

Announcements 9/3/2023: Fourteenth 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. [8:00 am only] Java with the Jesuit. This morning, 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.
3. Prison Awareness Month. September is designated as Prison Awareness Month by our Diocese. A table has been set up in the Parish Hall with information about various prison ministries and other ways that you might be involved in serving those Jesus called "the least of these."
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. Anointing of People with Health Issues. The monthly anointing of the sick will be on Sunday September 17. If you need anointing prior to that, please contact Fr. Rick, Deacon Kim, or Father John.
6. 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!

- 7. Rector Away! Fr. Rick will be away from Monday September 4 through the morning of September 13. Senior Warden Reve Gedanic will be in charge of the parish. Deacon Kim and Fr. John will take any emergency pastoral care calls.**
- 8. Coffee hour hosts acknowledgement**
 - a. [8:00 am only] Thank you to Eve Gedanic for being our coffee hour host this morning!**
 - b. [10:30 am only] No Coffee Hour due to luncheon.**
- 9. 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!**