Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday and give thanks to our priests and deacons. As our Shepherd we look to them for our spiritual food and protection. They have dedicated their lives to watching over their flock and keeping us safe from the prowling wolves of this world. Jesus assures us, "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10: 11).

Prayer for Vocations

God, our Father, in Your love and providence, You call each of us to a holy life.

We pray for young people in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

Open their hearts and minds to know the vocation
You have planned for them for all eternity.

If they are being invited to follow You as a Priest, Deacon, Brother or Sister,
give them a generous heart to respond to Your call and the strength to follow wherever You lead them.

May families desire to please You by encouraging and supporting vocations within their homes.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.
WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
May 4 ~ May 10

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Rest in Peace
Donald Rojas †

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remember in your prayers the people in our parish community who are sick, awaiting surgery, recovering or homebound: Anne Quartermain, Barbara Peters, Pilarita Alvarez, Bill Eppler, Sherrie Bayer, Patricia Snowden, Alma Brennan, George Wasmer, Peggy Saunders, Carmen Esquivel...and let us pray for all that are impaired by the Coronavirus, and the health care workers who are on the front lines trying to stem the spread of this virus.

Fourth Sunday of Easter
He himself bore our sins in His body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.
— 1 Peter 2:24a

IN NEED OF A SHEPHERD
For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever.

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On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocations Office at 415-614-5684 or email: vocations@sfarch.org.

Daily Mass is live-streamed daily and recorded for *online viewing.
Saturday Evening Vigil, 5:00pm
Sunday, 9:00am
Weekdays Monday–Friday, 5:00pm
*The videos will be posted to the St. Charles and St. Matthias websites:
www.stcharlesparish.org
www.stmatthiasparish.org

“Becoming a priest or a man or woman religious is not primarily our own decision...Rather it is the response to a call and to a call of love.”
—Pope Francis, Address to Seminarians and Novices, July 6, 2013
**RCIA: What’s Going On?**

*Christ is Risen, Alleluia!* During the beginning of the Easter Vigil Mass, *The Light of Christ*, is chanted three times by the Deacon and the Easter Candle, lit. Light is pushing out the darkness. Then the beautiful hymn, *Exsultet*, is proclaimed.

Traditionally, throughout the Universal Church during the Easter Vigil Mass, thousands of adults, prepared by the RCIA process, are welcomed into the Church through the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist).

Of course, we were not able to include this celebration in the liturgy. Archbishop Cordelione has designated the Vigil of Pentecost (May 30), if shelter in place is lifted, for the RCIA Elect and Candidates to receive the sacraments.

Beginning last Sunday, Deacon Rich and Deacon David invited the St. Matthias and St. Charles RCIA team to a virtual gathering. After seeing each other for the first time since mid-March, we prayed, asking the Holy Spirit to support all of us as the journey toward Baptism, Confirmation and the blessings of the Eucharist continues.

During each RCIA session, candidates share brief stories of encounters with God in their day to day lives. Often these stories are about family members, friends and unexpected opportunities to help someone in need.

We read and discuss the Sunday readings. Last Sunday, our Gospel reading from Luke is the story of two disciples heading home on *The Road to Emmaus*. This is the story of their eyes being open and experiencing the presence of Jesus through the breaking of the bread. They encounter the Risen Christ. This story epitomizes the RCIA journey.

Our RCIA group will continue to gather virtually until we can once again gather in person to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation and welcome each and every one into our Church communities.

Please keep these Elect and Candidates in your prayers along with their sponsors:

- Ashley Sullivan
- Russ Sullivan
- Christina Jerrold
- Christine Klein
- Sheerin Latham

Charles Harder
Chih Zee
Jessika Marcelino
Matthew Fish
Thomas Gammer

Tiffany Muniz

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**Scripture Camp 2020 Postponed**

Given the challenging circumstances and continued uncertainty, **Scripture Camp 2020 is postponed**. Our wonderful camp directing group is working on some alternatives, which will be announced in the next few weeks with the intent to maintain the spirit of Scripture Camp. Hopefully this will help families who may be planning summer calendars. We will update you soon, and we wish you all the best during these challenging times!

*Scripture Camp Directing Group*
St. Charles Church
SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday evening vigil, 5:00pm
Sunday 8:30 & 11:00am, 5:00pm
WEEKDAY MASSES
Friday 6:30am, Monday - Friday, 8:30am
Saturday 8:30am

St Matthias Church
1685 Cordilleras Road, Redwood City
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Saturday evening vigil, 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am
WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday & Thursday 5:30pm

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8:00am - 1:00pm
Sacrament of Penance
Saturday, 3:30 - 4:00pm, or anytime by appointment
Eucharistic Adoration
First Friday, 9:00am - 9:00pm