

St. Matthias Parish



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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/>



RCIA
A Journey In Faith

RCIA Rite of Election February 18th. More details inside.



Lenten Drive for Baby Items Starts Feb 24-25th. More inside.

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Breaking Open the Word
Tuesday, Feb 13th
at 1:30PM
Google Meet

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Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, Feb 14th see Mass Schedule inside.

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Rosary for Peace
Thursday, Feb 15th at 10:00AM



Join us for a Black Catholic History Month event on Feb 24th at 2:00PM. More details inside.

Reading 1 Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron,
“If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head.

“The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean!’ As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.”

Reading 2 1 Cor 10:31—11:1

Brothers and sisters,
Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.
Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved.
Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Alleluia Lk 7:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
A great prophet has arisen in our midst,
God has visited his people.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mk 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said,
“If you wish, you can make me clean.”
Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him,
“I do will it. Be made clean.”
The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, “See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses

prescribed; that will be proof for them.”

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.



Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024

Masses at **St. Matthias** will be celebrated at 12PM and 7PM

Masses at **St. Charles** will be celebrated at 8:30AM, 10:30AM (School Mass), and 5:00PM.

All will include the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes.

“Repent, and Believe in the Gospel!”

General Lenten Regulations

ABSTINENCE:

Everyone eighteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on ASH WEDNESDAY, the FRIDAYS of Lent and GOOD FRIDAY. On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fasting or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not light excuse themselves from this obligation. Fasting helps us unclutter our minds and hearts of excesses so that we can focus and reflect on our ongoing conversion.

Leave the Light On: Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Wednesday evenings during the Lenten season from 6:30-7:30PM at St. Charles Church.

RCIA St. Matthias and St. Charles, 2024

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process designed to guide, form, and support those adults and older children seeking full initiation into the Church by receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Catechumens are those who have not been Baptized and seek to become Catholic. The following individuals have been meeting regularly to learn about our Catholic beliefs, our sacraments, and deepen their faith in our loving Savior, Jesus Christ.

Catechumens: **Julie Kramer** (SC), **Kimya Hoffman** (SC), **Nicky Ravella** (SM) and **Drew Stuart** (SC) and their sponsors: Bobbie Feiner, Peter Hoffman, Julie Ravella Johnson, Larry Timko, Rich Johnson, and Joni Anorretto

We have five individuals who have been Baptized and are candidates preparing to complete their full initiation into the Church through the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. One individual will also receive his First Holy Communion.

Candidates: **Emily Iberle** (SC), **Sophia Nikravesh** (SM), **Julie Lawlor** (SC), **Andrew Cardozo** (SC), **Nate Ross** (SC), and their sponsors: Rudy Iberle, Raquel Nikravesh, Phil Feiner, Chris Cardozo, Christine Ross

In addition, RCIA teams from throughout the Archdiocese will convene at St. Mary's Cathedral at 4PM Sunday, February 18th. Archbishop Cordileone will preside over the Rite of Election. All sponsors will testify to the readiness of the catechumens and candidates. These rites of "sending" and "election" reflect the early days of the Church when local Church communities prepared, supported, and celebrated initiating new members into God's Church.

Congratulations to all! Members of the St. Matthias and St. Charles Catholic communities are invited to keep our entire RCIA team, our catechumens, candidates, and their sponsors in your prayers as they journey toward the Easter Vigil celebration.



Calling all Green Thumbs

The next step in our landscaping renewal project will be held on Saturday, March 9th starting at

9AM. We will be planting approximately 60 native plants on the left side of the Church building. This includes digging holes, assembling gopher baskets, mixing potting soil, and placing the plants in their designated spots. You'll need to bring a shovel, gloves, and gardening tools. If you can help, email Steve Grana sgrana@comcast.net or call 650-714-1601. Your time and support are appreciated!

Silent Retreat at St. Clare's

"Being Silent with St. Joseph" is sold out, but there is another opportunity for a retreat at St. Clare's Retreat Center. The Lenten theme revolves around the Seven Last Words of Jesus that lead to the proclamation of the Alleluia on Easter Sunday. Fr. Joachim Aldaba, O. Praem, is a Norbertine Canon from St. Michael's Abbey in Orange County, CA. Here is a link to the flyer and registration <https://stclaresretreat.org/mar-8-10-womens-silentretreat>

If you have questions or would like to connect with another attendee, contact parishioner Denise Carr at 650-365-8914.

Coffee & Donuts

Please join us for coffee and donuts following the 9:45 Mass THIS Sunday, February 11th.



St. Vincent de Paul Lenten Drive

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is coordinating a Lenten Baby Items Drive. All items donated will be delivered to St. Francis Center. Items needed include:

Diapers—Newborn to size 6

Baby wipes

Infant formula (Enfamil or Similac)

Jars of Baby Food, Baby Food Pouches, Baby Cereal

Baby Layette Cloths — Newborn to size 6

Gowns, Hats, Booties, Onesies (long and short sleeve), Footed Pajamas, Sleepers, Swaddlers, Receiving Blankets.

All donations can be brought to Fr. Lacey Hall on the weekends of February 24/25, March 2/3, and 9/10.

St. Matthias' Justice and Charity Commission Presents...

A Black Catholic History Month event. Sr. Martin de Porres Coleman, SNDdeN professed vows and became the first Black Sister of Notre Dame in 1952. She will share her experiences as a founding member of the National Black Sisters Conference, founded in 1968 and as an active participant in the Civil Rights Movement in the San Francisco Bay Area. This talk, inspired by Cyprian Davis, OSB's 1995 book, *The History of Black Catholics in the United States* will focus on the experiences of Bay Area Black Catholics.

When: Saturday, February 24th

Where: Fr. Lacey Hall

Time: 2:00 to 3:30PM

Other: For questions or more information, contact the parish office at 650-366-9544 or email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org

Next Bible Study: Letters of James and John

Our next **Bible Study series**, presented by Deacon Rich Foley, will be a study of the Letter of James and the three short Letters of John. This will begin on **Monday, April 8th** and will conclude on Monday, June 10th.

The Letter of James presents a beautiful understanding of Christian life, the human person, and salvation. The three Letters of John offer profound teachings of Christian faith and love. There is evidence that these short letters were widely circulated in the early Church.

This series will be in Fr. Lacey Hall and will be offered at 10AM and 7PM. If you would like to be added to the email list to participate, please email sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org.

It's Tax Season Again!

If you would like a statement of your donations for the 2023 tax year, please email

lisa@stmatthiasparish.org or

call the office at 650-366-

9544. A statement will be emailed to you. In your request, kindly include the email address that you'd like us to use to send this to you. This helps us to keep our database up-to-date!



Music for Liturgy this Weekend

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Feb 10-11, 2024)**

640 God of Day and God of Darkness

671 Be Still My Soul

236 The Body of Christ

547 All Creatures of Our God and King

Breaking Bread songbooks are available for your use during Mass. Please feel free to pick up a copy from the rack at the back of the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, Feb 10th @ 5:00 PM — Ricardo & Katrina Hizon +

SUN, Feb 11th @ 9:45 AM — Jackie Polati +

AAA Kick Off— Feb 24-25, 2024

On the weekend of February 24-25, 2024, we will kick off the 2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. This annual drive helps to fund the pastoral outreach, catechetical ministries, and administrative support provided by the Archdiocese of San Francisco. We appreciate your support. Watch for more information.

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

Stacy Baldwin

Nina Clinton

Sofia Rodriguez Gaddi

Rose Marino

Rudolfo Pelayo

Karen Rende

Suzanne Schaffner

Pat Schott

Jim Steidel

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

St. Matthias Catholic Preschool

A Quality Early Childhood Program

Now Enrolling

Children Ages 3-5 Years Old

Preschool Hours 7:30AM to 5:30PM

All Day — Year Round School

Contact Preschool Director

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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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