

# 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. Charles' Senior Luncheon**

Wednesday, Oct 9th. See details inside.



**Fr. Roy's Installation Mass**

Monday, November 4th at 5PM at St. Charles. Musicians needed. See details inside.

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**Bible Study**

Monday, Oct 7th at 10AM and 7PM  
Fr. Lacey Hall

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**Rosary for Peace**

Thursday, Oct 10th at 10AM  
Church

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**Staff Meeting**

Thursday, Oct 10th at 1PM Fr. Lacey Hall

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

Today's first reading and Gospel may be difficult for many, especially divorced and LGBTQIA+ Catholics. The specifics and details speak of the traditional ideal of marriage. But the underlying theme is one of God's infinite love for us and desire that we live in happiness, of which companionship and ultimately partnership are foundational. But whether we are married, single, divorced, or widowed, we each have companionship with Jesus. The reading from Hebrews emphasizes the solidarity we have with him, who became fully human so that by the grace of God he could suffer and die like us. No matter our situation, as we sing in the responsorial psalm, may the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

### **First Reading Gn 2:18-24**

The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." So the LORD God formed out of the ground various wild animals and various birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each of them would be its name. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all wild animals; but none proved to be the suitable partner for the man.

So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

The LORD God then built up into a woman the rib that he had taken from the man.

When he brought her to the man, the man said:

"This one, at last, is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;

this one shall be called 'woman,'

for out of 'her man' this one has been taken."

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.

### **Second Reading Heb 2:9-11**

Brothers and sisters: He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels," that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that he, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to

glory, should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering. He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call them "brothers."

### **Gospel Mk 10:2-16**

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked,

"Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?"

They were testing him. He said to them in reply,

"What did Moses command you?"

They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her."

But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment.

But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave

his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

So they are no longer two but one flesh.

Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them,

"Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them.

When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me;

do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."

Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

### **Music for October 5-6, 2024**

Our God is Here

Hold On to Love!

Bread of Heaven, Savior Broken

Rise Up With Him

## Fr. Roy's Installation Mass & Reception & Musicians

You are cordially invited to the Installation of Reverend Allen Roy Remo as Pastor of both St. Charles and St. Matthias Churches by Most Reverend Salvatore Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco with Most Reverend Rolando Tirona, Archbishop Emeritus of Caceres, Naga City, Philippines Concelebrating on Monday, November 4, 2024 the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo at 5:00 pm in the afternoon. Reception to follow after Mass. Please use the QR code above to RSVP no later than Oct 27th.



Melanie is looking for singers and instrumentalists to help with music at Fr. Roy's Installation Mass. She will be holding rehearsals at St. Charles on **Thursday, October 10, 17, and 24 from 7-8:15 PM**. Contact [melanie@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:melanie@stmatthiasparish.org) for more information.

### October Senior Luncheon

Please be our guest ... join us in celebrating Oktoberfest on **Wednesday, October 9th at 12PM**. Doors open at 11:45AM. All registered parishioners of St. Matthias and St. Charles 60+ years are cordially invited to our monthly luncheon held on the second Wednesday of each month at noon in Borromeo Hall. Caregivers are welcome. To reserve your spot please RSVP to Kathy Fagliano at 650-591-7349 x 402 or email [kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org). All reservations MUST be received by noon on October 7th. We hope to see you there. PROST!

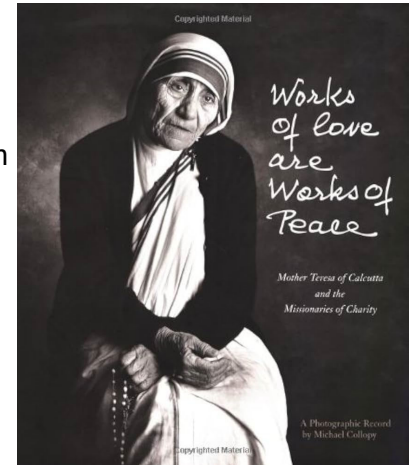
### Notre Dame High School, Belmont

For families with 8th grade daughters, shadow dates are open at Notre Dame High School in Belmont. 8th graders spend a day experiencing classes, meeting students and getting a taste of all that Notre Dame has

to offer. Shadow dates run from September 17—November 20. 7th and 8th grade families are invited to Open House on October 20 and Notre Dame Night on November 21. Find out why Notre Dame Belmont was voted the best private high school in the Bay Area. Learn more about Notre Dame Belmont at [www.ndhsb.org](http://www.ndhsb.org).

### Parish-Wide Event at St. Charles

Michael Collopy shares his work, travels and photographs of Saint Mother Teresa based on his book, "Works of Love are Works of Peace." As a professional photographer he uniquely captures the far-reaching apostolic work of Mother Teresa and her Missionaries of Charity.



**Wednesday, October 9th at 7:00PM Borromeo Hall**  
Presentation from 7-9PM; Doors open at 6:45PM  
Sponsored by the St. Charles Women's Club

### St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection

Thank you to our parishioners for your ongoing support to help us carry out our mission to serve those in need in our community. In the months of August and September your donations were used to provide 54 families \$3,450 in grocery gift cards. Each family also received 3 large bags of groceries valued at \$45 per bag. Your financial support has enabled us to provide this help and we are so grateful. There are so many hungry people right now in our own community. With your help we can continue to provide for them. Thank you for partnering with us in the mission of St. Vincent de Paul.

## Maronite Church Update

Dear St. Matthias parishioners,

Thank you for attending the parish-wide meeting that was held on Sept 12th. The leadership team members that were appointed by Fr. Roy (Roger Flores, Jr., Marti Engh, Karen Rende, Lynda Brouchoud, Justin Gibson, and Teresa Anthony) presented what they learned at their joint meeting with the Maronite Church representatives which was held on August 20th.

Following the presentation, the floor was opened for questions and comments. It was suggested that legal representation would help us seek some answers to our questions from the Archbishop.

On Sept 22nd, leadership hosted a "signing event" for folks to come sign a mandate form which gives the Canon Lawyer the mandate to represent parishioner interests.

The first step to this process was that a letter was sent by the attorney to Archbishop Cordileone on Monday, Sept 30th. On the evening of the same day, the Archbishop sent Fr. Roy a letter to share with the parish community. This letter is attached.

## October Music

This is turbulent, tumultuous time as unrest abounds throughout the earth and as we seek to protect democracy in our nation. To help focus and center our prayer on our calling: to seek peace, to speak out for the voiceless, to care for those in need, and to shine as vessels of the Light of Christ whom we follow, we turn to the words of Jesse Manibusan in the piece, "Hold On to Love."

These powerful lyrics beckon to us: Hold on to Love

Join us for Coffee & Donuts next Sunday 10/13 following the 9:45AM Mass. All are welcome!



when hatred is used to divide us, hold on to Love when pain and confusion seem endless. Manibusan encourages us with his words; courage and faith will sustain us, wisdom and truth reunite us, acts of compassion restore us, and dignity means, "all are welcome."

Jesse Manibusan is a popular composer who earned his MA in Multicultural Ministries from the Franciscan School of Theology, Berkeley, CA.

We sing:

There is a place for sadness, hold on to Love!  
There is a season of gladness: hold on to Love!  
When pain and confusion seem endless, we cultivate healing through kindness. Hold on to Love.  
Hold on to Love where hope is found, where joy abounds, where grace and mercy's overflowing: Hold on to Love.

May the Peace of Christ be with you...

Melanie Dresbach, Music Director

## Spirit Mass

Calling all children, youth, the young at heart, and all who love to sing. Please join Music Ministry on the second Sunday of the month and help lead the music for Spirit Mass. We practice the music and movements at 9AM on Sunday but you are invited to come to the music area at whatever time fits your needs best (rehearsal at 9AM makes for a long morning for some children). See you on October 13th for Spirit Mass! Contact Melanie for more information [melanie@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:melanie@stmatthiasparish.org)

## October Mass Count

One measure of the vibrancy of our parish community is the October Mass Count. Please bring your friends, family members, and neighbors to Mass in October to be counted.



September 30, 2024

*Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

Dear Parishioners of St. Matthias Parish,

Very many of you have written me letters about the proposed sharing of your parish facilities with the Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Parish, currently located in Millbrae. It distresses me that certain false impressions have taken hold about decisions being made and actions taken, or not taken, with regard to this proposal. By means of this letter, I wish to inform you of the historical background of this proposal, and set the record straight.

Some three years ago, His Excellency, Bishop Elias Zaidan of the Maronite Eparchy (Diocese) of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles, asked me if our Archdiocese had church property available in the Redwood City area which could be used as a base for the Our Lady of Lebanon Parish. He explained that the southern end of the Peninsula would be the ideal location for their parish, as it is centrally located to where most of their people live. He offered to work out an arrangement of joint usage, such that the Roman parish could continue its regular parish life unimpeded, while the Maronite parish would also have a facility better suited to its needs. He explained that his Eparchy has worked out such an arrangement in other parts of the country, and there are various possibilities for doing this which maintains the Roman Catholic Mass and Roman Rite Catholics continuing to be given the pastoral care that they need and continuing the life of their parish community.

The thought of St. Matthias Parish came to my mind due to its ideal location, and the fact that it is a smaller parish and in the process of being clustered with St. Charles. As such, more services will be centralized at St. Charles, while Masses and other sacramental celebrations, as well as special parish occasions, would continue to be held at St. Matthias. I have been communicating with the parish through my Vicar for Clergy, Fr. Andrew Spyrow, in order to assist in this process. In canon law a bishop's vicar shares in some aspect of the bishop's pastoral governance. The Vicar for Clergy shares the bishop's governing responsibility for priests, deacons and parishes, and so he speaks with the bishop's authority in matters related to these concerns.

It is absolutely false that a decision has been made to sell the property of St. Matthias to the Maronite Eparchy. Let me repeat that: it is absolutely false that a decision has been made to sell the property of St. Matthias to the Maronites. In fact, no decision has been made at all with regard to what the joint-usage arrangement would consist of. I simply asked the parish leadership of both parishes to discuss the possibilities and work out a suitable arrangement. It is not my role to decide pre-emptively what that arrangement should be; that decision belongs to the pastors of the two parishes. I simply asked our parish to sit down with the Maronite parish and discuss the proposal and come to a mutually-agreed arrangement.

Allow me to add that our brother and sister Maronites have been patiently waiting for some three years to work out a solution that will help them better care for the pastoral needs of their people. In addition, let us recall that these brothers and sisters of ours come from a country of deep Christian roots and noble origin and culture, a country which, for decades now – and especially most recently – has sadly been beset by war, infrastructure meltdown, economic collapse and pressing shortages of basic essentials of life. They are also a small, albeit significant, minority in our community, and so deserve our support in keeping their beautiful faith traditions alive and thriving, so that they may hand them onto the next generation.

These are our fellow Catholics, brothers and sisters in Christ with whom we share the bonds of the profession of faith, sacramental life, and ecclesiastical governance under the head of the College of Bishops, the Bishop of Rome. Now is the time to respond to them in their need.

Thank you for your love of your parish, and all of the dedication and support you give to it. And thank you, too, in advance, for the consideration you will give to our fellow Catholics in assisting them in their need. Such compassion and generosity is pleasing to God, and God will smile down upon you for it.

In Christ the Good Shepherd,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Salvatore J. Cordileone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning and a horizontal line at the end.

Most Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone  
Archbishop of San Francisco

cc. Most Reverend Elias Zaidan  
Eparchial Bishop of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles

Reverend Rami Razzouk  
Pastor, Our Lady of Lebanon Parish

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

**SUN, October 6th @ 9:45 AM — George Salinger +**



*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 **Father Steven Scherrer,***

***MM** who recently returned home to God.*

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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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