



The Ivy Leaf

January 31, 2021

Welcome...

to St. Matthew's. We're delighted to worship with you today. 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.

DioCal Absalom Jones Observance 2021

In the year 1795 Absalom Jones was the first African American ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church. He became a priest nine years later in the year 1805. Each year in February, the month of Absalom's feast day, our diocese holds a celebration in honor of his witness of faith and inclusion. This year, on **Saturday, 20 February 2021, at 10:00 am**, The Rev. Dr. Jacqueline A. Thomas, Sr. Pastor at Allen Temple Baptist Church in Oakland, will be the invited speaker. The theme for this year's celebration is: Women in Ministry. The event is scheduled for one hour. Look for details about how to register in the days ahead.

Day School Sunday Next Week

Day School Sunday is a national event celebrated by Episcopal schools all over the country. The event brings the church and school communities together in common worship and recognizes the interconnectedness of both communities. Join us at **10:00 am on February 7** as the church and school come together for a joyful service to give thanks for our shared mission and all that we have accomplished together. Chaplain Amber will preach, Fr. Eric will celebrate, and Head of School Ralph Wales will attend his first Day School Sunday to lead us in the school prayer.

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 Persists

Second Harvest Food Bank reports it is now serving 500,000 people every month, double the number served before the pandemic. Though the organization isn't able to accept grocery donations now, you can help fill their *virtual* barrel with much needed protein, dairy and more. If you are able, please [donate here](#).