



The Ivy Leaf

December 20, 2020

Welcome...

to St. Matthew's as we observe the season of Advent. These four weeks before Christmas are a time of watchful waiting for the coming of Jesus Christ into the world. During Advent, we look back to Jesus' birth two thousand years ago, and we look forward to his coming again to make all things new. We also look to the present, creating room for Jesus to be born anew into our own lives, our own world.

Wherever you are on your path in life, we are glad you are here! We hope that you find something in this community that feeds your soul through this season of waiting and hope.

Stewardship Update

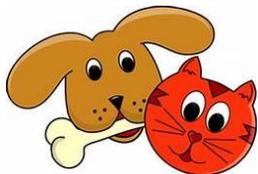
To date 85 households have made a financial pledge to support our parish for the upcoming year. In the weeks ahead our Stewardship team will be reaching out to encourage parishioners to complete a pledge before the end of the year. Last year, 136 households were able to make a financial pledge to support the ongoing mission and ministry of our parish.

It is always helpful if households can complete their pledge cards early. This allows our leadership to make informed budget decisions for the upcoming year and makes the task of follow-up much easier. Great thanks for all who have already pledged their financial support!

Christmas Altar Flower Deadline Monday

This season, remember a loved one or give thanks with a donation to the Altar Guild for altar flowers. A \$35 donation supports this ministry and adds the name you specify to service bulletins Christmas week—as a memorial, or acknowledging an anniversary, birthday, or in thanksgiving. **Deadline for inclusion in Christmas service bulletins is tomorrow, Monday, December 21.** Please call Carol Kalb, Memorial Flower Chairman, at 650-578-9855 if you'd like to donate or have further questions.

One Parishioner's Holiday Ministry



Dear St. Matthew's family,
My ministry this Christmas season is to bring warmth and coziness to our furry friends. The Peninsula Humane Society and SPCA Adoption Center is in need of used blankets and towels--any size--and newspapers and kitty litter.

I will be delighted to pick up anything that you want to donate right from your front door. Please call and leave a voice message for me (650-888-9420). Thank you very much.

God bless you,
Darlia Clerico

Christmas Eve Services

4:00 pm Facebook Livestream: Nativity Pageant, with Christmas Music

5:30 pm Drive-In Tree Lighting and Caroling ([reservation required](#))

9:00 pm Facebook Livestream: Festival Christmas Choral Eucharist

Pledge Envelopes Available

Weekly 2021 pledge envelopes are available now. If you ordered a set, we will mail yours to you. If you haven't yet ordered but would like a set, please contact the [church office](#).

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/.