

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, copies of our bulletin, and more, visit <https://www.stmatthiasparish.org/parish-calendar/>

Meet our
new Pastoral
Associate
Joey
Gutierrez
in Fr Lacey
Hall after
both masses
this
weekend!

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GIFT Session

Jan 26th, 11 AM

Fr. Lacey Hall

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**St. Matthias
Preschool Open
House**

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

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Confirmation

Feb 1st, 5:00 pm
at St. Charles
Church

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

On this Sunday of the Word of God we hear scripture passages that affirm its paramount importance. In the first reading, Ezra reads from the Torah to the people of Jerusalem, gathered openly in public for one of the first times after their exile. In the Gospel, Jesus declares that the scripture passage from Isaiah is fulfilled in their presence. God's Word is celebrated and accomplished in these readings; may it be today as well.

First Reading Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion.

He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it — for he was standing higher up than any of the people — and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, "Amen, amen!"

Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground.

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read.

Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people:

"Today is holy to the LORD your God.

Do not be sad, and do not weep"—

for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law.

He said further: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD.

Do not be saddened this day,

for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!"

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27

Brothers and sisters:

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many.

You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.

Gospel Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day.

He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring glad tidings to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down,

and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them,

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

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Introducing Mr. Joey Gutierrez

Dear Parishioners of St. Matthias,
I am so excited to be here. Please know that I look forward to the good works I will share with you as your pastoral associate. I wanted to take some time to introduce myself.



I recently moved here from Texas to study for a Masters of Divinity at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. I come to you with a Bachelors degree in Religious Studies and a Masters in Pastoral Ministry. I have worked in ministry for over 22 years.

A little more about me:

I have an adult son named Matthew who married his high-school sweetheart, Alicia, at the end of the summer. I have a mini schnauzer named Sofia, who may seem spoiled, but she has me trained well. I love to read, hike and swim when I am not studying or ministering. I enjoy playing the piano and organ in liturgy, as I have done since the 3rd grade.

My favorite saints are St. Theresa of Avila and St. Francis of Assisi. Their examples have shaped my life and ministry. I can talk about Liberation Theology for hours on end. My favorite scripture is: *You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.* Micah 6:8

I look forward to meeting you all and learning more about our parish community. Blessings.
In Christ and Mary,
Mr. Joey Gutierrez, M.A.

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 for this special blessing, 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.

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.

It's Tax Season Again!

If you would like a statement of your St. Matthias donations for the 2024 tax year, please email lisa@stmatthiasparish.org or call the office at 650-366-9544.

Refugee Foster Care Info Session

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County invites you to learn about how to support unaccompanied refugee

minors who are fleeing situations of persecution and violence. Nurturing families able to welcome a youth into their home are needed. Learn more at a virtual meeting January 30th, 6:30 pm. To register, email ccollins@ccscc.org, or call (408) 325-5107.

Women's Club Meeting

St. Charles Women's Club warmly invites all women for a time of fellowship, connection and the opportunity to get to know our pastor, Fr. Roy!

Fr. Roy will speak about **The Eucharist and the Family: A Journey of Hope in the Jubilee Year**. Come join us on Wednesday, February 12, 7pm in Borromeo Hall.

Rosary to Combat Human Trafficking

The Office of Human Life and Dignity in the Archdiocese of San Francisco is organizing a praying of the Rosary around the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, Thursday, February 6th at 6:00 pm. The feast day will also mark the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. To register your participation, go to sfarch.org/event/rosary-human-trafficking/ Questions, email prolife@sfarch.org

ADSF Women's Conference

Women of the Church: Anchored in Hope is the theme of the 2025 archdiocesan women's conference to be held Saturday, February 1, 9am-3:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Belmont. In addition to Mass celebrated by Archbshp. Cordileone, there will be time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration. The keynote speaker will be Timmerie Geagea. Timmerie is the host of the radio show/podcast Trending with Timmerie, heard on Relevant Radio, and is a Catholic speaker educating in areas of theology and an expert at responding to current trends of sexuality, feminism, and gender ideology. \$55 fee also includes lunch. See the full schedule and register at www.sfarch.org/womens-conference

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, January 25th @ 5:00PM — People of St. Matthias

SUN, January 26th @ 9:45AM — Eldo Giacometti †

LA Wildfire Relief

St. Matthias will be sending monetary support through the St Vincent de Paul Society of Los Angeles. Their local conferences provide food, rental assistance and other necessities to victims of the fires. If you would like to contribute, please use this QR code to go to our electronic donation portal. Or send donations to our office indicating that they are for LA Wildfire Relief. Donations must be received by January 30th to be included. Thank you!



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

Costanza Alviti

Tommie Fogliani

Sofia Rodriguez Gaddi

Bill Harper

Kathleen Kaz

Rose Marino

Mary Monihan

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

*And for **Eldo Giacometti** and **Robert Smith** who recently went to our Lord.*

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St. Matthias Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:45 am*

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St. Charles Mass Schedule

Monday—Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am* & 11:00 am

*LIVESTREAMED MASSES

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