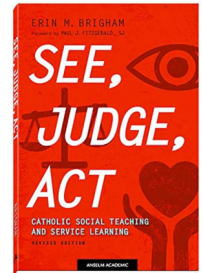


# St. Matthias Parish



### See, Judge, Act Book Club

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**[www.stmatthiasparish.org](http://www.stmatthiasparish.org)**

**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 18th  
at 10:00 am  
Church

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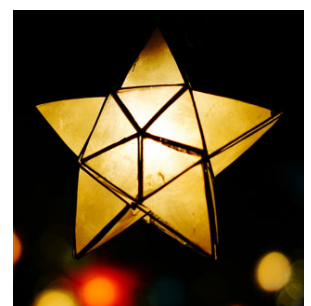
### See, Judge, Act Book Club

Monday, Dec 18th  
at 7:00 PM Upper  
Room

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### Rosary for Peace

Thurs, Dec 21st at  
10 AM Church



### Simbang Gabi

See inside for more information.

## **Reading 1 Is 61:1-2A, 10-11**

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
to heal the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and release to the prisoners,  
to announce a year of favor from the LORD  
and a day of vindication by our God.

I rejoice heartily in the LORD,  
in my God is the joy of my soul;  
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation  
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,  
like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,  
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.  
As the earth brings forth its plants,  
and a garden makes its growth spring up,  
so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise  
spring up before all the nations.

## **Reading 2 1 Thes 5:16-24**

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.  
In all circumstances give thanks,  
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.  
Do not quench the Spirit.  
Do not despise prophetic utterances.  
Test everything; retain what is good.  
Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy  
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,  
be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

The one who calls you is faithful,  
and he will also accomplish it.

## **Alleluia Is 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18)**

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to bring glad tidings to the poor.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## **Gospel Jn 1:6-8, 19-28**

A man named John was sent from God.  
He came for testimony, to testify to the light,  
so that all might believe through him.  
He was not the light,

but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John.

When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests  
and Levites to him  
to ask him, "Who are you?"

He admitted and did not deny it,  
but admitted, "I am not the Christ."

So they asked him,

"What are you then? Are you Elijah?"

And he said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

So they said to him,

"Who are you, so we can give an answer to those  
who sent us?"

What do you have to say for yourself?"

He said:

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,  
'make straight the way of the Lord,'"  
as Isaiah the prophet said."

Some Pharisees were also sent.

They asked him,

"Why then do you baptize

if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?"

John answered them,

"I baptize with water;

but there is one among you whom you do not recognize,

the one who is coming after me,

whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

This happened in Bethany across the Jordan,  
where John was baptizing.

## **Music for Liturgy this Weekend**

**December 16-17**

693 My Soul Does Glory: Mary's Song

See How the Virgin Waits for Him

TAIZE: The Kingdom of God

43 People, Look East

**All Are Welcome!** If you would like to join the  
music ministry for the  
season of Christmas,  
please join Melanie for a  
special rehearsal on  
December 21 at 7:15PM to  
learn the special pieces for the season.

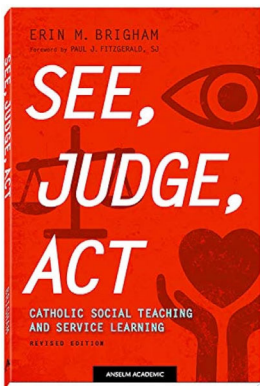


## Last Opportunity! Taizé Morning of Prayer and Song for Advent



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 18 at 10:00 am in the Church with refreshments following in Fr. Lacey Hall. All are welcome!

## See, Judge, Act: Catholic Social Teaching and Service Learning Book Club



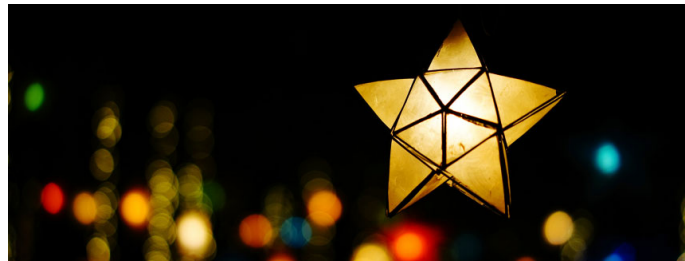
*See, Judge, Act* is a splendid introduction to the rich heritage of modern Catholic social teaching. This series, offered as a “book club” by our Justice and Charity Commission seeks to take a “step back” from our racial justice learning and explore Catholic Social Teaching more broadly. This

eight-week series will include prayer, reading, reflection, and discussion using Erin M. Brigham’s book as a guide.

**Remaining Sessions are:** Monday, December 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](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org).



## 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 [www.streetlifeministries.org](http://www.streetlifeministries.org)

All are invited to attend these daily masses and experience this rich cultural tradition.

## Baptism Within Mass

Congratulations to Andrew and Fabiola Kerfoot on the Baptism of their daughter, Shanti Victoria, during the 9:45 am Mass on Sunday, November 26th. The parish rejoices in welcoming Shanti and her parents into the St. Matthias Community.

## St. Charles Women’s Club Events

**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](mailto:StCharlesWClub@gmail.com).

# Christmas & New Year's Masses

The Fourth Sunday of Advent will be celebrated on Saturday, December 23rd at the 5:00 pm Mass and Sunday, December 24th at the 9:45 am Mass. Christmas Eve Masses will begin the afternoon of December 24th.

	St. Matthias	St. Charles
<b>Christmas Eve Masses, Sunday, December 24th</b>	4:00 & 9:00 pm	3:00, 5:00, & 10:00 pm
<b>Christmas Day Masses, Monday, December 25th</b>	10:00 am	8:30 am & 11:00 am
<b>New Year's Day Masses, Monday, January 1st</b>	10:00 am	9:00 am

✝ ✝ **Pastoral Care of the Sick** Do you know a parishioner ill at home, homebound, or in a care facility who would like to receive Communion or anointing? Call the parish office, and we will arrange to have a priest visit. ✝ ✝

## U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

In re: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, Case No. 23-30564

Notice of Deadline for Filing Claims: February 20, 2024  
YOU MAY HAVE A SEXUAL ABUSE CLAIM OR OTHER CLAIM AGAINST THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

On August 21, 2023, The Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco, a California corporation sole, aka Archdiocese of San Francisco (the "Debtor"), filed for protection under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

If you were sexually abused by any person connected with the Debtor, you must file a claim so as to be received by February 20, 2024, or otherwise you will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such claim against the Debtor. Claims based on acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred before August 21, 2023, must be filed on or before February 20, 2024, even if such claims are not now fixed, liquidated, or certain or did not mature or become fixed, liquidated, or certain before August 21, 2023.

For more information on how to obtain and file a proof of claim form and associated documents, please visit <https://omniagentsolutions.com/RCASF>, or contact Omni Agent Solutions, Inc., the Debtor's claims agent via email at [RCASFinquiries@omniagnt.com](mailto:RCASFinquiries@omniagnt.com) or by phone at 888-480-6507 (U.S. and Canada toll free) or 747-293-0084 (International), between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p. m. (prevailing Pacific Time), Monday through Friday.

\*\*If you have questions about the bankruptcy case filed by the Archdiocese of San Francisco, please also visit the website at <https://sfarch.org>

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See registration page for details!



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## MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, DEC 16th @ 5:00 PM — Nicanor & William Pacumio +

SUN, DEC 17th @ 9:45 AM — Mimi Piparo +

### Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference October Visitation Numbers

Each week, our St. Vincent de Paul Conference members deliver food to our neighbors in need. The support that they receive via food and monetary donations makes this generosity possible. During the month of October, 24 families were served which included 49 adults, 6 seniors, and 42 children; or a total of 97 persons.

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

Alyssa Beemer

Nina Clinton

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

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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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