

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/>

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Confirmation

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

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**First
Communion
Prep**

Feb 2nd, 10:45 am
at Fr. Lacey Hall

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**Prayer and
Worship
Committee**

Feb 6th, 7:00 pm
at Fr. Lacey Hall

As Catholic
Schools Week
Comes To A
Close, We Give
Thanks For Our
Preschool,
Faculty And Staff,
Students, And
Families!
2025-2026
Registration Now
Open.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

On this Sunday we are reminded that it's not every day that we get to hear from three different prophets, let alone three who see the Lord physically present in the temple. For Malachi, it's anticipatory: he foresees the day when the LORD will come to the temple to purify the people of the covenant. In the case of Simeon and Anna, they recognize the Messiah in the temple though he is not even six weeks old. Moved by the Spirit, Simeon testifies that in the baby he sees salvation. Like the prophets, we hope that one day we too will see our Savior.

First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord GOD:
Lo, I am sending my messenger
to prepare the way before me;
And suddenly there will come to the temple
the LORD whom you seek,
And the messenger of the covenant whom you desire.
Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.
But who will endure the day of his coming?
And who can stand when he appears?
For he is like the refiner's fire,
or like the fuller's lye.
He will sit refining and purifying silver,
and he will purify the sons of Levi,
Refining them like gold or like silver
that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD.
Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem
will please the LORD,
as in the days of old, as in years gone by.

Second Reading Hebrews 2:14-18

Since the children share in blood and flesh,
Jesus likewise shared in them,
that through death he might destroy the one
who has the power of death, that is, the Devil,
and free those who through fear of death
had been subject to slavery all their life.
Surely he did not help angels
but rather the descendants of Abraham;
therefore, he had to become like his brothers and
sisters
in every way,
that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest
before God to expiate the sins of the people.
Because he himself was tested through what he

suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel Luke 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,* and to offer the sacrifice of *a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,* in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples:

a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and glory for your people Israel.”

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher.

She was advanced in years,
having lived seven years with her husband after
her marriage,
and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.
She never left the temple,
but worshiped night and day with fasting and
prayer.
And coming forward at that very time,
she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child
to all who were awaiting the redemption of
Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions
of the law of the Lord,
they returned to Galilee, to their own town of
Nazareth.
The child grew and became strong, filled with
wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

MUSIC

February 1-2

518 Christ Be Our Light
522 Christ, Shine in Our Lives
Taize: The Lord is my Light
Taize: Song of Simeon

We look forward to Doughnut Sunday!



Sunday, February 9, 2025
After Mass

Please join us for coffee, fellowship, and donuts.

Pastor's Message: Candlemas

This weekend is a special time for both St. Charles and St. Matthias parishes. Forty-five of our young people will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the sacrament of Confirmation, administered by Archbishop Cordileone. We congratulate these teens and thank their parents, along with our Confirmation Coordinators, Mr. and Mrs. Billy and Kristin Byrnes, for their hard work in preparing them. Let's continue to pray for these young people as they grow in their faith and relationship with God.

This weekend also marks the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and the World Day for Consecrated Life. It's a time to recognize the important contributions of men and women religious to the Church and society.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas, celebrates three key events in the life of the Holy Family. It remembers the day Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem, forty days after His birth, as required by the Jewish law. They presented Jesus to God, and Mary also completed the ritual purification required by the law. Even though Jesus and Mary didn't need purification, they humbly followed God's law in perfect obedience.

This feast also honors the meeting between the Holy Family and two elderly prophets—Simeon and Anna—who, guided by the Holy Spirit, recognized Jesus as the Messiah. This is the third and final "epiphany" or revelation of Jesus' identity (the first to the shepherds, the second to the Magi, and this final one to the elders of Israel). The next major revelation will be at Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River.

We call this feast "Candlemas" because of 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 their candles to be blessed, reminding us that Christ's light shines throughout the year.

As we celebrate this day, let's remember to carry the light of Christ with us, sharing His love and truth with those around us. Let's also pray for all men and women religious, that they continue to faithfully carry Christ's light to others. Amen.



Sacrament of Confirmation

On Saturday, February 1st, forty-five young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation. 15 of the newly confirmed are parishioners of St. Matthias.

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	

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. May God richly bless their catechists, as they have blessed our youth.

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. All are welcome!

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

Lay Minister Training

The Second Vatican Council stated that all the faithful are summoned to a "full, conscious, and active participation" in the Mass by reason of their Baptism. We are in need of more Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers who take Holy Communion to the sick and those who can't come to Church and Readers/Lectors who proclaim the Word at each Mass.

Deacon Rich and Deacon David are offering training for new and continuing ministers on Saturday, February 22nd from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at St. Matthias. St. Charles will join us and send their new and continuing minister to this training.

This training will include: why these ministries are important; demonstrations on "how to" carry out the ministry; practice and feedback as well as a question and answer period. At the conclusion of the training, new ministers will be ready to be included in the schedule for the specific ministry: Eucharistic Minister at Mass; Minister to the Homebound; Minister of the Word.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Rich at St. Matthias (rich@stmatthiasparish.org).

February Senior Luncheon

All registered parishioners of St. Charles and St. Matthias 60 years + are cordially invited to our monthly luncheon held on the second Wednesday of each month.

Our next luncheon will be on February 12 th at noon in Borromeo Hall. The doors open at 11:45am. To reserve your spot please RSVP to Kathy Fagliano at 650-591-7349 ext. 402 or kfagliano@stcharlesparish.org.

All reservations must be received by noon on Monday, February 10th .

There are parishioners who would like to attend the luncheon, but are in need of transportation. If you are able to offer a ride, please contact Kathy.



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.*

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, February 1st @ 5:00PM — Katrina Hizon

SUN, February @ 9:45AM — Joseph Yanacek, Sr.†

MASS PRESIDERS NEXT WEEK

SAT, February 1st @ 5:00PM — Fr. Samuel Musiimenta

SUN, February 2nd @ 9:45AM — Fr. Gerald Coleman



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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

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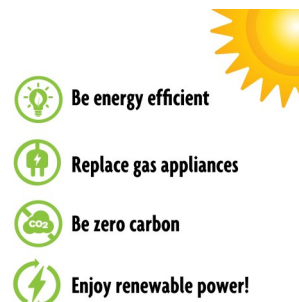
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