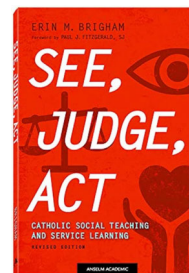


St. Matthias Parish



See, Judge, Act Book Club

Will resume on January 8th at 7:00 pm

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/>



Parish Offices

Closed for Christmas on December 25th and Dec 28th.

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Christmas Mass

Monday, Dec 25th
at 10:00 am
Church

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Breaking Open the Word

Tuesday, Dec 26th
at 1:30PM Google Meet

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Hall Closed for Carpet Cleaning

Thurs, Dec 28th
all day

Reading 1 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,

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When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet,

"Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!"

Nathan answered the king,

"Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you."

But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said:

"Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?'

"It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went,

and I have destroyed all your enemies before you.

And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance.

Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel.

I will give you rest from all your enemies.

The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm.

I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

Reading 2 Rom 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters:

To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia Lk 1:38

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Lk 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.

And coming to her, he said,

"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."

But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

Then the angel said to her,

"Do not be afraid, Mary,

for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?"

And the angel said to her in reply,

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God."

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

Then the angel departed from her.

Music for Liturgy this Weekend

Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 23-24

702 Holi is His Name

44 O Come, Divine Messiah

TAIZE: Raise a Song of Gladness!

43 People, Look East

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.

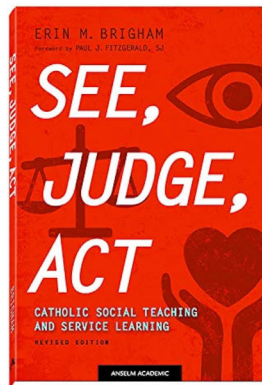
Remaining Sessions are: Monday, January 8, 15, and 22

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.

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.



Fifth Sunday collections. The poem “The Work of Christmas” is one our conference prays together during the busy holiday season. We would like to share it with you:

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,

THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS BEGINS:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among us,
To make music in the heart.

Our work with the underserved is not just during the holiday season, but all year long. We ask God’s blessing on all those who struggle to have their basic needs met. Your generosity continues to give them hope.

Merry Christmas,
St. Matthias SVDP Conference

Save the Date: Wedding Anniversary Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral

The Archdiocese of San Francisco will offer its annual Wedding Anniversary mass on February 3rd at 10:00AM celebrated by Archbishop Cordileone. All couples are invited. Those who in 2024 will celebrate anniversaries ending in 5 or 0 years (5 years, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40) will receive recognition. The Mass is followed by a reception. Visit <https://www.sfarch.org/event/2024-wedding-anniversary-celebration/> for more information and to register.



St. Vincent de Paul de Paul Fifth Sunday Collection

Our next Fifth Sunday collection is the weekend of December 30/31. Your generosity throughout the year has helped us continue our work helping the underserved in our local community and beyond. We are so grateful to how our parishioners respond to our drives, food collections and our

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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.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve Masses, Sunday, December 24th

4:00 & 9:00 pm @ St. Matthias
 3:00, 5:00, & 10:00 pm @ St. Charles

Christmas Day Masses, Monday, December 25th

10:00 am @ St. Matthias
 8:30 am & 11:00 am @ St. Charles

Parish offices will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Thursday, December 28th.



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SUN, DEC 24th @ 9:45 AM — People of St. Matthias

Second Collection for our St. Vincent de Paul Conference Next Weekend (Dec 30-31)

Next weekend, our second collection will be for our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Your generous donations enable our Conference to make weekly food deliveries and spiritual visits to our neighbors in need.



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

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Alyssa Beemer
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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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