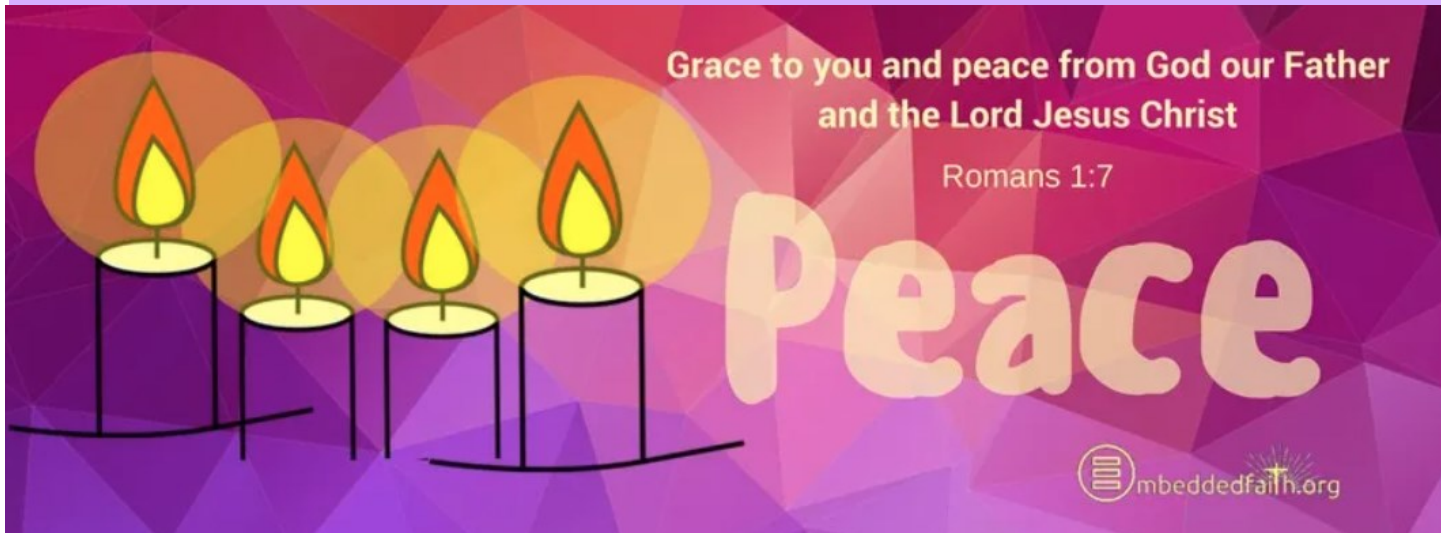


St. Matthias Parish



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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/>

Come...Let us Adore Him!



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Children's Liturgy
During 9:45 AM
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**Christmas Eve
Mass**

Tuesday
Dec 24th, 4 pm
and 9 pm

We

**Christmas Day
Mass**

Wednesday
Dec 25th, 10 am

Parish Office Closure

The office will be closed Tuesday Dec 24th, at 12 Noon, Christmas Day, and Thursday Dec 26th. We will reopen on Monday Dec 30th.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Drawing closer to Christmas, we sing, "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." Micah turned to Bethlehem and saw the face of the Messiah. Elizabeth saw and heard her pregnant cousin and recognized the face of the Lord. Even John the Baptist in his mother's womb turned to Mary's voice and leaped for joy. May we see the face of God in God's word, in the spirit of the season, and in the people we know and love.

First Reading Mi 5: 1-4

Thus says the LORD:

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah,
too small to be among the clans of
Judah, from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel;
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient times.

Therefore the Lord will give them up,
until the time when she who is to give
birth has borne, and the rest of his
kindred shall return to the children of
Israel.

He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock
by the strength of the LORD,
in the majestic name of the LORD, his
God;

and they shall remain,
for now his greatness shall reach to the
ends of the earth;
he shall be peace.

Second Reading Heb 10:5-10

Brothers and sisters:

When Christ came into the world, he said:

"Sacrifice and offering you did not
desire, but a body you prepared for me;

in holocausts and sin offerings you took
no delight.

Then I said, 'As is written of me in the
scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O
God.'"

First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings,
holocausts and sin offerings,
you neither desired nor delighted in."
These are offered according to the law.
Then he says, "Behold, I come to do your
will."

He takes away the first to establish the
second.

By this "will," we have been consecrated
through the offering of the body of Jesus
Christ once for all.

Gospel Lk 1:39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country
in haste to a town of Judah,
where she entered the house of Zechariah
and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,
the infant leaped in her womb,
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
"Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord should come to
me?"

For at the moment the sound of your
greeting reached my ears,
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.
Blessed are you who believed
that what was spoken to you by the Lord
would be fulfilled."

MUSIC

December 21-22

702 Holy is His Name
44 O Come, Divine Messiah
TAIZE: Raise a Song of Gladness!
43 People, Look East

Christmas is Coming!

Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation in the Church. We hear about John the Baptist preparing the way of the Lord. We read about the prophecies of Isaiah and the coming of the Messiah. Each week we light a candle on our Advent wreath and sing, “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.”

On Christmas Day we proclaim, “Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.” What does that mean? It means that we begin the celebration of the Lord’s birth, of God becoming one of us. God loved us so much, that he gave us his only Son to be one with us, to dwell among us, and to show us how to live in that love.

Jesus came to bring peace, to heal division, to end all pain, and to bring us into his eternal light. So we celebrate the gift of God’s love. We push back the darkness with all the lights on and in our homes. We sing carols and eat delicious food. We gather around festive trees and enjoy opening gifts from family and friends. We attend Christmas Mass and join in the liturgical celebration. Most importantly, we give thanks to God for all the blessings we have in our lives.

Please join us at Mass either on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day as the St. Matthias Parish Community celebrates the Nativity of the Lord!

Music Ministry News

The music of December starts with the season of hope—Advent. We live in a world that longs for hope and the promise of peace, justice that brings relief of despair, and the healing power of the Spirit. We pray to know the Light of Christ:

We hunger to see your Light.

We long to see your loving face.

Upon our darkness, Lord, a Light has shone!

“Beyond the Moon and Stars”

Our songs express hope, light, peace, and joy. We put away our bells and refrain from singing The Gloria until finally, Christmas Eve arrives and we join in proclaiming “The Christmas Gloria”: Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Bells! Bells! Ring bells!

You are welcome to bring bells from home to ring as we return to singing Glory to God during the season of Christmas. Please, bring your bells and join in the joy!

Music ministry welcomes new members and people who want to participate in the ministry just for the season. Please connect with Melanie.



Taize Hiatus

Please note that monthly Tuesday Taize is on a break. Look for a future bulletin post when we are ready to resume.

Contributing to our Liturgical Environment

The church is filled with liturgical symbols that reflect the season of Advent—the wreath, the candles, the purple cloth. Later, flowers, gold and light will help us celebrate the joy of Christ’s coming. Our changing liturgical environment adds to the sacredness of our space and to our experience of the Mass.

For the first time in many years, you will have the opportunity to make a donation specifically earmarked for costs associated with our liturgical environment. Special “Flower Offering” envelopes were enclosed in our Christmas letter to all parishioners and will be available in the church. If you appreciate what these environmental touches add, we hope you will consider making a donation. Funds received will be used throughout the year to beautify Lent, the Easter season, Ordinary Time, Masses of Remembrance and more. Thank you for your support!

Christmas Mass Schedule

Celebrate the Nativity of Jesus!

Tuesday, December 24th Christmas Eve Mass

4 pm and 9pm (St Matthias)
3 pm, 5 pm & 10 pm (St Charles)

Wednesday, December 25th Christmas Day Mass

10 am (St Matthias)
8:30 am & 11:30 am (St. Charles)

Replacing the Church Sound System

We recently had our church sound system evaluated by St. Charles parishioner and sound professional, Joe Boerio. He was able to make some minor and immediate improvements! We are now developing plans to completely replace our old sound system. This is something we have long wanted to do, and Fr. Roy hopes to make it happen within the next year! If you would be interested in giving financial support for this important upgrade, please speak to Fr. Roy or contact the parish office. Thank you!

Simbang Gabi Mass

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Catholic tradition of nine days of Masses leading up to Christmas. The term translates to "Night Mass" in Tagalog. In the Philippines, Masses are at dawn. Filipino Americans have brought Simbang Gabi to the United States as a way to celebrate and share culture and our faith. Masses are in the evening and include food and fellowship after each Mass.

The final two masses of the novena will be held Sunday, Dec 22, 5pm at Our Lady of Mt Carmel, and Monday, Dec 23, 5pm at St. Charles Church.

MLK, Jr. Multifaith Day of Service

Registration is now open for this annual day of service, Monday January 20, 2025. Pick your project and location, but spots fill up fast. Go to peninsulamultifaith.org for information and registration.

St. Vincent de Paul Conference News

The SVdP Conference at St. Matthias recently held their year-end meeting and Christmas party. The successful Christmas Gift Drive, special holiday deliveries for families, and support of the day laborers in our community were a few of the good works discussed. In addition, three conference members were recognized for their years of service. Pictured below are Tom Vance (35 years), Ginny Curtin (15 years) and Marina Turner (20 years).

Congratulations and thank you for all you do! As conference President Bob Thompson remarked, the members of SVdP conference are not just an extension of the parish; they ARE our parish, doing what we do to help our community and live out our faith. To learn more about this ministry, contact Bob at rthomp826@sbcglobal.net



January Senior Luncheon

Please join us for brunch on Wednesday, January 8th at noon, as we ring in 2025 with your friends from St. Charles and St. Matthias! All parishioners 60 years+ are cordially invited to our monthly luncheon held on the second Wednesday of every month at noon in Borromeo Hall. To reserve your spot please RSVP to Kathy by Jan 6. 650-591-7349 ext. 402, or kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org. Caregivers welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, December 21st @ 5:00PM — Paul & Dolores Falzon †

SUN, December 22nd @ 9:45AM — Mimi Piparo †

TUE, December 24th @ 4:00PM — Paul & Emilie Flores †

9:00PM — The People of St. Matthias

WED, December 25th @ 10:00AM — David Nelligan †

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

Jerry Acozta

Tommie Fogliani

Sofia Rodriguez Gaddi

Bill Harper

Joy & Charles

Rudolfo Pelayo

Rose Marino

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



Christmas Offerings

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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

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