

Announcements 8/27/2023: Thirteenth 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.

*[8:00 am only] The offering plate is located in the center aisle for your donation. Please place your offering in the plate before the end of the homily.

*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's Visit. Next Sunday, Bishop Reddall will be making her pastoral visit to St. Matthew.
 - a. She will be presiding and preaching at both 8 am and 10:30 am liturgies.
 - b. At the 10:30 liturgy, she will be confirming and receiving parishioners into the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion.
 - c. A potluck luncheon will follow in Matt's Place following the 10:30 liturgy. Luncheon sign-up sheets on the narthex tables are available for you to identify what food item you will bring.
 - d. Following the luncheon, Bishop Reddall will offer a presentation in the church on discipleship.
3. Bishop Reception set-up and clean-up. On Saturday, September 2, we will set up Matt's Place for the luncheon at 12 noon. If you would like to help with set up on Saturday or the clean up after the luncheon on Sunday, please indicate that next to your name on the food item sign-up sheet or let Tricia Galvin know.
4. Java with the Jesuit. Next Sunday, September 3, Fr. Frank's monthly discussion group will meet in the library at 9:15 am. It is an opportunity to share insights on current affairs.
5. Anointing of People with Health Issues. The monthly anointing of the sick will be on Sunday September 17 not Sunday September 3. If you need anointing prior to that, please contact Fr. Rick or Deacon Kim.

- 6. 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.
- 7. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program.** Our children's formation program, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will start again on Sunday September 10 at 10:15. In preparation, we are seeking help in cleaning the materials and setting up the room on Saturday September 9th at 10:00 am. If you can help, let Nadine Cole know. Thanks for your assistance!
- 8. [Fr. Rick will do the blessings for September birthdays, anniversaries, and travels at this time.]**
- 9. Coffee hour hosts acknowledgement**
 - a. [8:00 am only]** Thank you to Kathy Hunt for being our coffee hour host this morning!
 - b. [10:30 am only]** Thank you to the Daughters of the King being our coffee hour host this morning!
- 10. 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!**