



The Ivy Leaf

May 10, 2020

Welcome...

to St. Matthew's as we continue our celebration of Easter. This season of new life lasts for fifty days, until the feast of Pentecost, which falls this year on May 31st. We sing Easter hymns, use white flowers and hangings in the church, and shout alleluias throughout Easter season to mark the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Whether you are a first-time guest of this parish or a longtime member, we are delighted that you found us online. Wherever you are on your faith journey, we hope you find something in this community that feeds your soul. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Happy Mother's Day!

Happy Mother's Day with gratitude to all the mothers and mentors who have nurtured and loved us. "Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves." (Excerpted from a prayer by *Hannah Kardon, Pastor at Elston Avenue United Methodist Church, Chicago.*)

Livestream Church Services

Morning Prayer and Sunday services are livestreamed online while shelter-in-place orders are in effect for San Mateo County. You can participate in Sunday services live at 10:00 am—no need to be a Facebook member. Morning Prayer services premiere live at 9:30 am Monday through Friday. Here are a few ways to watch the livestreams:

- [ECSM Facebook Live webpage](#) (No FB account required)
- [Facebook Watch TV App](#) for casting the stream to your TV

All videos also are available on the St. Matthew's website after the live video concludes: <https://episcopalstmatthew.org/category/sunday-service-videos/>.

Videos are best viewed on Chrome and Safari web browsers.

Filling Out Your Census Form Matters

Please remember to fill your Census form because being counted by the Census Bureau directly affects the amount of government dollars that San Mateo County receives! It takes just a few minutes to fill out the form online. Go to [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020census.gov) to fill out your form online. Or if it's easier, simply send in your paper copy. Thank you! ~ Deacon Lauren

***Forward Day by Day* Available By Mail and Online**

If you rely on the quarterly issues of *Forward Day by Day* and are looking for the May-June-July issue, please call or email the church office and ask for a copy in the mail. You also can find the daily readings at <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/>.

Blessings and Prayer List Additions

Names for blessings and prayers can be submitted by emailing or calling the church office: office@episcopalstmatthew.org or 650-274-0795.

Contributions and Pledges

Your generous support helps St. Matthew fulfill its mission: to live God's love, to share the Gospel, and to grow spiritually.

Thank you for continuing your giving during these times. Contributions and pledges can be mailed to the church or made online at <https://episcopalstmatthew.org/giving/donate-now/>.