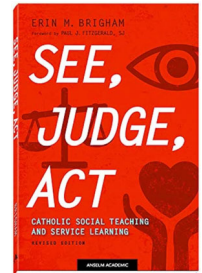


St. Matthias Parish



See, Judge, Act Book Club

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St. Matthias is a Roman Catholic Community in the Archdiocese of San Francisco striving to respond to the call of Jesus through worship and sacraments, faith formation, service, and social opportunities.

To see the full calendar of events, visit <https://www.stmatthiasparish.org/parish-calendar/>



Taizé Prayer for Advent

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Taizé Prayer for Advent

Monday, Dec 11th
at 10:00 am
Church

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See, Judge, Act Book Club

Monday, Dec 11th
at 7:00 PM Upper
Room

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Middle School Youth Ministry

Wednesday, Dec 13th at 5:00 PM Fr.
Lacey Hall



Caroling, Cookies & Cocoa!

Saturday, December 16th. See inside for more information.

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.

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 re-
gard "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 dis-
solved 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 be-
fore him, at peace.

Alleluia LK 3:4, 6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his
paths:
All flesh shall see the salvation of God.
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 for-
giveness 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."

Music for Liturgy this Weekend

December 9-10

SS134 Come and Set Us Free
71 The King Shall Come
TAIZE: The Kingdom of God
43 People, Look East

RCIA Rite of Welcome & Acceptance

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process in the Church to guide and support those who feel a calling and seek to become fully initiated into the Catholic Church. This process is also adapted for older children.

Several times during the candidate's journey to the Easter Vigil, the parish communities of St. Matthias and St. Charles are invited to witness their progress and pray for the candidates and their sponsors.

The Rite of Welcome and Acceptance is the first formal step in the process. This will occur during the 9:45 am Mass on Sunday, December 10th at St. Matthias. Candidates will be asked if they would like to continue on their journey of faith. They will receive a special blessing and parishioners will be asked to pray for them.

The St. Matthias/St. Charles RCIA group meets each Sunday at 11:00 am at St. Matthias. In addition to the candidates, there is a team of parishioners who share experiences and provide support.

Catechumens are those who are seeking Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We have one adult and two children who are catechumens. They are: **Julie Kramer** (SC), **Drew Stuart** (SC), and **Nickey Ravella** (SM).

Candidates are those seeking Confirmation. Some of these candidates will also be receiving their First Communion. They are: **Emily Iberle** (SC), **Nate Ross** (SC), **Julie Lawlor** (SC), **Andrew Cardozo** (SC), **Sophia Nikravesh** (SM)

The candidates for First Communion who are

participating in our RCIA Adapted for Children process, will also be present with their families, they are:

Sophia Walker (SC), **Alina Robinson** (SC), **Zoe Esguerra** (SC), **Sumehra Esguerra** (SC), **Evan Guerrieri** (SC), **Ryan Guerrieri** (SC), **Aliya Axtman** (SC), **Mason Stevick** (SC)



Taizé Morning of Prayer and Song for Advent

Join our Music Director, Melanie for a Taizé Morning of Prayer for Advent. This contemplative service offers a time of prayer, song, and silent reflection based on the Morning Prayer format. The music and practice of Taizé prayer enhances this service. The theme is praise of Christ as the light of the world as we come together to sing, reflect, and offer prayers of thanksgiving and of healing. **When:** Morning mornings of Advent—Dec 11, and 18 at 10:00 am in the Church with refreshments following in Fr. Lacey Hall. All are welcome!

Caroling, Cookies, and Cocoa



Join us after the 5:00 pm Mass

on **Saturday, December 16th** for Caroling, Cookies, and Cocoa! We'll meet in the Fr. Lacey Hall around 5:45 pm (following Mass). Wear warm clothes, and comfortable shoes, bring a flashlight and some cookies to share (if you'd like). Song sheets will be provided. We'll spend about 45 minutes singing carols in both English and Spanish bringing good cheer to our neighbors and each other. After caroling, we'll return to Fr. Lacey Hall for hot cocoa and cookies! All are invited to this community building evening, please invite your family and friends.

Coffee & Donuts

Please join us for coffee and donuts following the 9:45 Mass today!



See, Judge, Act:

Catholic Social Teaching and Service Learning Book Club

See, Judge, Act is a splendid introduction to the rich heritage of modern Catholic social teaching. This series, offered as a “book club” by our Justice and Charity Commission seeks to take a “step back” from our racial justice learning and explore Catholic Social Teaching more broadly. This eight-week series will include prayer, reading, reflection, and discussion using Erin M. Brigham’s book as a guide.

Remaining Sessions are: Monday, December 11, 18, and January 8, 15, and 22

Where: Fr. Lacey Hall at St. Matthias Church, from 7:00—8:00 pm

Questions or to register, contact the parish office at 650-366-9544 or email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org.

December Senior Luncheon

“O Come, all Ye Faithful” and let’s deck Borromeo Hall with Christmas cheer! Please join us on Wednesday, December 13th at noon in Borromeo Hall for a delicious lunch prepared especially for you by the “Elves” of St. Charles.

All registered parishioners of St. Charles and St. Matthias who are 60+ years of age are cordially invited to lunch on the second Wednesday of each month. Caregivers are welcome. Doors open at 11:45 am.

To reserve our spot please RSVP to Kathy Fagliano at 650-591-7349 ext. 402 or email her at kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org. All reservations must be received by noon on Monday, December 11th. If you need a ride or

are able to offer a ride to a parishioner in need of transportation, please contact Kathy.

Ho, Ho, Ho we hope to see you there!!

St. Charles Women’s Club Events

A Baby Shower for Jesus! December 13th, 7 pm in Borromeo Hall we’ll celebrate the birth of Jesus with all the traditions of a baby shower. Bring gifts for infants to age 2 years in a gift bag to be opened at the shower and donated to Catholic Charities.

Winter Dinner Wednesday, January 17th, 7 pm in Borromeo Hall. Begin the New Year with our annual epicurean dinner! More info, email StCharlesWClub@gmail.com.



Simbang Gabi

Simbang Gabi is a long-treasured Filipino spiritual tradition. In the Philippines, it was celebrated as a series of nine dawn Masses right before Christmas. Each Mass is followed by a reception and fellowship. Set within Advent, Simbang Gabi invites participants to heighten their preparation for the birth of Jesus, as well as honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Friday, Dec 15th	7:00 pm	St. Raymond
Saturday, Dec 16th	5:00 pm	Mt. Carmel
Sunday, Dec 17th	5:00 pm	St. Pius
Monday, Dec 18th	7:00 pm	Nativity
Tuesday, Dec 19th	7:00 pm	St. Denis
Wednesday, Dec 20th	5:00 pm	Vallombrosa
Thursday, Dec 21st	7:00 pm	Mt. Carmel
Friday, Dec 22nd	5:00 pm	St. Charles
Saturday, Dec 23rd	5:00 pm	St. Raymond

Our Simbang Gabi weeknight collections will benefit Street Life Ministries

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, DEC 9th @ 5:00 PM — Ruby Vasquez +

SUN, DEC 10th @ 9:45 AM — Frank & Katherine Martorana +

This Weekend’s Second Collection for the National Retirement Fund for Religious

This annual collection distributes financial assistance to eligible religious institutes in the United States to care for their elderly and frail members now and in the future.



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

- Alyssa Beemer
- Kevin Magee
- Lance Magee
- Rose Marino
- Bob Mitchell, Jr.
- Rudolfo Pelayo
- Karen Rende
- Suzanne Schaffner
- Pat Schott
- Jim Steidel

That they may be comforted by the loving embrace of Jesus. And for the souls of the faithful departed...

Rita Brox

St. Matthias Catholic Preschool

A Quality Early Childhood Program Now Enrolling for 2023-2024 Children Ages 3-5 Years Old

Preschool Hours 7:30AM to 5:30PM

All Day — Year Round School
 Contact Preschool Director
 Rosemary Juarez at
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St. Matthias Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm
 Sunday 9:45 am*

St. Charles Mass Schedule

Monday—Saturday 5:00 pm
 Sunday 8:30 am* & 11:00 am
 *LIVESTREAMED MASSES

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