



The Ivy Leaf

May 31, 2020

Welcome...

to St. Matthew's on the Feast of Pentecost! Today we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and ongoing presence of the same Spirit in the life of the Church. Through the centuries Christians have experienced God's Spirit at work in their lives and in the world around them. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey we are glad that you are a part of our worshiping community today and hope that you experience some aspect of God's Holy Spirit at work in your life. May the Holy Spirit abide with you and bless each day of your journey.

Get In The Spirit: Wear Red on Pentecost!

To celebrate Pentecost this Sunday, we are encouraging everyone to wear red and share a selfie on Facebook during the passing of The Peace. Pentecost is one of the seven principal feasts of the Episcopal Church. Some other principal feast days you might be more familiar with include Christmas and Easter. Why is Pentecost such an important day in the life of the church? Christians came to understand the meaning of Pentecost in terms of the gift of the Spirit. Pentecost recognizes a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. Some associate Pentecost with the speaking in tongues, which can mean receiving the Spirit or symbolizing the church's worldwide preaching. Pentecost emphasizes that the church is the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit.

Last Call For Grad Names (And Where Are You Going Next?)

If you are a 2020 graduate of middle school, high school or college, let us know! Please call or email the church office with your name, your school, and what you'll be up to next—high school? college? internship? job hunting? Leave a message at 650-342-1481 or email office@episcopalstmatthew.org. We want to acknowledge and celebrate you.

Send Us Your Graduation Photos!

If you or a family member graduated this season, please send us a photo for inclusion in next month's *Tau Cross*! Please include the graduate's school and major (if applicable). Photos may be submitted to Beth von Emster at beth.vonemster@gmail.com.

Mustang Virtual Summer Program

Spots are still available for St. Matthew's families in the Day School's Mustang Virtual Summer Program. Find details in the flyer on the following page.

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 to fill out your form online. Or if it's easier, simply send in your paper copy. Thank you! ~ Deacon Lauren

Ongoing Need At Second Harvest Food Bank

As the COVID-19 crisis continues, the Food Bank expects "to see an increase in need as community *members are furloughed, losing hourly wages and forced to deplete savings while still providing for their family.*" If you are able to provide financial support, **donations can be made online** here: <https://give.shfb.org/donatenow>.

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/>.



**Offering
Classes &
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sessions for
students
entering K-5
in Fall 2020.
SPACE IS
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Exciting classes led by our faculty to help students stay engaged with academics while strengthening grade-level skills.



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AUGUST**

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER,
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SUMMER SESSION OFFERINGS

MORNING SESSIONS

Session 1 - June 15-19

- Rising 1st Graders
- Rising 3rd Graders

Session 2 - June 22-26

- Rising Kindergarteners
- Rising 2nd Graders
- Rising 4th Graders
- Rising 5th Graders

Session 3 - July 6-10

- Rising 1st Graders
- Rising 3rd Graders

Session 4 - July 13-17

- Rising Kindergarteners
- Rising 2nd Graders
- Rising 4th Graders
- Rising 5th Graders

MORNING SESSION COST

\$175 per participant, per session. All sessions are unique and students may participate in one or both sessions for their grade level.

SAMPLE MORNING SESSION SCHEDULES

Sample K/1st/2nd Schedule (9:30 am - 12:00 pm)

- 9:30 - 10:00 am: Morning Meeting/Story Time
- 10:00 - 10:30 am: Break
- 10:30 - 11:00 am: Language Arts
- 11:00 - 11:30 am: Break
- 11:30 - 12:00 pm: Mathematics/Practice/Game

Sample 3rd/4th Schedule (9:30 am - 12:00 pm)

- 9:30 - 10:15 am: Morning Meeting (5 min)/Language Arts (40 min)
- 10:15 - 10:30 am: Break
- 10:30 - 11:15 am: Story Time
- 11:15 - 11:30 am: Break
- 11:30 am - 12:00 pm: Mathematics/Practice/Game

ENRICHMENT SESSIONS

SESSION 5 - July 27-31: (10:00 - 10:45 am)

Discovery in the Rainforest

Learn about one of the world's greatest resources. *Open to rising 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders. \$75 per participant*

SESSION 6 - Aug 3-7: (10:00 - 10:45 am)

Math Circles

Math Circles are a fun time of puzzle and problem solving with friends. *Open to rising 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders. \$75 per participant*

SPACE IS LIMITED - REGISTER TODAY!

To register your child, please email frontdesk@stmatthewsday.org or call 650.274.0700.

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