

# 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/>



**St. Vincent de Paul Backpack Drive** details inside.

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**St. Vincent de Paul Meeting**

Tuesday, Aug 13th at 7PM in Fr. Lacey Hall

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**Rosary for Peace**

Thursday, Aug 15th at 10AM Church

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**Mass for the Feast of the Assumption**

Thursday, Aug 15th at 7PM Lacey Hall



**The Chosen Watch Party** join us after the 9:45AM Mass on Sunday.

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

We are reminded again today of the sustenance God provides us. In the first reading, Elijah is on the verge of dying of hunger and thirst. God sends him an angel, who brings him a hearth cake and a jug of water, which sustains him on his journey across the desert to the mountain of God. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the huge crowd whom he had fed with five loaves and two fish that he is the bread of life, bread that will enable all those who eat it to live forever. God has given us the

### **First Reading 1 Kgs 19:4-8**

Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death saying:  
"This is enough, O LORD!  
Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers."  
He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat.  
Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water.  
After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered,  
"Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!"  
He got up, ate, and drank;  
then strengthened by that food,  
he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

### **Second Reading Eph 4:30—5:2**

Brothers and sisters:  
Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,  
with which you were sealed for the day of redemption.  
All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice.  
And be kind to one another, compassionate,  
forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.  
So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

## **Gospel In 6:41-51**

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said,  
"I am the bread that came down from heaven, "  
and they said,  
"Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph?  
Do we not know his father and mother?  
Then how can he say,  
'I have come down from heaven?'"  
Jesus answered and said to them,  
"Stop murmuring among yourselves.  
No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him,  
and I will raise him on the last day.  
It is written in the prophets:  
They shall all be taught by God.  
Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me.  
Not that anyone has seen the Father  
except the one who is from God;  
he has seen the Father.  
Amen, amen, I say to you,  
whoever believes has eternal life.  
I am the bread of life.  
Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died;  
this is the bread that comes down from heaven  
so that one may eat it and not die.  
I am the living bread that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever;  
and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life  
of the world."

## **Music Ministry News**

We introduced a piece based on Psalm 23 composed by Jan Michael Joncas, "Shelter Me" in the month of July. Many people mentioned how blessed they were by the message of hope and comfort in this beautiful melody.

### **Music for August 10-11, 2024**

**Opening:** 369 What Feast of Love? Rejoice!

**Gloria** Mass of St. Ann

**Ps. Resp. & Acclaim** Taste & See

**Offertory:** Love Burns Bright / His Banner

**Communion:** Taste and See We are One Body

**Closing:** 578 In the Day of the Lord / Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

The featured piece for August, composed by Chris de Silva, invites us to pray: Christ our Light, illuminate every path that leads to you. Give us grace, Lord, guide our way: Love, burn bright. "Love, Burn Bright" (492 in Breaking Bread) speaks of the Love of Christ as we are beckoned to follow his way daily. We are reminded of our calling: when there's doubt, uncertainty, let us witness faithfully. When there's sadness, poverty, let us reach out willingly: may your Love burn bright within our hearts.

May peace be upon you.  
Melanie Dresbach  
Music Ministry

## St. Vincent de Paul Back to School Drive



Our annual Back to School Drive began last weekend! We invite you to visit our "Back to School Boards" that are displayed at the back of the church and select cards for the items needed to be purchased. We will be collecting backpacks and school supplies to be distributed to underserved children in Redwood City through St. Francis Center.

Backpacks and school supplies can be brought to Fr. Lacey Hall this weekend (due by Aug 11th). Please attach the cards you selected to the items donated. This will help us ensure that all the needed items are purchased. Your ongoing support and generosity to this drive will help many children begin their school year with confidence and smiles on their faces!

Thank you for making this possible.

—Your St. Vincent de Paul Conference



## PMC Prayers for Peace

Join with parishioner  
Nancy Galli and

Sabrina for the Peninsula Multifaith Coalition's Prayers for Peace at Twin Pines Park, in Belmont and Labor

Day, Monday, **September 2nd from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.** Learn about others' faith traditions and experience prayers for peace from many different traditions.

## Faith Formation/Religious Education Registration Open

Registration for all of our faith formation programs is now open. Please visit our parish website <https://www.stmatthiasparish.org/faith-formation/gift/> to learn more about our family-based faith formation program, called Generations in Faith Together (GIFT), our sacramental preparation program for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, and for our Confirmation program. A Faith Formation Handbook is also available on this page of our website. The Handbook contains schedules for all the various programs. Please contact [Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:Sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org) with any questions.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word program, *Promise* for 3-6 year olds, will begin again in September. During the summer months, we are seeking parent volunteers who would like to be leaders for this program. **Promise will resume on September 22nd.** The program meets each Sunday during the 9:45AM Mass. Children and the leaders are dismissed from Mass before the first reading, they go into Room 1 of the Preschool building for the Promise session, then return to Mass for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering or enrolling your 3-6 year old in the program, please contact [sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org). Training and materials will be provided.

## Bible Study: What Old Testament Women Teach Us About Mary

The study of salvation history is incomplete without

studying the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible). Women played a significant role in revealing God's plan for His people beginning with Eve. Throughout the ages, women raised their children, prayer and gave thanks to God and risked their lives for the God of their ancestors. Many demonstrated courage, perseverance, leadership, conversion, and suffering. **This series will begin on Sept 16th and sessions will be held at 10AM and 7PM.** Contact Deacon Rich [rich@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:rich@stmatthiasparish.org) for more information.

## August Senior Luncheon



“Summer BBQ” All registered parishioners of St. Charles and St. Matthias 60+ years are cordially invited to the Senior Luncheon on Wednesday, August 14th at noon in Borromeo Hall. Doors will open at 11:45AM. Members of the St. Charles Men's Club will be barbecuing hamburgers!

To make a reservation please RSVP to Kathy Fagliano at 650-591-7349 ext. 402 of [kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org). Reservations must be received by noon on Monday, August 12th. Caregivers are welcome. We hope you will join us.

## Becoming a Fully-Initiated Catholic—RCIA

Do you know someone who has thought about becoming Catholic or, for whatever reason, has been baptized but has not been confirmed or received Holy Communion? Do you or someone you know have questions about the sacraments and what it means to



be a Catholic? Please consider RCIA.

The Catholic Church has a process for adults to discern whether God is inviting them to learn more about our faith and, perhaps, to become Catholic. This process is also a pathway to complete the Sacraments of Initiation for those already Baptized (Confirmation, Eucharist).

This process is called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). The RCIA process provides guided weekly sessions on the fundamental beliefs of our faith including an understanding of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist (Mass). In addition, the process emphasizes prayer, discernment and spiritual formation as each candidate responds to their call to become followers of Jesus through the Catholic Church.

Participants are parishioners from St. Matthias and St. Charles parishes along with their sponsors and team members. RCIA sessions will be held on Sunday mornings from 11AM to Noon in Room 5 of the Preschool building. The first RCIA gathering will be held on Sunday, September 22nd.

Deacon Rich and Deacon David of St. Matthias will lead and facilitate RCIA sessions. If you have any questions, know of someone who would like to discuss joining RCIA, are considering being a team member, or would just like to experience the RCIA process, please contact Deacon Rich at [rich@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:rich@stmatthiasparish.org) or call him at St. Matthias Church (650) 366-9544.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit calls individuals to seek a deeper relationship with Almighty God through His Church.

Join us for Coffee & Donuts this Sunday following the 9:45AM Mass. All are welcome!



## MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, August 10th @ 5:00 PM — Roman Calderaro +

SUN, August 11th @ 9:45 AM — George & Gisel Beyrouti +

THURS, August 15th @ 7 PM — Linda Wooldridge +

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

**Jerry Acozta**

**Stacy Baldwin**

**Tommie Fogliani**

**Sofia Rodriguez Gaddi**

**Cheryl Granucci**

**Joy & Charles**

**Jim Lynch**

**Rose Marino**

**Carol McAdams**

**Rudolfo Pelayo**

*that they may be comforted by the loving embrace of Jesus. And for*

**Pat Schott** who recently returned home to God.



### St. Matthias' Building Fund Collection: August 17-18

This local second collection helps our parish community fund the maintenance needs of our Church and Fr. Lacey Hall.

### 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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