



The Ivy Leaf

October 25, 2020

Welcome...

to St. Matthew's. We're delighted to worship with you this morning, whether this is your first time here or your thousandth. The Episcopal tradition values all parts of the human person—heart, mind, and soul. We believe that all three are gifts from God, and God both sustains them and invites us to use them in God's service. Our passionate emotions, our questions and searching, our yearning for something deeper—God values them all, because God values all of us. Wherever you are on your journey in life, we hope you find something in this community that feeds your soul and strengthens you to share in God's work in the world.

United Thank Offering Ingathering Deadline Today



Contributions to the good work UTO grants enable can be made online **today, Sunday, October 25.**

You can donate by using this link:

<https://unitedthankoffering.org/give/> (in the “Diocese” box, write *California*, and in the “Parish” box, *St. Matthew's*).

For more about UTO, see last month's *Tau Cross* newsletter: [The Tau Cross](#).

Commemoration of All Faithful Departed

On Monday, November 2 at 6:30 pm we will honor the saints who walked among us and are now part of the “Great Cloud of Witnesses.” Our outdoor celebration of the Feast of All Souls will take place near the bell tower. We will read the names of parishioners and loved ones who have died in the past year. If you would like to include someone in the reading, please contact [the Church office](#). Parishioners are invited to participate in this moving candlelight service. Please let the church office know that you'd like to participate (it will make set-up easier) and please wear a mask and observe a safe 6-foot distance from your neighbor.

Stewardship 2021:

Sharing Our Strength, Keeping Our Faith, Ensuring Our Future

This season we are taking time again to reflect upon our spiritual journeys and how we all share in the support of the mission of the Church. As I mentioned in my recent *Tau Cross* article, we are entering a season of stewardship that feels very different from previous years. Uncertainty has become a part of the economy and people's planning for the future. One of the great strengths of our parish is that households have made financial stewardship a priority and people give out of their abundance. Our parish rests upon a strong financial foundation because so many make stewardship a priority. In the weeks ahead we will once again ask every household connected to St. Matthew's to prayerfully consider making a financial pledge for the upcoming year.

Stewardship pledge materials go into the mail this week. Your yearly financial support through pledging allows St. Matthew's to continue to sustain our community of faith. Your support at any level is greatly appreciated.

Blessings,
Fr. Eric+

Organ Pipes Available

Three more organ pipes have become available if you would like them. They are 98", 96" and 81". Please call or email [the church office](#) for details or to arrange pick up.

For those of you who already have pipes, please send me pictures so that we can add them to our website: lmccombs@episcopalstmatthew.org.

Peace and love,
Deacon Lauren

Book Group Meets Wednesday

The St. Matthew's Book group will meet via Zoom on **Wednesday, October 28** at 7:00 pm to talk about Celeste Ng's novel, *Little Fires Everywhere*. All are invited to join. (A Zoom invitation will be emailed to all registered members of the group. If you don't already get these emails, contact [the church office](#) to ask for the Zoom invite.)

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 financial support helps St. Matthew's 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: episcopalstmatthew.org/giving/donate-now/.

Food Bank Need Continues

As the COVID-19 crisis continues, Second Harvest Food Bank continues to see dramatic increases in need. If you are able to provide financial support, donations can be made online here: <https://give.shfb.org/donatenow>.