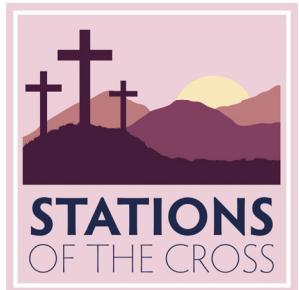


St. Matthias Parish



Taizé Prayer on Tuesday, March 19th at 10AM. More details inside.



Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper on Friday, March 22nd at 6PM. More details inside.

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/>

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First Communion Family Meeting

Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30PM in Church

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Leave the Light On Reconciliation

Weds, March 20th at 6:00PM at St. Charles

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Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper

Friday, March 22nd at 6PM in Church



Holy Week Schedule. More details inside.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Jeremiah looked forward to the day when God's covenant with humanity would be internalized in us, when it would be imprinted on our hearts. To prepare our hearts for keeping the covenant, we pray that God will create clean hearts in us. Especially during Lent, our longing for reconciliation and forgiveness can help to prepare our hearts. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks from the heart, questioning why he would ask God to save him from suffering and death when that was the purpose in the first place. May we let God's word penetrate our hearts as well.

First Reading Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel
and the house of Judah.
It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers
the day I took them by the hand
to lead them forth from the land of Egypt;
for they broke my covenant,
and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD.
But this is the covenant that I will make
with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD.
I will place my law within them and write it upon
their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
No longer will they have need to teach their friends
and relatives
how to know the LORD.
All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD,
for I will forgive their evildoing and remember
their sin no more.

Second Reading Heb 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh,
he offered prayers and supplications with loud
cries and tears
to the one who was able to save him from death,
and he was heard because of his reverence.
Son though he was, he learned obedience from
what he suffered;
and when he was made perfect,

he became the source of eternal salvation for all
who obey him.

Gospel Jn 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

Music for Liturgy this Weekend

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
(March 16-17, 2024)**

In These Days of Lenten Journey
Return to God
Behold, the Lamb of God
Christ, be Our Light

Lenten Offerings

Leave the Light On: Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Wednesday evenings during the Lenten season from 6:00-7:00PM 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 22**, and Stations of the Cross (no soup) on Good Friday evening March 29th.

St. Vincent de Paul Lenten Drive

A huge thank you to our parishioners for your overwhelming response to our Lenten Baby Items Drive! The collection of baby clothes, blankets, diapers, wipes, formula and baby food (filling two trucks) was delivered to St. Francis Center last week. Most of the families that use the resources at St. Francis Center are the same families our SVdP Conference delivers groceries to each week. We know their need and we also know how grateful they are for what they receive. Thank you for helping our neighbors care for their little ones and for spreading God's love this Lenten season. Our mission would not be possible without your help. Gratefully, St. Matthias' St. Vincent de Paul Conference



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.

A "Must Listen" Lenten Event Father Samuel and St. Jude Community School

Please come to hear Father Samuel speak about the school he started in Uganda, St. Jude Community School, on Sunday March 17th immediately following the 9:45AM Mass in Fr. Lacey Hall (GIFT will begin immediately after the presentation). The school is dedicated to promoting children's, and especially girls', education and helps them with self-sufficiency and health. The school has grown from 8 children to 320! We look forward to seeing you!

St. Charles Women's Club Movie Night

Invites all women to share an evening together on **Wednesday, April 10th** at Borromeo Hall for a movie about the inspirational story of Father Stu.

6:15PM for Popcorn and Social Time

6:30PM SHOWTIME!

This heartwarming movie, starring Mark Wahlberg, tells the story of Father Stu's journey from a down-and-out boxer who has a vision of the Virgin Mary while in

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Masses: Saturday, March 23rd at 5:00PM and Sunday, March 24th at 9:45AM.

Gather on the front steps on Cordilleras Road.

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper: Thursday, March 28th at 7:00PM

Good Friday Service: Friday, March 29th at 12Noon at St. Charles; St. Matthias Church will be open from 12Noon to 3:00PM for individual prayer; Stations of the Cross at St. Matthias at 6:00PM

Easter Vigil: Saturday, March 30th at 8:00PM at St. Charles (there will be NO 5PM Mass at St. Matthias)

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection: Sunday, March 31st at 8:00AM and 10:30AM. An Easter Egg Hunt will follow the 10:30AM Mass. All are welcome!

the hospital and becomes a Catholic priest because “God wanted a fighter...and he found one.”

Come and enjoy an evening together with popcorn and refreshments and this uplifting movie.

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.

Prayer Tree Network

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.

National Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage: St. Junipero Serra Route

Sunday, May 19, 2024, 11:00am

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.

Join us for **Thomas Malaspina's funeral on Thursday, March 21st at 11:00AM Mass** with a reception to follow.

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, March 16th @ 5:00 PM — Renee Rhodeman Watson and Clare Marino Rhodeman +

SUN, March 17th @ 9:45 AM — Peggy Clifford +

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Sunday 9:45 am*

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St. Charles Mass Schedule

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

*LIVESTREAMED MASSES

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