

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/>



Taizé Prayer join us at 10AM on Tuesday, Aug 20th for the contemplative practice of Taizé song, reflection, and prayer.

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Taizé Prayer

Tuesday, Aug 20th
at 10AM in Church

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Prayer Shawl Meeting

Tuesday, Aug 20th
at 3PM in Fr. Lacey Hall

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Rosary for Peace

Thursday, Aug 22nd at 10AM
Church



Registration is OPEN. Contact Sabrina with questions.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord," we sing in the psalm today, an invitation to the sumptuous banquet God lays out for us. Wisdom provides one of her own in the first reading, presenting knowledge and understanding as a meal we're all invited to eat. Calling himself the living bread come down from heaven, Jesus invites us all to eat his flesh and drink his blood, as we do in the Eucharist. As Paul advises the Ephesians, we give thanks always for this meal in which we physically taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

First Reading Prv 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house,
she has set up her seven columns;
she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine,
yes, she has spread her table.
She has sent out her maidens; she calls
from the heights out over the city:
"Let whoever is simple turn in here;
To the one who lacks understanding, she says,
Come, eat of my food,
and drink of the wine I have mixed!
Forsake foolishness that you may live;
advance in the way of understanding."

Second Reading Eph 5:15-20

Brothers and sisters:
Watch carefully how you live,
not as foolish persons but as wise,
making the most of the opportunity,
because the days are evil.
Therefore, do not continue in ignorance,
but try to understand what is the will of the Lord.
And do not get drunk on wine, in which lies
debauchery,
but be filled with the Spirit,
addressing one another in psalms and hymns and
spiritual songs,
singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts,
giving thanks always and for everything
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the
Father.

Gospel Jn 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowds:

"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."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,
"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"
Jesus said to them,
"Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink
his blood,
you do not have life within you.
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life,
and I will raise him on the last day.
For my flesh is true food,
and my blood is true drink.
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him.
Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so also the one who feeds on me
will have life because of me.
This is the bread that came down from heaven.
Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,
whoever eats this bread will live forever."



Music for August 17-18, 2024

Opening: 310 Gather Your People

Gloria Mass of St. Ann

Ps. Resp. & Acclaim

Offertory: Love Burns Bright

Communion: Bread of Heaven (Manibusan/Hart)

Closing: 383 Take the Word of God With You

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 **middle school youth ministry (MSYM) program for 5-8th graders**, 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 with any questions.

Parent Volunteers Needed for our 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. 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, prayed 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 for more information.

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 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.

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.

Know Your Rights Workshop at St. Anthony of Padua, Menlo Park

A Know Your Rights Workshop will be co-hosted by the Office of Human Life and Dignity of the Archdiocese of San Francisco and the University of San Francisco's Law School Immigration and Deportation Defense Clinic in Menlo Park on Sunday, September 22nd after the 12:45 PM Mass. This event is intended to help immigrants in the community understand their rights in case they are detained by authorities, especially with the recent Biden Administration executive order which has caused confusion. This, this workshop is meant to educate and inform the migrant community of their rights and and the current laws that may affect them. The Clinic

will also provide individuals and families with an opportunity to ask private questions about their immigration situation. Contact Saul Perez perezsa@SFarch.org for more information.

St. Vincent de Paul Back to School Drive



A heartfelt thanks to our parishioners for your generous response to our Back to School Drive. All back packs were filled with school supplies and delivered in time for a great start to the children's school year. As always, this would not have been possible without the support of our parish community. St. Francis Center wanted us to pass along this message as well: "Thank you to everyone at St. Matthias for living, supporting, and caring for our St. Francis Community."

— Gratefully, Your St. Vincent de Paul Conference

God Put the Wiggles in Children

Relax! God put the wiggle in children so don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house — ALL ARE WELCOME. Here are some suggestions if you are attending Mass with little ones:

- Sit towards the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on in the sanctuary.
- Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, deacon, and ministers. This helps them grown in understanding and feel part of the celebration.
- Sing the songs, pray the prayers, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- If you feel you need to leave the Mass with your children, go into Fr. Lacey Hall where the livestream is playing (during the 9:45AM Mass) and watch from there.

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, August 17th @ 5:00 PM — Renee Rhodeman Watson
and Clare Marino Rhodeman +

SUN, August 18th @ 9:45 AM — Judito Quingco +

*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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