

Announcements 8/20/2023: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

St. Matthew's acknowledges the People of the Land who have dwelt here since time immemorial and continue to live in this place today: the Tohono O'odham, Sobaipuri O'odham, Pascua Yaqui and other Native Americans. We give thanks for the original stewards of this land, our ancestors, our elders and all Indigenous People. Let us always remember the People of the Land in our prayers.

As part of pandemic concerns, we observe these practices:

*Since COVID is still active, facemasks are available on the table in the entranceway if you would like one.

*The offering plate is located in the center aisle for your donation.

*During the Exchange of Peace, you are welcome to greet the people around you but if they do not shake your hand, please respect their choice. One can always use the peace symbol or Namaste nod.

*At this time, we are extending the chalice but only for you to dip your host into the wine. We are not yet drinking from the chalice.

1. [10:30 only] Today's 10:30 liturgy will be livestreamed on YouTube. If, for whatever reason, you would not like to be filmed, please let us know now and we will be happy to accommodate your needs.
2. Bishop Reception Two weeks from today Bishop Redall will be here! As mentioned previously, a potluck luncheon will follow the 10:30 liturgy. There are sign-up sheets on the narthex tables for you to identify what salad, side, main dish or desserts you are willing to bring!
3. Bishop Reception set-up and clean-up. On Saturday, September 2, we will set up Matt's Place for the luncheon. If you would like to help with set up or the clean up after the luncheon, please indicate that next to your name on the sheet.
4. Re-entry Simulation. We will have a Re-entry Simulation on Saturday, September 16th, in Matt's Place from 10 AM to noon with light refreshments afterward. It is an opportunity to experience what someone just released from prison experiences. Insurmountable challenges such as juggling probation requirements, housing and job searches, health issues and more. Although free, registrations are necessary for sufficient materials. Flyers are available in the Narthex. Sign up today online or on the sheet in the Narthex.
5. Church interior rearrangement Thank You. Thank you to Liturgy Planning Committee members Deacon Kim, Pat Anderson, and Jim Nelson plus parishioners Rick Balthrop, Robin Curnes, Bruce Morgan, and Kathy Nelson for helping Fr. Rick with the rearrangement of our worship space.
6. [Special announcement from Fr. Rick.]
7. Coffee hour hosts acknowledgement
 - a. [8:00 am only] Thank you to Edrick Ngai and Fr. Noel Bordador for being our coffee hour hosts this morning!

b. [10:30 am only] Thank you to the secret sisters for being our coffee hour host this morning!

8. Let us join together as a people who have our St. Matthew mission to welcome all, to grow in God, and to serve our neighbor!