

# St. Matthias Parish

## Ordinary Time

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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/>



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**Parish Office  
Closed**

Monday Jan 20th

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**Confirmation  
Year 2 Retreat**

Jan 25th, 10 AM  
Vallombrosa

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**St. Matthias  
Preschool Open  
House**

Jan 26th, 10:30 am  
to 12:30 pm

**2nd  
Collection  
for LA  
Wildfire  
Relief**

**Saturday and  
Sunday,  
January 18-19**

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

In today's first reading, Isaiah celebrates a transformed Jerusalem; what had been forsaken and desolate is now delightful and—foreshadowing the Gospel—espoused. Paul tells the Corinthians that the Holy Spirit transforms each and every one of them, though in different ways. Finally, in the Gospel, Jesus transforms water to wine, saving the newlyweds from terrible embarrassment. May we never overlook God's power to transform our lives.

### **First Reading                      Isaiah 62: 1-5**

For Zion's sake I will not be silent,  
for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
until her vindication shines forth like the dawn  
and her victory like a burning torch.  
Nations shall behold your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
you shall be called by a new name  
pronounced by the mouth of the LORD.  
You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the  
LORD, a royal diadem held by your God.  
No more shall people call you "Forsaken,"  
or your land "Desolate,"  
but you shall be called "My Delight,"  
and your land "Espoused."  
For the LORD delights in you  
and makes your land his spouse.  
As a young man marries a virgin,  
your Builder shall marry you;  
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride  
so shall your God rejoice in you.

### **Second Reading                      1 Corinthians 12: 4-11**

Brothers and sisters:  
There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the  
same Spirit;  
there are different forms of service but the same  
Lord;  
there are different workings but the same God  
who produces all of them in everyone.  
To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit  
is given for some benefit.  
To one is given through the Spirit the expression of  
wisdom;  
to another, the expression of knowledge according to  
the same Spirit;  
to another, faith by the same Spirit;

to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit;  
to another, mighty deeds;  
to another, prophecy;  
to another, discernment of spirits;  
to another, varieties of tongues;  
to another, interpretation of tongues.  
But one and the same Spirit produces all of these,  
distributing them individually to each person as he  
wishes.

### **Gospel    John 2: 1-11**

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee,  
and the mother of Jesus was there.  
Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the  
wedding.  
When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to  
him, "They have no wine."  
And Jesus said to her,  
"Woman, how does your concern affect me?  
My hour has not yet come."  
His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells  
you."  
Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish  
ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty  
gallons.  
Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water."  
So they filled them to the brim.  
Then he told them,  
"Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter."  
So they took it.  
And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had  
become wine, without knowing where it came from  
— although the servers who had drawn the water  
knew —,  
the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to  
him,  
"Everyone serves good wine first,  
and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior  
one;  
but you have kept the good wine until now."  
Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in  
Galilee and so revealed his glory,  
and his disciples began to believe in him.

## **MUSIC**

### **January 18-19**

301 Our God is Here  
366 The Feast Meant for Everyone  
Jesu, Jesu  
396 Celtic Alleluia: Sending Forth

## 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

## 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	

## Candelmas, February 1 and 2

Please plan to join us for a special liturgical celebration of The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas, February 1st and 2nd.

We call this feast "Candlemas" because of the prophet Simeon's words when he saw Jesus: "For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel" (Luke 2:30-32). Jesus is the Light of the World, sent for all people, not just the Jews.

On this day, the Church blesses candles, symbolizing Christ's light coming into a dark world. Families are encouraged to bring candles from home to be blessed, reminding us that Christ's light shines throughout the year. **At both the Saturday and Sunday masses, we will gather in Fr. Lacey Hall and begin the Mass with lighting our candles, blessing them, and processing into the church together.**

## Los Angeles Wildfire Relief



This weekend, January 18 and 19th, we will have a special collection to support relief efforts for those who have suffered in the devastating Los Angeles fires. We will partner with the Los

Angeles St. Vincent de Paul ministries who will distribute aid through their local conferences. If you would like to contribute, checks may be made out to St. Matthias Church and we will transfer the funds to St. Vincent de Paul. You may also use this QR code to go directly to our Online Giving Page for LA Wildfire Relief. Thank you!

## St. Matthias Preschool Open House-Sunday Jan 26, 10:30-Noon

All are invited to tour the school and meet the staff at our annual Open House. If you know of families looking for quality early education, please pass this invitation along. From Director Rosemary Juarez: As a Catholic Preschool, we provide a curriculum designed to help each child develop a positive self-image and acquire a solid foundation for success in life. Our emergent, play-based curriculum promotes children's growth across a broad range of developmental and content areas such as: social-emotional, spiritual, language and literacy, cognitive, motor, cooking, health, nutrition, arts and crafts. We provide extracurricular learning opportunities in Spanish, Music, STEM and Gardening Sessions. Through age-appropriate faith formation, we foster prayer and teach about important values in life related to caring, kindness, patience, respect and gratitude, while learning about the love of God. At St. Matthias Preschool, our energetic, enthusiastic and experienced Early Educators are fueled with a passion and recognize the importance of supportive partnerships with families based on mutual

respect, support and trust which are essential to enriching children's early learning. Through intentional, individualized curriculum based on the developmental needs and interests of children, our staff foster optimal learning, maximizing the academic and social-emotional potential necessary for Kindergarten Readiness.



## 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](http://walkforlifewc.com)



## MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, January 18th @ 5:00PM — Kevin Nelson †

SUN, January 19th @ 9:45AM — George & Gisele Beyrouti †

### 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

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To register with St. Matthias parish, go to our website [stmatthiasparish.org](http://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...*

Co

**Tommie Fogliani**

**Sofia Rodriguez Gaddi**

**Bill Harper**

**Kathleen Kaz**

**Rudolfo Pelayo**

**Rose Marino**

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

*And for **Jeanne Kneudler** and **Robert Smith** who recently went to our Lord.*

### St. Matthias Catholic Preschool

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Children Ages 3-5 Years Old

Preschool Hours 7:30AM to 5:30PM

All Day — Year Round School

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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