

# 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/>



**Lenten Drive for Baby Items** Ends March 9-10. More details inside.



**Join us for Coffee & Donuts**

following the 9:45AM Mass, Sunday, March 10th



**Taizé Prayer** on Tuesday, March 19th at 11AM. More details inside.

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**First Communion  
Family Meeting**

Tuesday, March  
12th at 6:30PM in  
Church

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**Leave the  
Light On  
Reconciliation**

Weds, March 6th  
at 6:30PM at St.  
Charles

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**Finance  
Council**

Thursday, March  
14th at 7PM in Fr.  
Lacey Hall

## **Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word**

Our readings today invite us to make a choice. Centuries before Christ, the people of Judah chose to turn away from God and Jerusalem was allowed to be destroyed. But the psalmist pleaded that the people never forget the holy city. Jesus tells Nicodemus that those who prefer darkness to light condemn themselves, but those who live in the truth come to the light, where we can do the good works that Paul says flow from God's grace. May God's word inspire us to live in the truth of our faith, where God offers us everlasting mercy and love.

### **First Reading 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23**

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem.

Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place.

But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power.

All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled."

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part

of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

### **Second Reading Eph 2:4-10**

Brothers and sisters:

God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

### **Gospel Jn 3:14-21**

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed.

But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

## Lenten Offerings

**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.

Stations of the Cross is a traditional devotion focusing on the events of the passion and suffering of Jesus, Our Savior. Stations of the Cross consists of 14 stations, highlighting the events of Jesus's last day as a human being.

Stations of the Cross is a mini-pilgrimage. As the group or individual moves from station to station, the scene is described. Followers here about the event along the way of the cross, pray, sing, and meditate. It is a common practice to offer this devotion on the Fridays of Lent.

**Stations of the Cross at St. Matthias:** Parishioners are welcome to come into the Church during office hours to pray the Stations of the Cross on their own or with their families. Stations of the Cross are also available outside of the Church building. St. Matthias will host Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers at 6:00 pm on March 15 and 22, and Stations of the Cross (no soup) on Good Friday evening March 29th.

**Lenten Soup Suppers followed by Stations of the Cross at St. Charles:** All are invited to "break bread" and enjoy soup and conversation with others each Friday evening during Lent at 6:15 pm. Feel free to stay for the Stations of the Cross in the Grotto (behind the Parish Center) following the meal. Soup Suppers will be held in the Small Hall (next to Borromeo kitchen) and move into the Grotto following supper. Feel free to bring your own soup bowl. No RSVP is required. Contact Alison Spong [aspong@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:aspong@stcharlesparish.org) with questions.

## 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 Clothes — Newborn to size 6

Gowns, Hats, Booties, Onesies (long and short

sleeve), Footed Pajamas, Sleepers, Swaddlers,

Receiving Blankets (new or gently used).

All donations can be brought to Fr. Lacey Hall on the weekends of **March 9/10**. Items will be delivered to St. Francis Center this week.



## An Opportunity for Contemplative Prayer: Taizé Prayer

Join the St. Matthias community in prayer and song on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:00AM in the Church. The first service will be on **Tuesday, March 19th**. We will use hymns as well as responses from the Taizé and Iona communities.

## Music for Liturgy this Weekend

**Fourth Sunday of Lent  
(March 9-10, 2024)**

**Healing Mass (March 9th 5PM)**

On Eagle's Wings

I Heard the Voice

SS 294 Healing Water

SS 277 Benediction

You are the Healing

**Fourth Sunday of Lent (March 10th 9:45AM)**

In These Days of Lenten Journey

GIA 397 Tree of Life

SS 294 Healing Water

GIA The Lord is my Light

## March Senior Luncheon

All registered parishioners of St. Charles and St. Matthias who are 60+ years of age are cordially invited to the monthly Senior Luncheon held on the second Wednesday of each month at noon in Borromeo Hall.

“When Irish Eyes Are Smiling...” will be on March 13th

Wear your green and join us for a corned beef sandwich prepared especially for you by the leprechauns of “St. O’Charlies.” To reserve your spot please RSVP to Kathy Fagliano at 650-591-7349 ext. 402 or email [kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org).

Caregivers are welcome. The doors open at 11:45AM. We hope to see you there!

## St. Matthias Prayer Tree

We pray for you and your loved ones. Our parish supports a ministry based on holding up the daily needs of our community. Please contact us if you need prayers for yourself, your family, friends, or co-workers. We use first names only or anonymous for privacy. We pray for comfort and healing as well as for thanksgiving for good news like a job offered or the birth of a new baby. Sometimes we hear from folks whose prayers were answered and it is gratifying to know God is listening. Some say, we have prayed miracles.

If you have a prayer for someone call Mary Schorr 650-366-0284 or Carol McAdams 650-369-4365.

## It’s Tax Season Again!

If you would like a statement of your donations for the 2023 tax year, please email [lisa@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto: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!

## 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](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org).

## National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage: St. Junipero Serra Route

**Sunday, May 19, 2024, 11:00am**

St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral – 1111 Gough St. San Francisco. For more information, visit <https://sfarchdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival/>

Join us for the launch of the National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage from the West with the St. Junipero Serra Route. Join Archbishop Cordileone and the Eucharistic Perpetual Pilgrims for 11:00am Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral followed by a pilgrimage walk with the Blessed Sacrament across the Golden Gate Bridge.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**SAT, March 9th @ 5:00 PM** — Renee Rhodeman Watson and Clare Marino Rhodeman +

**SUN, March 10th @ 9:45 AM** — Ann, Louis and Jackie Zaba +

### Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services —

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts.

We appreciate your support.



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

**Kathleen Aronson**

**Stacy Baldwin**

**Nina Clinton**

**Sofia Rodriguez Gaddi**

**Rose Marino**

**Kevin & Lance Magee**

**Rudolfo Pelayo**

**Pat Schott**

**Jim Steidel**

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

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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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