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From our Vicar... JUNE 2021

Life

The life we have been given is now – right now – wherever and however we are. Live today as if this were your last day. The story is told of Saint Francis of Assisi who was out hoeing his garden. A passerby asked him what he would do if he were suddenly to learn that he would die before sunset that very day. Francis replied, “I would finish hoeing my garden.”

-Br. Curtis Almquist

Society of Saint John the Evangelist

Here at St Francis we have been hoeing our gardens. New planting is going in from our Spring Garden Fundraiser and we are seeing the results. Thank you to everyone who participated in seeing this realized! We also have our new tables purchased and already they have been in use for our Garden Party and a Wedding! We are so grateful for all who made this possible for St Francis events and outreach in the community. THANK YOU!!!!

As I reflect on Br. Almquist writing, I ask myself what it is that I want to do this day that I may know I lived this day well. The faithfulness to our tasks, the sense of things in order or “finishing hoeing our garden,” whatever that may be, is a powerful spiritual discipline. We are seeking to be faithful here at St Francis as we continue to open our doors and welcome everyone to worship and fellowship. We know St Francis is a special place of rest and renewal for people, whether they walk the Labyrinth or have a birthday party on the patio. We want to do everything we can in stewarding the grounds and property to allow people to feel welcome and loved by God.

What might be your “garden” that you are tending? Is there opportunity to meet in person with friends and family? Can St Francis be a part of your festive gathering this summer? We are blessed for such a spacious grounds and sanctuary. May all who come to St Francis know that they are God’s beloved children, and deeply loved by God.



Sarah Kitch



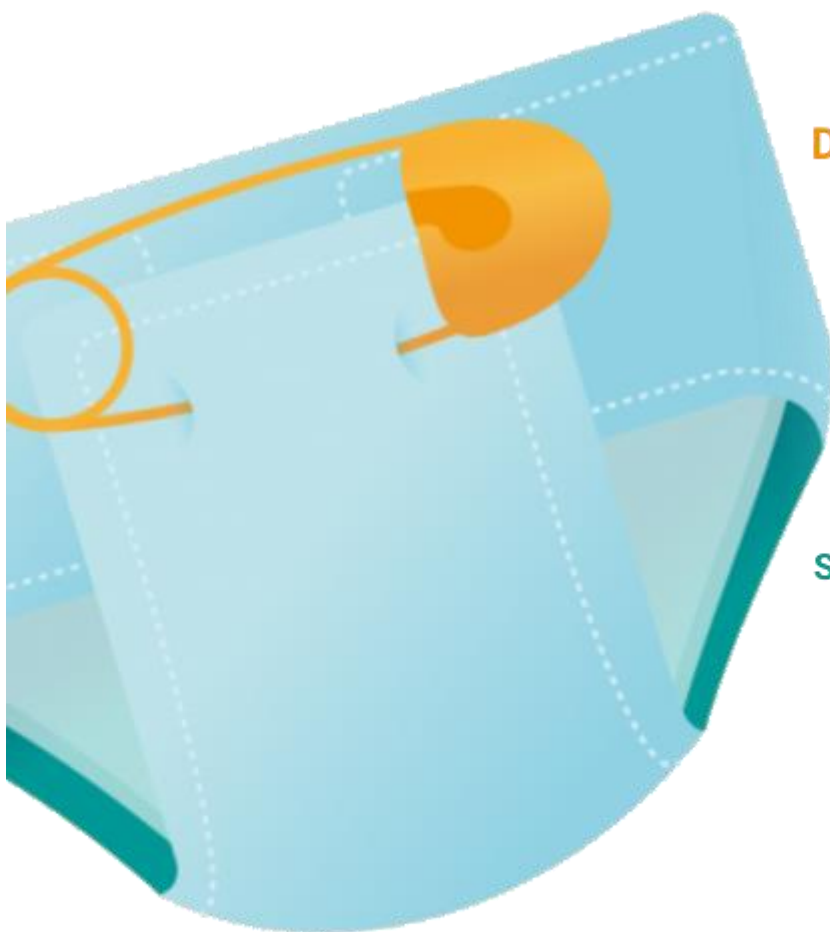
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Baby Closet

Reopening Beginning Tuesday May 18, 2021

280 Royal Avenue, Simi Valley, CA 93065



**DIAPERS
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**SUPPLIES WILL BE
DISTRIBUTED
TUESDAYS FROM
11:15-11:45 AM**

For more information:

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STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

- Pastoral Care through the church office (805)526-5141, email revsarahkitch@gmail.com or cell 818-442-4514
- Keep up through the St. Francis Website
<https://www.stfrancischurchofsimi.org/>
- Sunday Worship Live Streamed with link in the St. Francis Weekly
- BIBLE STUDY 7:30 May 3, 17, 31 with David Kitch on the Lectionary Reading.
- Remember to keep in touch with each other through the Phone Tree and stay connected.
- Please remember St. Francis with your donations and pledge by
<https://www.stfrancischurchofsimi.org/donate>



May 23, 2021
Pentecost on the Patio



Celebrating Birthdays!

Our Faith Is in Community

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. (Romans 8:16–17)

*We're in a spiritual crisis, and the key to building a true belonging practice is maintaining our belief in inextricable human connection. That connection—the spirit that flows between us and every other human in the world—is not something that can be broken; however, our belief in the connection is constantly tested and repeatedly severed. — Brené Brown, *Braving the Wilderness**

On my own, I don't know how to believe that I am a child or heir of God. It is being together in our wholeness, with the entire body of Christ, that makes it somehow easier to believe that we are beautiful. We each have our own little part of the beauty, our own gifts of the Spirit, as Paul puts it in 1 Corinthians 12. Paul says that the particular way “the Spirit is given to each person is for the common good” (1 Corinthians 12:7). Paul's word for this is a “charism”—a gift that is given to each person not just for themselves, but to build up the community and even society. Since we don't have the full responsibility of putting it all together as individuals, we can shed the false theology of perfectionism. All we have to do is discover our own gift, even if it is just one thing, and use it for the good of all.

Paul uses the brilliant metaphor of the body to show how unity is created out of diversity: “As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. . . . Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it” (see 1 Corinthians 12:12, 27).

So we, in our corporate wholeness, are the glory of God, the goodness of God, the presence of God. *As an individual, I participate in that wholeness, and that is holiness!* It's not my private holiness; it's our connectedness together. In Peter's words, echoing the Hebrew Scriptures, “you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart, who have been called out of darkness into this wonderful light. Once you were not a people at all; now you are the very people of God” (1 Peter 2:9–10). Jesus' corporate image is the Reign or Kingdom of God. Paul's is the Body of Christ. John's is the journey into mystical union where “I and the Father are one” (see John 10:30).

All of them are looking for a corporate, communal, participatory image of what's really happening, because the individual cannot carry such glory and greatness—and neither can the individual bear such universal suffering and sadness.

DOK RETREAT

The Dates have been set for the 2022 Women's Retreat! March 25, 26, 27!
Contact Leslie Lonergan or Pat Udell for Details.

Go to smile.amazon.com/ch/95-2558848 and Amazon donates to **St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church every time you order through Amazon.**



BABY CLOSET

Don't forget the needs of the Baby Closet that is ongoing. Please talk with Gerri Harrington if you have questions. The Baby Closet is collecting DIAPERS SIZE 4,5,6. diapers; baby cream; baby wipes. Stock up each week so you c

help fill the closet with Diapers, Wipes and Baby Cream!

Parish Prayer Needs:

Healing: Barbara, Sylvia, Brody, Avalon, Shantel, Lee, Michael, Megan, Jean, Braydon, Hank, Fr. Steve, Al, Mary, Yvonne, Dee, Jeff, Jim, Bill & Leslie, Jan, David, Lee, Trish, Sue, Tony, Mark, Michele, Eric, Louise, Bob & family, Edith, Howard, Mary, Donna, J.D., Frances, Patrick, Margaret, Beverly, Margie. Alan and Alan's family, Kevin, Eve, Amy.

The hazards of life must not deter our efforts to reach for the stars.

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NEW OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED THROUGH ST. FRANCIS

Our church members have asked what useful items **The Samaritan Center** can use the most. Your donations go directly to feed the needs of our community. Donations can be brought to church or left at the Sam Center kitchen door. Thank you so much.

Here is a link for much needed items for the Samaritan Center:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/BXFBPE9HRPQR?ref=wl_share

All shelf-stable goods are helpful, as well as cleaning products and trash bags.

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN WITH...

- Men's Jeans, shorts waist 30-34
- Men's & Women's work boots
- Men's belts
- Men's t-shirts size M or L
- Unopened/new Men's underwear & socks
- Disposable gloves size L or XL
- Face masks – Disposable
- Clorox wipes & bleach
- Unopened plastic utensils (forks & knives)
- Water bottles (16.9 fl oz)
- Disposable coffee cups(12 oz)
- \$10 Gas Card
- Canned meals (like stew, soups, ravioli, spaghetti'Os)
- Paper Towels
- Grape Jelly For Sandwiches
- Peanut Butter (Creamy) for Sandwiches
- Plastic Forks and Spoons
- Toilet Paper (Septic Safe)
- Gallon And Sandwich Size Ziploc Bags
- Soup Bowls
- 10 oz Coffee Cups

More Information:

<http://www.thesamaritancenterofsimivalley.org>

Caring for Each Other

Do not forget to keep in touch through the Phone Tree!	
Sylvia Moya	Megan Anderson
Megan Anderson	Beverly Chojnacki
Amy Brown	Jan Jones
Margie Roblin	Leslie Lonergan
Leslie Lonergan	Pat Udell
Pat Udell	Carol Fox
Cathy Grimes	Nancy Corradini
Terri Meadows	Donna Hull
Bernadette Schnaible	Millie Reina
Eden Suguitan	Rebecca Sang, Aida Reyes
Liz Kavetsky	Yvonne Robello
Sam Anuseim	Marilyn Taylor
Steve Bayles	Ruthie Haskins
Nancy Corradini	Fr. Steve & Dorrie Dean
Ruthie Haskins	Richard & Cynthia Chadwick
Marilyn Taylor	Steve Bayles
Chrissy Bowden	Gerri Harrington
Paula & Brad Keatts	Peter & Shelby Harksell
Dan & Chris McCarty	Jennifer Jones McIntyre & Clint
Jennifer Jones McIntyre	Ginny Morgan
Ginny Morgan	Lisa & Richard Nilles
Ken Simmonds	Roger Paul
Bethany Tucker	Deb Wollum
Rob & Kristin Wahlstrom	Jeff & Dale Heckler
Susan Swish	Eric & Carroll Strome

Belong

You need not regret the past or fear the future. You belong to God. You need not conform yourself to the opinions of others or struggle to win their approval. You belong to God. You need not grasp for riches or fame or success or power in order to find meaning and purpose for your life. You belong to God. You need not be afraid of failing or falling or fumbling in life. You belong to God.

-Br. David Vryhof

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St. Francis Book Club

“The Indigo Girl” by Natasha Boyd
Everyone is welcome to join!
Contact Chris McCarty for details.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 pm Women PH 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	2 9am-2 pm Office Hrs. 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	3	4 8 pm AA PH	5
6 Pentecost 2 David Kitch Preaching 10:15 am Eucharist with Music 6:30 Men's AA PH	7 8 pm Men's AA PH	8 6:30 pm Women PH 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	9 9am-2 pm Office Hrs. 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	10	11 8 pm AA PH	12
13 Pentecost 3 Rev. Sarah Kitch, Preaching 10:15 am Eucharist with Music and Baptism 6:30 Men's AA PH	14 11 am – 5 pm Blood Drive 8 pm Men's AA PH	15 6:30 pm Women PH 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	16 9am-2 pm Office Hrs. 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 6 pm Woodranch HOA 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	17	18 8 pm AA PH	19
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27 Pentecost 5 Rev. Sarah Kitch Preaching 10:15 am Eucharist with Music 6 pm Jazz on the Patio 6:30 Men's AA PH	28 8 pm Men's AA PH	29 6:30 pm Women PH 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	30 9am-2 pm Office Hrs. 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Men's AA PH			

June 2021 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	June 6	June 13	June 20 Father's Day	June 27	July 4
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist					
Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Susan S.	Keri J.	Chrissy B.	Ruth H.	Chrissy B.
Lector (Epistle/P.O.P)	Chrissy B.	Eden S.	Rueben A.	Chrissy B.	Eden S.
LEM (Chalice)	David K.	Chrissy B.	David K.	Chrissy B.	David K.
Acolyte & Crucifer					
Usher / Greeters	Rebecca S.	Joe Z.	Tony F.	Rebecca	Tony F.
Altar Guild	Chrissy B.	Chris M.		Ruth H.	Cathy G.
Home Communion					
Vestry Counters					
Preaching	David K.	Rev. Sarah	David K.	Rev. Sarah	David K.
<u>If you are unable to serve on the day you are scheduled – please make arrangements with someone else to substitute for you. Please contact the church office to inform them of the changes. Thank you!</u>					

July 2021 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	July 4	July 11	July 16	July 25	August 1
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist					
Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Chrissy B.	Susan S.	Bernadette	Chrissy B.	Ruth H.
Lector (Epistle/P.O.P)	Eden S.	Chrissy B.	Rueben A.	Eden S.	Chrissy B.
LEM (Chalice)	David K.	David K.	Chrissy B.	David K.	Chrissy B.
Acolyte & Crucifer					
Usher / Greeters	Tony F.	Rebecca S.	Joe Z.	Tony F.	Rebecca
Altar Guild	Cathy G.	Chrissy B.	Chris M.		Ruth H.
Home Communion					
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Preaching	David K.	Rev. Sarah	David K.	Rev. Sarah	David K



RECYCLING AT ST FRANCIS

Please bring in your Recycling on the **last Sunday of the month** and we'll put those cans and bottles to good use! Our efforts will help support the needs of a family in our community and will be appreciated. See what glass and metal can do? So mark your calendars now with a big "R" for recycling at the end of the month. Thank you ahead of time for all your contributions!

The Summer Day

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper?
This grasshopper, I mean—
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down—
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?

—Mary Oliver



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Community of Giving

Join Saint Francis and American Red Cross –

Next Drive: June 3rd and 14th, 2021

11:00 am – 5:00 pm

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Hello
JUNE

Sunday Service:

10:15 am

Wednesdays

- **10 am Healing Service**