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/



Please do not forget to pick-up your CRS Rice Bowls this weekend! They are due on

Easter Weekend.

Thank you in advance!

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word

"I am who am," God proclaims to Moses from the burning bush. In saying this, God claims to be existence itself—as the one who simply is. Jesus further reveals his Father in the parable we hear in the Gospel: God is prepared to cut down the unfruitful fig tree but is also willing to give it another chance to bear fruit. We sing of this aspect of God in the responsorial psalm: "The Lord is kind and merciful." Let this refrain comfort us as we hear of those who were unexpectedly and tragically struck down.

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb,

the mountain of God. There an angel of the LORD appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush.

As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed.

So Moses decided,

"I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned."

When the LORD saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Here I am."

God said, "Come no nearer!

Remove the sandals from your feet,

for the place where you stand is holy ground.

I am the God of your fathers, "he continued,

"the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face. for he was afraid to look at God.

But the LORD said,

"I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers,

so I know well what they are suffering.

Therefore I have come down to rescue them

from the hands of the Egyptians

and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey."

Moses said to God, "But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?" God replied, "I am who am." Then he added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you."

God spoke further to Moses, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.

"This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations."

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and all of them were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. All ate the same spiritual food,

and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert.

These things happened as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil things, as they did. Do not grumble as some of them did, and suffered death by the destroyer. These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices.

Jesus said to them in reply,

"Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way

they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means!

But I tell you, if you do not repent,

you will all perish as they did!

Or those eighteen people who were killed

when the tower at Siloam fell on them -

do you think they were more guilty

than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem?

By no means!

But I tell you, if you do not repent,

you will all perish as they did!"

And he told them this parable:

"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard,

and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener,

'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree

but have found none.

So cut it down.

Why should it exhaust the soil?'

He said to him in reply,

'Sir, leave it for this year also,

and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.

If not you can cut it down."

THIS WEEK'S MUSIC March 22-23, 2025

135 In These Days of Lenten Journey 572 You are Near 597 In God Alone 395 With One Voice

Breaking Bread song books are available for your use during the service and are housed on the shelf at the entrance from the parking lot.

Lent a time for growing in humility...

As our Lenten Journey continues, we must continue to look inwardly and pray for the type of growth that that brings about true change of heart and mind. In society, it almost seems as if humility has become a thing of the past. Humility helps us to set aside our desires and align them with the desires of God for our life. Below is the "Litany of Humility" that is prayed to help us grow in humility and align our lives with God's holy will.

"The Litany of Humility"

O Jesus! meek and humble of heart, **Hear me**. From the desire of being esteemed, **Deliver me, Jesus**. From the desire of being loved, **Deliver me, Jesus**. From the desire of being extolled, **Deliver me, Jesus**. From the desire of being honored, **Deliver me, Jesus**. From the desire of being praised, **Deliver me, Jesus**. From the desire of being preferred to others, **Deliver me, Jesus**. **Jesus**.

From the desire of being consulted, **Deliver me, Jesus.** From the desire of being approved, **Deliver me, Jesus.** From the fear of being humiliated, **Deliver me, Jesus.** From the fear of being despised, **Deliver me, Jesus.** From the fear of suffering rebukes, **Deliver me, Jesus.** From the fear of being calumniated, **Deliver me, Jesus.** From the fear of being forgotten, **Deliver me, Jesus.** From the fear of being ridiculed, **Deliver me, Jesus.** From the fear of being wronged, **Deliver me, Jesus.** From the fear of being suspected, **Deliver me, Jesus.** That others may be loved more than I, **Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.**

That others may be esteemed more than I, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease, **Jesus**, **grant me the grace to desire it**. That others may be chosen and I set aside, **Jesus**, **grant me the grace to desire it**.

That others may be praised and I unnoticed, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be preferred to me in everything, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should, **Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.**

Amen.

Refugee Foster Care

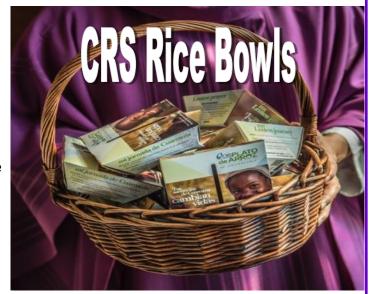


REFUGEE FOSTER CARE

Refugee Foster Care supports unaccompanied refugee minors fleeing persecution and violence. We are seeking nurturing families to welcome a refugee youth into their home. Join us virtually to learn more!

March 27, 2025 6:30 PM 408-325-5107 ccollins@ccscc.org





It's that time of year again! We are kicking-off our CRS Rice Bowl program this weekend.

Through our Rice Bowl giving, we are able to engage with the Lenten practice of almsgiving. Our change is used to change the lives of other's by working to eliminate hunger in places of great need all over the world.

Please remember to return your Rice Bowls on Easter Weekend. Thank you in advance!

Lenten Happenings This Week:

<u>Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper</u> are on Friday evening at 6:00 P.M. at St. Charles <u>Lenten Reconciliation</u> are on Wednesday evening from 5:35 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. at St. Charles

Mass Intentions

Please be sure to sign-up for Mass Intentions with Lisa in the Parish Office. We have a few openings in the weeks to come.

This is a beautiful way to include the Parish Community in praying for the needs of both the living and the dead.

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.

Promise Program

The Promise Program for children ages 3-6 resumes on: Sunday, March 23, 2025 during the 9:45 A.M. Mass. Please contact Tony Chan, Facilitator via email: tonychan@gmail.com with any questions.

AAA– Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

The annual appeal has begun in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Through the generosity of those that contribute, the Archdiocese is able to provide vital services to parishes.

This week we focus on the Archdiocesan Office of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry. The support of this office of the archdiocese helps to train and support all catechetical programs in our

archdiocese.

We are blessed to have their guidance and support. Thank you for contributing to this vital

ministry.

Spring Fundraiser Committee

We are forming a Spring Fundraiser Committee to assist us as we begin planning a Parish Fundraiser in the near future.

We want to look at creative, unifying, and fun ideas that will help up support our parish. All are welcome to join us and fundraising experience is not necessary... all we ask for is desire to help us succeed!

If you are interested in helping with the Spring Fundraiser, please contact Joey at: joey@stmatthiasparish.org to join us.

Bulletin

Please submit any bulletin announcements no later than 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday mornings.

Submissions can be emailed to: joey@stmatthiasparish.org

Parish Lenten Drive Collecting Baby Items for St. Francis Center

As we reflect on the season of Lent and the spirit of giving, our parish community is coming together to support babies in need. We are collecting essential baby items for the St. Francis Center in the North Fair Oaks area of Redwood City.



COLLECTION DATES: MARCH 29/30 AND APRIL 5/6 PLEASE BRING THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW

TO FR. LACEY HALL

Items Needed:

- BABY DIAPERS ALL SIZES FROM NEWBORN TO SIZE 5
- BABY FORMULA AND BABY FOOD (POUCHES, JARS, BOXED CEREALS ETC)
- NEW BABY LAYETTE CLOTHING (ONESIES, SLEEP AND PLAY OUTFITS, GOWNS, FOOTED PAJAMAS, BIBS AND BOOTIE SOCKS) SIZES NEWBORN TO 12 MONTHS
- BABY BLANKETS (RECEIVING BLANKETS, SWADDLERS, CRIB BLANETS)
- HANDMADE ITEMS SUCH AS BOOTIES, HATS, SWEATERS, BLANKETS)

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR DRIVE IN ANYWAY YOU CAN. YOUR GENEROSITY WILL MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE THANK YOU FOR HELP,

ST. MATTHIAS ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE



MASS INTENTIONS

SAT, March 22nd @ 5:00PM — Maggiorino and Virginia Poggio 🕇

SUN, March 23rd 9:45AM — Eugene Morger 🕇

MASS PRESIDERS NEXT WEEK

SAT, March 29th @ 5:00PM — Fr. Gerald Coleman SUN, March 30th @ 9:45AM — Fr. Samuel Musiimenta



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 Jeanine Tavernier that they may be comforted by the loving embrace of Jesus. And for for all who recently went to our Lord.





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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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