

# 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://](https://www.stmatthiasparish.org)



**Registration is due by Sept 2nd.**

Contact Sabrina with questions.

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**Offices Closed for Labor Day**

**Monday, Sept 2nd**

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**Breaking Open the Word**

**Tuesday, Sept 3rd at 1:30PM via Google Meet**

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**Prayer & Worship Commission**

**Thursday, Sept 5th at 7PM Fr. Lacey Hall**



**Join Peninsula Multifaith Coalition**

**on Monday, Sept 2nd at 10AM at Twin Pines Park for Prayers for Peace.**

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

God's commands take center stage today. Moses points out that when the Chosen People put God's commandments into practice, other nations will marvel at how just and wise they are. The psalmist assures us that those who act justly will live in God's presence. We begin hearing selections from the letter of James today; James continually emphasized the need to put one's faith into action. In the Gospel, Jesus chides the Pharisees for putting the letter of human rules above the spirit of God's commands. Let us reflect on how we follow God's commandments.

### **First Reading Dt 4:1-2, 6-8**

Moses said to the people:

"Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.

In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it.

Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.'

For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him?

Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"

### **Second Reading Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27**

Dearest brothers and sisters:

All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change. He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

### **Gospel Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands.

—For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders.

And on coming from the marketplace

they do not eat without purifying themselves.

And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed,

the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. — So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?"

He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand.

Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.

"From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile." God."

### **Music for August 31-Sept 1, 2024**

**Opening:** 405 Open My Eyes

**Offertory:** 473 All is Well With My Soul

**Communion:** Taize: Come and Fill Our Hearts

**Closing:** 599 Christ, Be Our Light!

**The Leadership Team will be hosting an Information Meeting for all parishioners on Thursday, Sept 12 at 7:00 pm in Fr. Lacey Hall, regarding the Maronite's request to share our space. Please come to ask your questions, share your concerns and seek clarification.**

## **Special Music for the Month of September**

For the month of September, we will embrace our community of St. Matthias in comforting and restorative words of hope as we join in the prayerful singing of one of the most well-known hymns, "It is Well With My Soul," also known as "When Peace, Like A River" (Spafford & Bliss). First published in 1876, the newer revisions, written by Carey Laundry (2010) that we use in our Catholic tradition includes verses based on Psalms 62 & 63, (#473 in Breaking Bread).

May this song fill us with comfort and hope as we pray these lyrics, reminding us that God is our refuge, our safety, our strength, and our rock. May we bless others with the Peace of God.

Peace be upon you, Melanie, Music Director

## **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.

## **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.

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.

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

## Special Donut Sunday— September 15th

Around St. Matthias, whenever you hear someone ask, “Who’s in charge of that?” “Who would know?” or “How can we make that happen?”, the answer is almost always SABRINA! At our next Donut Sunday on September 15th, we will be celebrating Sabrina Harper’s 25 years of work at St. Matthias Church and Preschool. As Parish Secretary, Director of Religious Education, de facto Human Resources/Operations Manager, and Pastoral Associate, she has carried a lot on her shoulders and impacted many people. Please plan on stopping by after Mass to congratulate Sabrina and let her know how much she means to us. We look forward to many more years of your leadership, Sabrina!

## September Senior Lunch ~~ Back to School ~~

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

The first day of “School” is Wednesday, September 11th at 12 noon. The doors open at 11:45 am. We will meet in Borromeo Hall Cafeteria and enjoy a brown bag lunch just like Mom used to make! Along with your reservation, please include your sandwich choice: Bologna, Ham, Salami, Turkey or Peanut Butter and Jelly.

All reservations must be received by noon on Monday, September 9th (or you make have to eat your lunch in the Principal’s Office!) This will be a great day to connect with old friend and to make new friends!

For reservations please RSVP to Kathy Fagliano at 650

-591-7349 ext. 402 or [kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org).

We hope to see you in “class!”



## Women's Club Pizza Party!

5:45-7:30 pm

Wednesday, September 11th at the Grotto

Begin our Fall Season together with our Greet and Treats Dinner

Pizza, Salad, and an Ice Cream Sundae Bar!

Please RSVP at [StCharlesWClub@gmail.com](mailto:StCharlesWClub@gmail.com)

by Monday, September 9th

## 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 provided we are able to secure at least 4 additional adult**

**volunteers.** 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SAT, August 31 @ 5:00 PM — Jim Murray +

SUN, September 1st @ 9:45 AM — Joyce Morger +

*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.*

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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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