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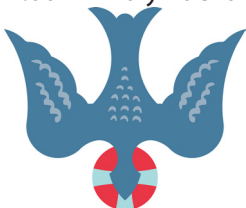
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**Sunday Worship Services**  
8:00<sup>AM</sup> - Morning Prayer with Eucharist  
10:00<sup>AM</sup> - Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Saturday Worship Service**  
The First Saturday of the Month  
5:00pm - Healing Service

**Wednesday Bible Study**  
10:00<sup>AM</sup>  
Wednesday Eucharist  
11:00<sup>AM</sup> - Holy Eucharist



## Servant Leadership

Jesus made much of what we call servant leadership. We hear him saying often in scripture that if we want to be the greatest we must be the servant of all. The first will be last and the last will be first. Jesus turned common me first thinking on its head. His advice is about as counter-cultural as it gets in our society. Instead we are taught every day to get ours and don't worry about the other guy.

Yet each of us in our hearts and souls understands the wisdom and Godliness of what Jesus was preaching. We all know that our world and our lives would be so much better off if all of us put others ahead of ourselves.

But what does servant leadership mean to us exactly? Does it mean opening the door for others? Does it mean making sure someone else gets to eat before we do? Does it mean that we let the car in the lane next to us enter traffic ahead of us? Yes, of course it does.

But does it also mean making sure someone else gets to make a living too? Does it mean making monetary sacrifices so that someone else continues to have the opportunity to earn enough to feed themselves? Put in simple terms might we be saying we can do with less so that another can have enough? Oh my, yes I think it does.

I have to admit I never thought about this particular example of uncomfortable servant leadership before I was faced with the reality of it recently. Was I willing to have less so that others could have enough? It turns out I decided I was. I am thankful to God for the lesson and feel I have learned something very worthwhile.

Give it some thought. What decision would you make faced with the same opportunity?

*Fr. Bill+*



GALATIANS 5:13, NIV

## Senior Warden's Corner

The December meeting of the vestry consisted of a nice pot luck along with Eucharist. It was nice to gather and just share some nice conversation and break bread together.

I would like to, on behalf of the vestry, wish each and everyone of you a happy and prosperous New Year. Looking back on 2018 I feel we had a very exciting year at St. Matthias. We continue to grow under the great leadership of Fr. Bill. Our youth program continues to grow under the tutelage of Sally Schacht. We continually see new faces in the congregation and many of them are young couples with children. Our women's programs continue to prosper under the leadership of The Rev. Carole Horton-Howe. St. Matthias is a very exciting place to be and to worship.

Please be sure to plan on attending then annual meeting on Sunday January 27th. We will be hearing the annual State of the Church presentation by Father Bill and taking a close look at our budget projections for 2019. Also the outgoing vestrymen will be honored and new vestry members elected.

It has been my honor to serve as your Senior Warden this past year and will be ready to welcome a new Senior Warden for 2019.

*Happy New Year,  
Stan Jamieson  
Senior Warden*

















### Thank You Stan

Thank you Stan for your service as Senior Warden and for all that you continue to do for our parish!

## St. Matthias Stephen Ministry

We are excited to welcome six new Stephen Ministers: Mary Carrilo, Terry Dodd, Carole Horton-Howe, Shannon Moore, Raquel Flores-Olson and Roxanne Torosian who will begin the first of 20 training sessions on January 10, 2019 and continue weekly until May 30, 2019. It is wonderful to know that there will be six more Stephen Ministers who Care for people facing Tough Times.

We all experience challenges in life—times when we could benefit from care and support. Stephen Ministers can provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a crisis or difficulty such as—

-  Loss of a loved one
-  Hospitalization
-  Divorce or separation
-  Loneliness or discouragement
-  Spiritual crisis
-  Unemployment or a job crisis
-  A terminal illness
-  Incarceration
-  Aging
-  Birth, adoption, miscarriage, or infertility
-  A chronic illness
-  Relocation
-  Recovery after an accident or disaster
-  Many other life challenges

"A Stephen Minister is the Caregiver, and God is the Cure giver." Total confidentiality is a MUST.

*Faye Jackson,  
Stephen Minister Leader*

## The Stitchery Group

The Stitchery Group will be meeting on Saturday January 19th from 9-12:00 in the Chase Room. Bring your projects and join us as we stitch and chat!



# Worship at Saint Matthias January 2019

- + 8:00<sup>AM</sup> - Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- + 9:00<sup>AM</sup> - Adult Christian Education
- + 10:00<sup>AM</sup> - Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- + 10:00<sup>AM</sup> - "The Works" - Children's Education

## January 6 Epiphany

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12, Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

## January 13 The First Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22, Psalm 29

## January 20 The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11, Psalm 36:5-10

## January 27 The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21, Psalm 19

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### "Here we are. Send us."

Ann Weems in "A Call to Ministry" wrote:

In the absence of a burning bush or a blinding light or a voice that claims us,  
How does one know for sure that it is God who is calling?  
Of course, the question could be asked: How does one know anything for sure?  
Perhaps this is where faith comes in ... and hope ... and love ... and prayer without ceasing.  
I do know that when the hand of God is laid on the shoulders of our lives somehow we know.  
We are even given the boldness to say. "Here I am. Send me."

More than five years ago I set aside what I thought were some realistic and iron clad reasons why God should leave me alone, reasons why I was sure I should not be ordained to the priesthood. And I thought God should really take these to heart. Many of my reasons had to do with how my ordination would adversely impact the lives of those around me. The plans my husband Bob and I had made would have to be kicked to the curb so that I could go to school and enter what the diocese calls "the process." I would have to leave full time work so I could study and deeply engage the spiritual discernment process on my own, with my faith community and with the Diocesan Commission on Ministry. To say this was daunting is an understatement. But at some point, a very low point I might add, I felt God's presence in a very real and tangible way and I did know. When God laid her hand on the shoulder of my life she also had in her outstretched hand a gift, a beautiful collection of experiences and relationships to teach me what I needed to learn in order to be a priest. You are all a part of that.

My ordination date to the priesthood is coming up on January 12th. Invitations to that and the reception to follow - beautifully put together by our own Mary Ellen de la Vega, by the way - will be out soon. While it is the end of "the process" it's really the beginning. I am so grateful to be in this faith life with all of you and especially to witness how God's hand is laid on each of your shoulders for your ministry. So I'd like to offer Ms. Weems an edit: "Here we are. Send us."

*Carole+*



So Long 2018 You Were a Very Good Year



# A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.

We were therefore buried with him  
 through baptism into death in order that,  
 just as Christ was raised from the dead  
 through the glory of the Father,  
 we too may live a \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 6:4, NIV

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Answer: f i e l e w n; new life

## We Need To Know

Please let the clergy know of any members of the parish that are unable to come to church and would like to receive communion. The Office now schedules the Lay Eucharistic Visitors and wants to include all who need a visit. Please contact Dottie or Father Bill in the Parish Office to schedule a visit.

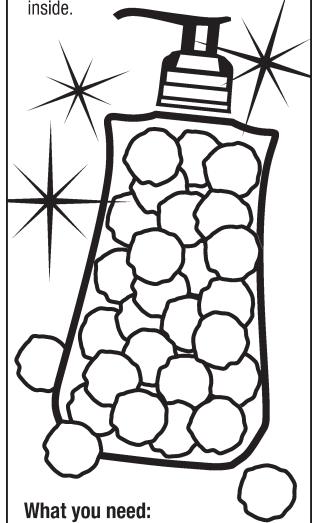
If you know of someone who has been admitted to a hospital, remember to inform the clergy. With the new privacy laws, the clergy can no longer check the roster for parishioners that may be hospitalized. It is "Better We Know Twice Than Not At All!"

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## Washed Clean

Decorate a soap bottle as a reminder of how baptism cleans us on the inside.



### What you need:

- Bottle of clear liquid hand soap
- Small craft pompoms (different colors)
- Wooden skewer

### What you do:

1. Remove the bottle label and unscrew the lid.
2. Using the skewer, push pompoms down into the soap one at a time.
3. Replace the lid and put the dispenser in a bathroom or kitchen.

### Saint Matthias Staff

#### Rector

Fr. Bill Garrison

#### Associate

Rev. Carolyn Estrada

#### Deacon

Rev. Kay Lozano

#### Transitional Deacon

Rev. Carole Horton-Howe

#### Youth / Senior Ministries

Sally Schacht

#### Music Director

Kevin McKelvie

#### Parish Administrator

Dottie Andersen

#### Facilities Manager

Ben Gonzalez

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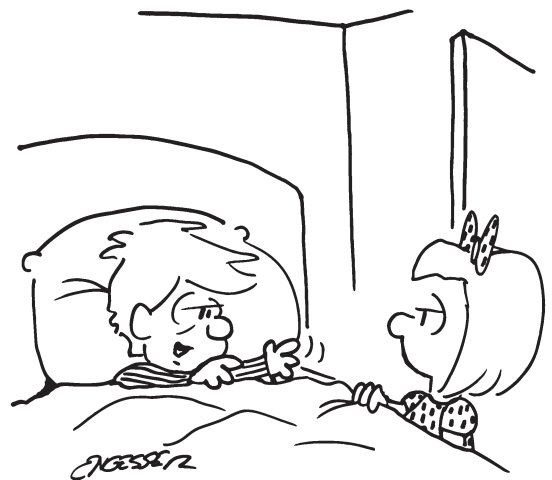
Kathel Harris

#### Bookkeeper

Kent Meyers

## Special Dates in January

- \* New Year's Day, January 1
- \* Epiphany, January 6
- \* Baptism of the Lord, January 13, 2019
- \* Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 21



"Tell Mom I'll stay home today and do Sunday school online."



By the Grace of God  
The Right Reverend John Harvey Taylor  
Bishop of Los Angeles  
will ordain

*Paralee Horton-Howe*

to the Sacred Order of Priests  
in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

Your prayers and presence are requested  
Saturday, the Twelfth of January  
Two Thousand and Nineteen  
at ten o'clock in the morning  
St. John's Pro-Cathedral  
514 West Adams Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California

*Plenty: Cassock, surplice, red stoles*

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