

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/>

**Welcome
Weekend!**

**Join us for
coffee and
donuts after
the 9:45 AM
Mass this
Sunday.**

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**First
Reconciliation**

Jan 11th, 3 PM in
the Church

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GIFT Session

Jan 12th, 11 AM,
Fr. Lacey Hall

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**Martin Luther
King, Jr Holiday**

Jan 20th, Parish
Office closed



Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

Centuries before Christ's birth, Isaiah says God proclaims, "Here is . . . my chosen one with whom I am pleased." When Jesus was baptized, the Father spoke from heaven, "You are my beloved Son: with you I am well pleased." Let us listen to how Isaiah, Peter, and Luke speak of God's chosen one: the Messiah, the Christ, God's Son.

First Reading Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her
that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated;
indeed, she has received from the hand of the
LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!

Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our
God!

Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill
shall be made low;

the rugged land shall be made a plain,
the rough country, a broad valley.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad
tidings;

cry out at the top of your voice,
Jerusalem, herald of good news!

Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah:

Here is your God! Here comes with power
the Lord GOD, who rules by a strong arm;
here is his reward with him,
his recompense before him.

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;

in his arms he gathers the lambs,
carrying them in his bosom, and leading the
ewes with care.

Second Reading Titus 2: 11-14; 3:4-7

Beloved:

The grace of God has appeared, saving all
and training us to reject godless ways and worldly
desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in
this age,
as we await the blessed hope,
the appearance of the glory of our great God and
savior Jesus Christ,
who gave himself for us to deliver us from all
lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his
own,
eager to do what is good.

When the kindness and generous love of God our
savior appeared,

not because of any righteous deeds we had done
but because of his mercy,
He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit,
whom he richly poured out on us
through Jesus Christ our savior,
so that we might be justified by his grace
and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation,
and all were asking in their hearts
whether John might be the Christ.
John answered them all, saying,
"I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized
and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended
upon him
in bodily form like a dove.
And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased."

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The Baptism of the Lord

Luke tells us that the people were wondering whether John the Baptist was the promised Messiah. John tells them he is not the Christ, but there will be one mightier who is coming. Jesus is the Christ. By undergoing John's baptism, Jesus signaled that his life was off to a new beginning, a saving mission. God the Father responded with words of love, and the Spirit that united them became visible in the form of a dove. Early Christians understood this moment as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, "In the desert prepare the way of the Lord." From this point on in Luke's Gospel, Jesus leaves behind his work as a carpenter and begins to preach and spread the Good News of salvation for all!

Newly Baptized Members of the Church

St. Matthias celebrated the baptism of three young new members of the church this Christmas season. Congratulations to **Camila Teresa Maldonado, Liliana Esther Arce, Myles Anthony Taylor, and their families!** We welcome you into the light of Christ.

First Reconciliation

On Saturday, January 11th, Emma Coulter and Bryce Chan received their first Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Matthias. Emma and Bryce will continue working with catechist Diana Largent to prepare for their First Communion in May. Please keep them in your prayers.

Sacrament of Confirmation

On Saturday, February 1st, at the 5 p.m. Mass at St. Charles, forty-five young people will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Archbishop Cordileone will be the celebrant; Fr. Roy and Fr. Samuel will concelebrate the Mass. Confirmation completes the Sacraments of Initiation into the Roman Catholic Church.



The youth of our two parishes have been preparing for more than a year under the guidance of Kristin and Billy Byrnes as well as Sabrina Harper. Fifteen of the youth being confirmed are from St. Matthias. They are supported by their families and their sponsors. Please pray for them as well as congratulate them on this next step in living their faith.

Congratulations to:

Burke Britt	Lili Bronzini,
Thomas Gibson	Mason Hurley
Kais Klein	Liam Niu
Sofia Peypoch	Ana Pratt
Federico Quontamatteo	Ava Satterwhite
Sarah Schembri	Will Stevenson
Mia Stevenson	Caroline Walker
Neve Willis	

Welcome to our new Pastoral Associate!

We are happy to announce that we will have a new Pastoral Associate joining us in January! Mr. Joey Gutierrez is a very experienced parish administrator, faith formation director and choir director from San Antonio, Texas. He is currently studying at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. We are very excited about all that he will bring to St. Matthias in the future!

Because of current commitments at his parish in Oakland, he will not be able to be here on Sundays until after June, but he will be taking over many of the pastoral associate duties as of January 20. More details and a chance to welcome Joey will be coming soon. Thank you for the prayers that helped us find the right person for this position, and welcome, Joey!

Music Ministry

We closed 2024 singing the powerful lyrics that speak of our mission from "O Holy Night":

*Truly he taught us to love one another...
his gospel is peace. Chains shall he break
for the slave is our brother...all oppression
shall cease.*

And we start the new year focused on the message of Jesus Christ whom we follow, the Child of the Poor:

Who is the stranger here in our midst looking for shelter among us, who is the outcast, who do we see among the poor, the children of God.

*Who is this who lives with the lowly, sharing their sorrow, knowing their hunger.
Born into poverty's embrace, new life for the world.*

May we, throughout the year, practice the words of Pope Francis as, at the opening of the 2025 Jubilee Year, he called us to become 'pilgrims of hope', emphasizing that "hope and kindness touch the very heart of the Gospel...kindness is not a diplomatic strategy" nor "a set of rules to ensure social harmony or to obtain other advantages" but rather "a form of love that opens hearts to acceptance and helps us all to become more humble."

God, make us instruments of your peace, and may we open our hearts and ourselves to be open vessels for the Light that is your Love and Hope. May

we be the voice for the voiceless, and enable justice.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Dresbach

St. Matthias Prayer Tree

One of our parish ministries is a group of people who pray for the special intentions of our parish, families and friends. This Prayer Tree prays for many types of intentions, such as health improvements, successful surgery, peace, comfort and strength for families and caregivers during

hospice and death; also prayers of gratitude and celebration as with anniversaries and birth.

If you would like us to pray for someone you know, please contact Mary Schorr at (650)366-0284/schormg@gmail.com. Or call Carol McAdams at (650)369-4365

MLK, Jr. Multifaith

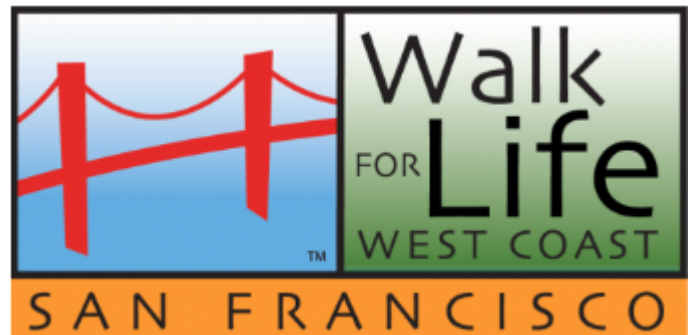
Day of Service

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" Answer his question with action this MLK Day. Join us for the 13th Annual MARTIN LUTHER KING JR MULTIFAITH DAY OF SERVICE. Mon, Jan 20, 2025 from 1-4 pm.

Registration is now open at pmcmlk2025.eventbrite.com

Parish Office Holiday

Please note that our parish office will be closed on Monday, January 20, for the Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday.



Walk for Life West Coast

Celebrate and walk for life at the 21st annual Walk for Life West Coast on Jan 25, 2025. The rally begins at 12:30pm at Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco, followed by the walk along Market Street to Embarcadero Plaza. Before the rally, Archbishop Cordileone will be joined by other bishops and priests from around the state in celebrating a special 9:30 AM Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary. This life-affirming event is the second largest pro-life gathering in the U.S., after the March for Life in Washington, D.C.. More information at walkforlifewc.com

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, January 11th @ 5:00PM — Paul & Maria Dolores Falzon †

SUN, December 12th @ 9:45AM — Richard Jones †

Let's Keep in Touch!

If you are a registered parishioner and would like to make sure we are using the best email address/telephone # for you, please email

Lisa@stmatthiasparish.org

To register with St. Matthias parish, go to our website stmatthiasparish.org and select the Parish dropdown menu. At the bottom is a link to our Registration page.

Or contact Lisa Bamford in our Office for assistance.

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

Jerry Acozta

Tommie Fogliani

Sofia Rodriguez Gaddi

Bill Harper

Kathleen Kaz

Rudolfo Pelayo

Rose Marino

Jeanine Tavernier

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

*And for **Ernest Klein and Eldo Giacometti** who recently went to our Lord.*

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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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