

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/>

GIFT begins this Sunday, Sept 8th
Contact Sabrina with questions.

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GIFT Gathering
Sunday, Sept 8th
from 11-12:15PM
Fr. Lacey Hall

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Breaking Open the Word
Tuesday, Sept 10th at 1:30PM via Google Meet

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Information Meeting
Thursday, Sept 12th at 7PM
Fr. Lacey Hall



Join St. Matthias Leadership for an informational meeting about the Maronite Church on Thursday, Sept 12th at 7PM in Fr. Lacey Hall

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Today we hear the story of a miracle in which Jesus performs a healing in a very intimate way. He draws a deaf and mute man away from the crowd, puts his fingers in his ears and, having spat on them, touches his tongue as well. Jesus is here with us in an intimate way as well. He has been just as close to us since we were baptized, when the priest or deacon touched our ears and mouth as well. He is with us as we gather in his name, in his very Body and Blood in the Eucharist we consume, and in each other. Listening to the readings today, let us realize that the One who healed in such a way is intimately close with us too, wherever we are.

First Reading Is 35:4-7a

Thus says the LORD:
Say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not!
Here is your God,
he comes with vindication;
with divine recompense
he comes to save you.
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing.
Streams will burst forth in the desert,
and rivers in the steppe.
The burning sands will become pools,
and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

Second Reading Jas 2:1-5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality
as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes
comes into your assembly, and a poor person in
shabby clothes also comes in,
and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine
clothes
and say, "Sit here, please,"
while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit
at my feet,"
have you not made distinctions among yourselves
and become judges with evil designs?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world

to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom
that he promised to those who love him?

Gospel Mk 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre
and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee,
into the district of the Decapolis.
And people brought to him a deaf man who had a
speech impediment
and begged him to lay his hand on him.
He took him off by himself away from the crowd.
He put his finger into the man's ears
and, spitting, touched his tongue;
then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said
to him,
"Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!" —
And immediately the man's ears were opened,
his speech impediment was removed,
and he spoke plainly.
He ordered them not to tell anyone.
But the more he ordered them not to,
the more they proclaimed it.
They were exceedingly astonished and they said,
"He has done all things well.
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

**St. Matthias' Leadership Team is
hosting a Parish-Wide Information
Meeting 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.**

Music for September 7-8, 2024

Opening: The House that Love is Building

Offertory: 473 All is Well With My Soul

Communion: Bread of Life

Closing: 599 Christ, Be Our Light!

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



GIFT Begins this Sunday, Sept 8th

Our family-based faith formation program, GIFT begins this Sunday, Sept 8th at 11:00AM in Fr. Lacey Hall.

If you've not yet registered but would like to attend, please come and check in with Sabrina. Registration for all of our faith formation programs is still 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.

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 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. Training and materials will be provided.

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, September 7th @ 5:00 PM — Bruce Dinkel +

SUN, September 8th @ 9:45 AM — Al Piparo +

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

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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Children Ages 3-5 Years Old

Preschool Hours 7:30AM to 5:30PM

All Day — Year Round School

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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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