of our faith, a great mystery. But to call something a mystery in the theological sense is not to say that we cannot understand anything about it. Instead, it is to say that we can never learn everything about it. A theological mystery is not unintelligible; it is infinitely intelligible. In other words, even though we can never fully comprehend it, can never just put it in a box and move on, we can always learn more about a theological mystery.



In our course together we will look at the multifaceted mystery of the Eucharist through several lenses. We'll use Bishop Barron's wonderful little book, titled simply Eucharist, as well as some of my own writings to look at themes like meal, sacrifice, real presence, transubstantiation, Christian Unity, and liturgy.

Register: <https://www.sfarch.org/eucharist/>

When: Tuesday Nights at 7 PM (January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15)

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
 O God, who were pleased to give us
 the shining example of the Holy Family,

graciously grant that we may imitate them
 in practicing the virtues of family life
 and in the bonds of charity,
 and so, in the joy of your house,
 delight one day in eternal rewards.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.

FAMILY LIFE

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the “en-flesh-ment” of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus’ mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God’s intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.

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This Week at St. Matthias December 26-January 2nd

Monday, 12/27	Parish Offices Closed for Christmas		
Thursday, 12/30	Breaking Open the Word	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Google Meet
Sunday, 1/2	RCIA Meeting	11:00 am	Merry Room

