

# The Franciscan



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## From our Vicar...MAY 2021

My friends, Even as we celebrate the reality of the Resurrection of Easter, so we now enter and embrace the presence of God with us in the Holy Spirit through Pentecost. If you ever wondered how much God loved you and longed for relationship with you, consider God sought to be as visible as possible, not just one way, but three. As well, at the last, God promised never to leave us, and the Holy Spirit is the invisible presence of the love of God with us and within us as we believe. Therefore, this day a new awakening is possible for us as we are alive today.

Pentecost was such an event for the people and the new, developing church was empowered by the Spirit to see a new thing realized. We too are experiencing a "new dawning and awakening." We are realizing a time that is "anew" as we emerge from our homes and re-enter our activities. We are seeing and experiencing the longing for community and the joy to see one another face to face. Let yourself be stirred by the Spirit to empower you, not in fear, but in love, as God calls you forth to live.

We are alive in worship and fellowship with one another. Maybe Mother's Day is a good day to come to church and be with one another. Maybe our Garden Party is an opportunity to come out and see one another! Certainly Pentecost on May 23 is a great way to enter into newness and awakening as we meet for worship outside! Wherever you may find yourself, may you know that St Francis welcomes you and blesses you as part of our community. We are alive in the Spirit and the promise of newness!





## A Time of Unveiling

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I believe this past year has been an apocalyptic time, though not necessarily in the way we might think. We call this year's theme "A Time of Unveiling." For many of us, the word "apocalypse" conjures thoughts of the rapture, fear, a vengeful God, and violent and exclusive religion. A quick etymology of the word will help: *kaluptein* is the Greek word for "to cover" and *apo* means "un," so *apokaluptein* means to uncover or unveil. While we primarily use the word "apocalypse" to mean to destroy or threaten, in its original context, apocalypse simply meant to reveal something new. The key is that in order to reveal something new, we have to get the old out of the way.

*Yearning for a new way will not produce it. Only ending the old way can do that. You cannot hold onto the old all the while declaring that you want something new. The old will defy the new; the old will deny the new; the old will decry the new. There is only one way to bring in the new. You must make room for it.* Neale Donald Walsch. That's what apocalyptic literature does. It helps us make room for something new by clearing out the old—old ideas, old stories, old ways of thinking—especially if we've become overly attached to them. The goal of apocalyptic language, as used in the Jewish and Christian Scriptures, is to shake people out of their reliance on conventional wisdom and undercut where we all operate on cruise control. Apocalyptic writing deconstructs the "taken-for-granted world" by presenting a completely different universe, similar to what a good novel or even a science fiction movie does for us. It makes room for the reconstruction of a new vision of peace and justice. It is always to make room inside the mind and soul for vision, expansion, hope, and a future inhabited by God and not by fear.

Richard Rohr, Center for Action and

Contemplation

### STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

- Pastoral Care through the church office (805)526-5141, email [revsarahkitch@gmail.com](mailto: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>



## **PENTECOST SERVICE OUTSIDE ON THE PATIO MAY 23 AT 10:15**



Elegant Gardens and St. Francis of Assisi

### **Spring Garden Fundraiser**

Elegant Gardens is a favorite among many of our parishioners and sells a wide variety of plants including annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees and succulents, as well as soil amendments, fountains, and more. This is a large nursery and you can walk and enjoy the beautiful grounds as you shop. It is only several minutes from our church!

Elegant Gardens located at 2046 Tierra Rejada Road, Moorpark. They will be donating 10% of our St. Francis garden purchases, back to our church!

Simply complete the coupon below, fill in your name and date and when you make your purchases give the coupon to the check-out employee. Elegant Gardens will forward us a check at the end of each month, now through May 2021.

Let's kick off the spring planting season with a trip to Elegant Gardens (805) 553-0565 Website: [elegantgardens.com](http://elegantgardens.com) (directions online). You can always purchase plants for St. Francis landscaping! See the Website for plants needed for our grounds.

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Elegant Gardens and St. Francis of Assisi

### **SPRING GARDEN FUNDRAISER**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Give this coupon to the sales counter when you purchase your items.

## 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](https://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.

My faith is defined by the actions I pursue as I live each day.

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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](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

<b>Do not forget to keep in touch through the Phone Tree!</b>	
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

## Offering

We lift up our hearts and minds and all that we are in offering to God, and here God becomes present to us in the gifts of bread and wine: the bread broken for us, the wine poured out for us. It is the re-membering of the ultimate sacrifice of love given by Jesus on the cross, forever joining the eternal to the temporal, and by grace the temporal to the eternal.

-Br. Jim Woodrum

[Society of Saint John the Evangelist](#)

**The American Red Cross is so grateful to all our partners that continue to stand with us through the evolution of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).**

Hundreds of thousands of donors and blood drive hosts have responded to the call to support the lifesaving mission and we can't thank you enough!

Your commitment to host a blood drive with the American Red Cross truly made a difference! Your team registered 33 total donors, collected 34 pints of blood and recruited 7 first-time donors. Your efforts have helped boost the community blood supply and ensure hospital patients have the lifesaving blood they need.

Yahooo!! We had SEVEN first timers :)

**Next Blood Drive will be May 13  
1-5 pm**



# MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2 Easter 5</b> Rev. Sarah Kitch Preaching 10:15 am Eucharist with Music  6:30 Men's AA PH	<b>3</b>      8 pm Men's AA PH	<b>4</b>   6:30 pm Women PH 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	<b>5</b> 9am-2 pm Office Hrs. 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service  7:30 pm Men's AA PH	<b>6</b>      8 pm AA PH		<b>8</b>      8 pm AA PH
<b>9 Easter6</b> David Kitch, Preaching 10:15 am Eucharist with Music  6:30 Men's AA PH	<b>10</b>      8 pm Men's AA PH	<b>11</b>   6:30 pm Women PH 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	<b>12</b> 9am-2 pm Office Hrs. 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service  6 pm Woodranch HOA  7:30 pm Men's AA PH	<b>13</b> <b>1-5 pm Blood            Drive</b>	<b>14</b>      8 pm AA PH	<b>15</b> <b>Garden            Party</b> 11 am-1 pm
<b>16 Easter 7</b> Rev. Sarah Kitch, Preaching 10:15 am Eucharist with Music  6:30 Men's AA PH	<b>17</b> 7:30 pm Bible Study With David Kitch   8 pm Men's AA PH	<b>18</b>   6:30 pm Women PH 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	<b>19</b> 9am-2 pm Office Hrs. 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service  7:30 pm Men's AA PH	<b>20</b>      8 pm AA PH	<b>21</b>      8 pm AA PH	<b>22</b>      8 pm AA PH
<b>23 Pentecost</b> David Kitch Preaching 10:15 am Eucharist with Music  6:30 Men's AA PH	<b>24</b> 7:30 pm Bible Study With David Kitch   8 pm Men's AA PH	<b>25</b>   6:30 pm Women PH 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	<b>26</b> 9am-2 pm Office Hrs. 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service  7:30 pm Men's AA PH	<b>27</b>      8 pm AA PH	<b>28</b>      8 pm AA PH	<b>29</b>      8 pm AA PH
<b>30 Trinity</b> Rev. Sarah Kitch Preaching 10:15 am Eucharist with Music Noon BC Meeting  Recycle Sunday 6:30 Men's AA PH	<b>31</b> 7:30 pm Bible Study With David Kitch   8 pm Men's AA PH					

# May 2021 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23 Pentecost	May 30
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## 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Chrissy B.	Susan S.	Bernadette	Ruth H.	Chrissy B.
Lector (Epistle/P.O.P)	Eden S.	Chrissy B.	Rueben A.	Chrissy B.	Eden S.
LEM (Chalice)	Chrissy B.	David K.		David K.	Chrissy B.
Acolyte & Crucifer					
Usher / Greeters	Tony F.	Rebecca S.	Joe Z.	Rebecca	Tony F.
Altar Guild	Cathy G.	Chrissy B.	Chris M.	Ruth H.	Cathy G.
Home Communion					
Vestry Counters					
Preaching	Rev. Sarah	David K.	Rev. Sarah	David K.	Rev. Sarah

**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!**



# June 2021 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27	July 4
<b>10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>					
Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Susan S.	Bernadette	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.
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## 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!



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## **Jazz on the Patio Returns!**

**June 27**

**6:00 pm**

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#### **Sunday Service:**

**10:15 am**

#### **Wednesdays**

- **10 am Healing Service**