



The Ivy Leaf

February 7, 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.

Today Is Day School Sunday

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.

Introduction to Organizing With Faith In Action

Many of our parishioners have asked how they can become more aware of the social justice issues affecting San Mateo County. We wanted to share another way to be involved in the work of justice and dismantling systemic racism.

Faith in Action Bay Area will be offering a five week "Introduction to Organization with Faith In Action" cohort starting **this Monday, February 8, 7:00-8:30 pm.**

Faith in Action is a network of congregations and community leaders (Deacon Lauren is a member) who actively promote civic engagement, faith values, and lifting up the dignity of all people in our community. Locally, they have been

instrumental in making positive changes around equitable housing and immigration by working with the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

The introductory cohort brings together folks from many different congregations and neighborhoods in San Mateo County to learn what community organizing through the Faith in Action model looks like. We will learn about the model through practical skills, sharing stories, and reflection. They do ask for a commitment to participate in all five sessions. If you are interested, please fill out [this form](#) or follow this alternative link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezi3lvZheTkOCU9qGdITqZAqOO7NWrsJqQZJ5VmTktX9fXg/viewform>.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Many blessings,

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Ash Wednesday Service

This year our Ash Wednesday service will premiere at **10:00 am Wednesday, February 17**, on Facebook Live, our St. Matthew's website and our YouTube channel. Please join us for this contemplative service marking the beginning of Lent. Deacon Lauren will preach.

The service will include the Imposition of Ashes, a part of the liturgy you can participate in at home with ashes St. Matthew's will provide to anyone interested. You can pick up yours at the church office this Tuesday or next Tuesday, February 9 and 16, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, or by special arrangement. Contact:

office@episcopalstmatthew.org.

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, 10:00 am to 11:00 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. Register for the event Here:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYpcu2upjMuGtb62U0T0DcDtPYXJI6dAnaz>.

Morning Prayer and Children's Chapel Premieres on YouTube

Morning Prayer premieres on Facebook Live, our website, and now, YouTube at **9:30 am Mondays through Fridays.**

Children's Chapel videos now also premiere on all three platforms at **9:45 am most Sundays.**

St. Matthew's YouTube Channel is here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu3LEb_tMIjL6DNKcZDI2Q. Please take a look and consider subscribing. Once the channel has 100 subscribers, we can rename the channel URL with our parish name.

Church Directory Needs Your Input

These days, electronic communication is especially important for keeping our community connected. We email newsletters, service bulletins, internet links and announcements. Occasionally we snail mail communications as well.

Our directory, Church Community Builder, has begun automatically removing email addresses when they (or their email provider) report a CCB message as SPAM.

Please take a moment to make sure all your contact info (shared only with other parish members using privacy settings you choose) is current. Then, confirm with your email provider that @ccbchurch.com is a valid email domain. Often, adding the sender's address to your contacts or address book solves the problem. Also, right clicking on a legitimate message you find in your spam folder will produce options to mark it as mail you want.

If you've never used the CCB, contact the church office for help connecting to your account.

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/.