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Entering Worship Space

As a worshipping congregation, we are building our hospitality and shared worship to all who come through the doors, and around the grounds at St. Francis. We extend our hands openly to hold all those around us. But what is a worshipping space? Is it just the sanctuary, the building, the service, the bulletin, the music, the preaching?

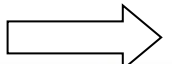
Each Sunday we allow ourselves to show up, listen and be faithful to be in God's presence with one another. We make a dedicated time and appointment with God and God's people to quiet our minds and the world around us, even for but an hour, and to hear our longings, our prayers and our hopes and dreams. We uphold ourselves before God and we uphold one another in prayers, in peace.

Each Sunday we come with open hands outstretched to receive hungrily the bread of God's salvation and to drink the wine of the promise of new life. We come empty handed and God fills our hands, overflowing to extend them to the world's needs. We bring ourselves gladly and offer again our lives for God's transformative power.

Welcome to worship. Come be with us. Stay for awhile or longer. Linger in the presence of God's Spirit and God's people around you. Allow yourself to be touched by God's love in unexpected places and through means that are consecrated to be a gift. God holds open the door for everyone to come and enter into worship and be filled once again with God's love. Blessings on us all.

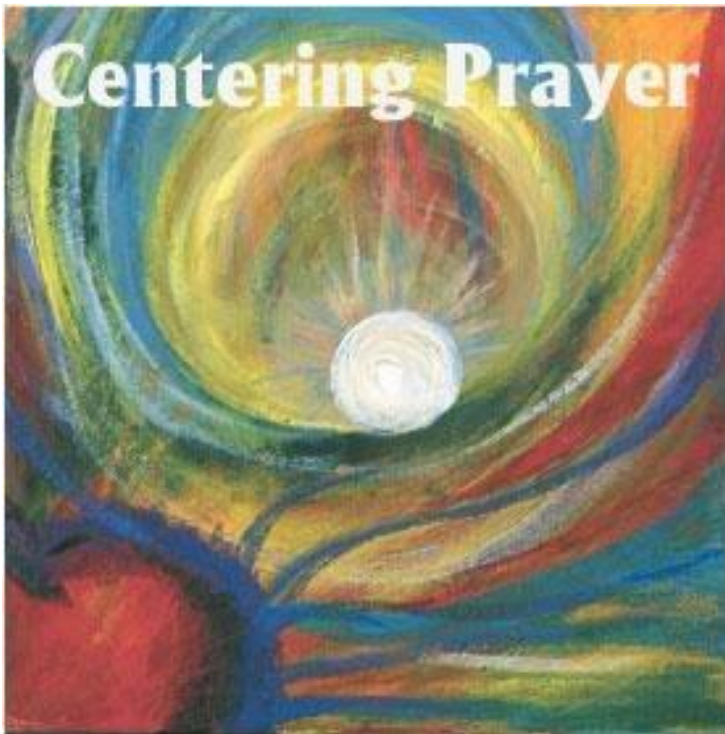


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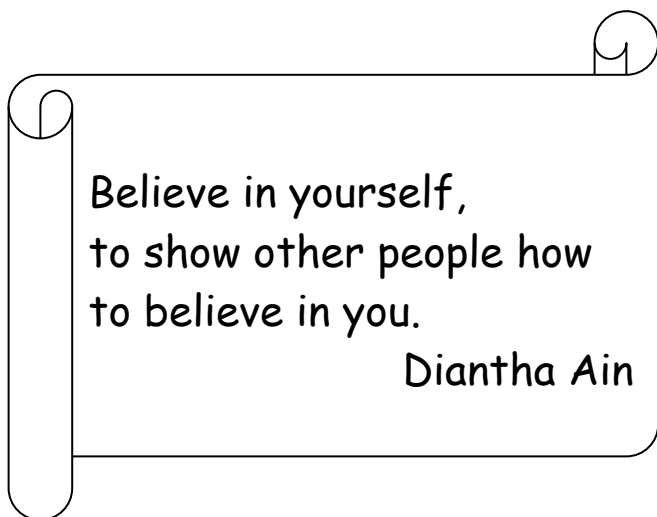


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Join Centering Prayer the second Tuesday each month at 7 pm at Brainerd and Esther Dharmaraj's home. 1540 Rose Arbor, Simi Valley, (805)583-5342 and the fourth Tuesday each month at the church in the Library at 7 pm.



We are collecting school supplies for the children Sunday August 6 and 13. Please give generously. Here is a comprehensive list is available. If you have any questions please see Sylva Moya.

- 3-ring binder**
- Binder dividers**
- Calculators**
- Calendar/Planner**
- Colored Pencils**
- Crayons**
- Elmers Glue**
- Erasers**
- Assignment Pad (Hi School)**
- Combination Locks (Hi School)**
- Glue Sticks**
- Journals**
- Markers**
- Mechanical Pencils**
- Novelty Folders**
- Novelty Pens**
- Paper – wide rule (Element.)**
- Paper – college rule**
- Flash Drive**
- Pencil Box/Pouch**
- Pencils**
- Post it notes**
- Rulers**
- Scissors (No Point)**
- Spiral Notebooks**
- Zip Pencil Pouch (Middle/Hi)**
- Protractor (Hi School)**

Parish Prayer Needs:

Please keep the Perry Family in prayer.

Music Program: Pray for more regular singers.

Healing: Michael, Megan, Jean, Braydon (baby born with half a heart), Hank, Fr. Steve, Al, Mary, Rich, Yvonne, VanNessa, Dee, Jeff, Jim, Bill & Leslie L.,

Jan, David, Lee, Trish, Sue, Tony, Mark, Michele, Eric, Louise, Bob & family, Edith, Rana, Howard, Mary, Donna, J.D. Frances B., Patrick, Margaret.

For Comfort: George and the Schneider family. The Nilles family. Conti Family. Janet, Patricia and family. Barbara Haryn. Donna Shiver. Julie Christian.

Members and News

ECW

Episcopal Church Women



The ECW will not meet in July, if you have any questions please contact Sylvia Moya, 522-2897.

The ECW meets on the 1st Friday of every month in the church at 6:30. We would love to have you join us for a time of fellowship and service.



Sign up to Serve at Coffee Hour

Our coffee hour is a tradition of spending a few minutes together after our worship to connect and say hello to each other. All are invited because the “*feeling of belonging*” is for everyone to enjoy! It’s a blessing to host this time to refresh ourselves before we return to the “*busyness*” of the world. Call Jennifer Anusiem, 805-990-4102 if you cannot make it to serve for coffee hour.



Prayer Shawls:

Please remember that St. Francis has Prayer Shawls in the Narthex at church. These Prayers Shawls are to give to people who are in need of comfort. If you know someone who needs comforting and covered in prayer please help yourself.



DOK

Daughter of the King

DOK is making Pocket Prayer Cloths. These are another way to access prayer and comfort. They are small enough to fit into a pocket or purse, and can be taken to the hospital or carried for constant comfort. These can be found in a basket in the Narthex.



While we are still fine tuning the way we will reach the larger community with what St Francis has to offer, and that there is even a church up that long driveway, things are beginning to take shape. With the addition of signage that gives better direction around campus, it also is the beginning of highlighting the way we hope to engage the community through the Labyrinth and Biblical Gardens as a place of beauty, meditation and peace.

As we move to complete the first phase of this work we now also have lights on the larger sign near Royal Ave and are working on bringing some color through flowers and plants that will further draw peoples attention. Finishing the larger sign frame will not only bring a second banner detailing more of what St Francis offers through Weddings and Gatherings but the finished version will also bring permanent signage for the Samaritan Center, through which we unashamedly declare our bond. When this work is finished my desire is to let the Simi Valley Acorn be aware of our new changes and connection to the community so they can be brought to the larger community that passes by our facility daily.

We have also recently added another evening of Alcoholics Anonymous meetings on Thursday and have the potential to rent more space in the works on Wednesday night. Thank you for your patience and continued prayer.

Frank



Episcopal Night at Dodger Stadium

Dodgers vs Rockies
Friday September 8th 7:10 game time
Friday night fireworks after the game.
\$20 per person due by August 8th.
Sign up at church or call Tom Butler if
you are interested, 805-581-4256.
What a fun family night!

NEW OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED THROUGH ST. FRANCIS



Want to be involved with the Samaritan Center, Joe Zepf has been part of a Men's Mentoring

Program offering everything from help in filling out forms, to a listening ear. Talk with Joe about the various opportunities that are available as we partner our mission and ministry with the Samaritan Center.

<http://thesamaritancenterofsimivalley.org/> Our church members have asked what useful items **The Samaritan Center** can use the most.

All shelf-stable goods are helpful, as well as cleaning products and trash bags. In particular, the Kitchen is always in need for the following for daily lunches given to clients: Juice or any Beverages in Pouches, Peanut Butter, Jelly (grape, strawberry, any kind for sandwiches) Lunch Bags, Back Packs. Men's Jeans and larger men's tennis shoes. Eggs, Milk, Trash bags: tall kitchen size and 45 gallon; napkins, aluminum foil, Styrofoam soup bowls, ammonia, bleach and tube socks for men and toilet paper. 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.

BUSINESS CARD DIRECTORY



St. Francis will be putting together a Business Directory of businesses that are recommended or owned by the members of St. Francis. We all are always looking for good reliable businesses to call such as a handyman, plumber, electrician, etc.

If you have a business or know of a good reputable business please bring the business card to church. We would love to work on this during the summer.

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St Francis Episcopal Church Presents

Summer Concert Series

Jazz on the Patio



*Bring a picnic dinner
and beverage of choice*

*Free Parking
Children Welcome
Handicap Accessible
Donations Accepted
Dog Friendly*

Free. Live. Music.

Sunday, August 27 @ 6 pm

280 Royal Ave, Simi Valley, 805.526.5141



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	2 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Men's AA Clare Room	3 9am-2pm Office Hrs.	4 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	5
6 Transfiguration David Kitch, Preaching 10:15 am Eucharist with Music, & Sunday School Hillside Collection 6:30 Men's AA PH	7 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7 pm Bible Study, Clare Rm. 8 pm Men's AA PH	8 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 6:30 pm Men's Group 6:30pm Centering Prayer at Dharmaraj's Home 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	9 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Men's AA Clare Room	10 9am-2pm Office Hrs.	11 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	12
13 Pentecost 10 10:15 Eucharist with Music & Sunday School Hillside Collection 5-10 pm Derek's Classical Concert 6:30 Men's AA PH	14 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 5 7 pm Bible Study, Clare Rm. 8 pm Men's AA PH	15 9am-2pm Office Hrs. Franciscan Articles Due 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	16 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 12:30 pm Sam Center Brd Mtg 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	17 9am-2pm Office Hrs.	18 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	19
20 Pentecost 11 Brainerd Dharmaraj, Preaching 10:15 Eucharist with Music & Sunday School Belize Collection 6:30 Men's AA PH	21 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7 pm Bible Study, Clare Rm. 8 pm Men's AA PH	22 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 6:30 pm Centering Prayer in Library 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	23 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	24 9am-2pm Office Hrs.	25 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	26
27 Pentecost 12 10:15 Eucharist with Music Recycle Sunday 6 pm JAZZ ON THE PATIO 6:30 Men's AA PH	28 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7 pm Bible Study, Clare Rm. 8 pm Men's AA PH	29 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	30 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	31 9am-2pm Office Hrs		

August 2017 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27	Sept. 3
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist					
Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Dan J.	Tom B.	Joy C.	Susan S.	Dan J.
Lector (Epistle/P.O.P)	Esther D.	Kathy B.	Grace R.	Ken S.	Jan J.
LEM (Chalice)	Rob & Kristen W.	Tom & Kathy B.	Esther & Brainerd D.	Ken S. Jan J.	Bernadette S. David S.
Acolyte & Crucifer	Andrew Esther	Brenda	Grace Esther	Brenda	Grace Andrew
Usher / Greeters	David S. Jr. Tony F.	Tony F. Rebecca S.	David S. Jr. Tony F.	Joe Z.	Tony F. Rebecca S.
Altar Guild	Eden	Kathy B.	Megan A.	Joy C.	Teri M.
Home Communion	Jan J.	Tom & Kathy B.	Brainerd & Esther D.	Jan J.	Brainerd & Esther D.
Vestry Counters	Robert C. Scott E.	Susan S. Joy C.	Kathy T. Joe Z.	Amy B. Cathy G.	Amy B. Cathy G.
<p><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></p>					

St. Francis Coffee Hour Schedule



August 2017

	6	13	20	27	
10am	Anuseim Famly				

September 2017

	3	10	17	24	
10am					

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September 2017 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	Sept. 3	Sept. 10	Sept. 17	Sept. 24	Oct. 1
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist					
Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Dan J.	Esther D.	Tom B.	Joy C.	Susan S.
Lector (Epistle/P.O.P)	Jan J.	Rob & Kristen W.	Kathy B.	Grace R.	Ken S.
LEM (Chalice)	Bernadette S. David S.	Andrew Esther	Tom & Kathy B.	Esther & Brainerd D.	Ken S. Jan J.
Acolyte & Crucifer	Grace Andrew	David S. Jr. Tony F.	Brenda	Grace Esther	Brenda
Usher / Greeters	Tony F. Rebecca S.	Esther D.	Tony F. Rebecca S.	David S. Jr. Tony F.	Joe Z.
Altar Guild	Teri M.	Jan J.	Kathy B.	Eden	Joy C.
Home Communion	Brainerd & Esther D.	Esther D.	Tom & Kathy B.	Brainerd & Esther D.	Jan J.
Vestry Counters	Amy B. Cathy G.	Bernadette S. Scott E.	Kathy B. Vicky B.	Tom B. Susan S.	

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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!

THERE IS A **MURDERER**

AMONGST
US...



CRIME SCENE
WHO DID IT?

CRIME SCENE
WHO DID IT?

CRIME SCENE
WHO DID IT?

Beware of who
you are sitting
next to ...



MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT

Sept 16 • 6 - 10pm • Hors D'Oeuvres, Dinner & "Who Done It", Specialty drinks (no host bar)

Event held at Wood Ranch Golf Club, 301 N. Wood Ranch Park Way, Simi Valley, CA

Tickets \$90.00 • Table of 8: \$630 • Tickets available at www.murdermysterysv.org

Please, no jeans. Seating is limited. For more information call (805) 231-2497

100% of proceeds benefits the Samaritan Center.

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Sunday Service:

- **Eucharist with Music**
10:15 am

Wednesdays

- **10 am Healing Service**