

The Franciscan



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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

We are past one month of a New Year and beginning the second month. *Tell me, what are you doing with your one wild and precious life?* I'm too old for New Year's resolutions and promises I didn't keep when the fireworks of the next year were lit up. But *tell me, what are you doing with your one wild and precious life?*



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Are there places in your heart that you have renewed with old friends, perhaps that you haven't kept in touch with? Have you given yourself that wonderful gift of today, that you choose what is life-giving and nourishing for you? When did you tell all the people that are important to you in your life that you love them? *Tell me, what are you doing with your one wild and precious life?*

I was awakened to a greater reality of my life recently when David had surgery. *What am I doing with this one wild and precious life that has been given to me?* What do I want to do differently? Now is the time to put those things I've been putting off, to get done. I want to reach for some of the things I dream about and see them realized. What does that mean for you? Maybe today, is a beginning to putting into plan something you want to do with *your one wild and precious life.* Will you tell me?



Sarah



St. Francis Book Club

You are invited to join the first get-together to talk about what we want the book club to look like on
Thursday, Feb 7 at 7.00 p.m.
Contact Esther Dharamarj
1540 Rose Arbor Ln
Simi Valley, CA 93065
Phone (Mobile): 805 404 3629



Gardening Group

St. Francis is ready to go into the phase of drought friendly landscaping. Dan McCarty will be leading the group. If you are interesting in joining this group please contact Dan at 805-581-3373 or trumpet.4@hotmail.com. Thank you for prayerfully considering to help with this project.



“Passport to Flavor”

St. Francis is exploring having opportunities to gather around different types of food. Bringing our different culinary skills together for a fun afternoon or evening of fellowship.
Contact Liz Kavetsky at lkavetsky@gmail.com

Members and News

AmazonSmile

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization, St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church.

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Parish Prayer Needs:

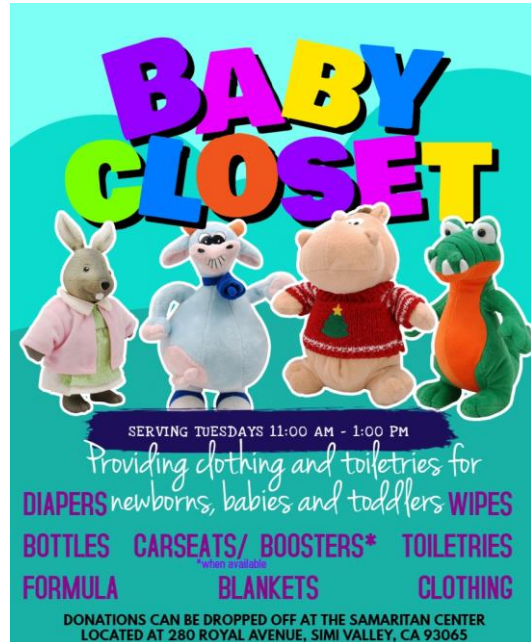
Music Program: Thanksgiving for all the singers!!

Healing: Lee H., Dan J., Michael, Megan, Jean, Braydon, 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, Beverly, Eva.

For Comfort: Kraft family, Deb Wollum, The Nilles family. Janet, Patricia and family. Barbara Haryn. Eden Suguitan and family. Margie Roblins and family. Amanda and Xenia delaRoche. Conte family.

Mundane chores become joyful experiences when done for loved ones.

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BABY CLOSET

Don't forget the needs of the Baby Closet that is ongoing. Please talk with Gerri Harrington if you are able to volunteer on the days the Closet is open, or to **share in doing laundry as the donations of baby clothes come in.** We will be collecting new and gently used baby clothes, baby blankets, crib sheets, and receiving blankets. Look for the hamper in the narthex for donations ages newborn through toddler sizes. We are open from 11:30 – 1 pm on Tuesday and Thursday every week.

Donations needed of disposable diapers and baby wipes.

If you have any questions contact Gerri Harrington at (818)521-0313.

MY RIDE

Need a Ride?

We provide rides to Drs. Appts. Market, Errands, etc. to Seniors. Serving Simi Valley and Surrounding Areas



FREE

805.304.0806

ECW

Episcopal Church Women



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. Please contact Sylvia Moya, 522-2897.



Hillsides Family Center

We are continuing our loving tradition of collecting unwrapped toys for all ages of children and teens (infants through age 18) at Hillsides through the month of February.

The gifts are distributed throughout the year on the children's birthdays – as gifts from Jesus. Please leave your unwrapped gifts, preferable those which don't require batteries, in box at the Altar. Gift cards, such as Target, please give to Sylvia Moya. The ECW will deliver in March or April.



**NEW OPPORTUNITIES
OFFERED THROUGH ST.
FRANCIS**

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.

**PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN
WITH...**

- **Jelly For Sandwiches**
- **Plastic Forks and Spoons**
- Gallon And Sandwich Size Ziploc Bags
- Aluminum Foil, Soup Bowls
- 10 oz Coffee Cups
- Cleaning Products – 409, Pinesol, Bleach
- Sleeping Bags For The Clients
- **Blankets**
- **Men's and Women's Socks**

More Information: <http://www.thesamaritancenterofsimivalley.org>

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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3					1 Office Closed DOK Women's Retreat 8 pm AA PH	2
3 Epiphany 4 Brainerd Dharmaraj, Preaching 10:15 Eucharist with Music – 6:30 Men's AA PH	4 9am-2pm Office Hrs. Noon Brown Bag Bible Study 8 pm Men's AA PH	5 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	6 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 11:15 am Drum Cir. 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	7 9am-1pm Office Hrs. 7pm RCA Clare Rm	8 Office Closed 6:30 pm ECW Meeting 8 pm AA PH	9
10 Epiphany 5 David Kitch, Preaching 10:15 Eucharist with Music 6:30 Men's AA PH	11 9am-2pm Office Hrs. Noon Brown Bag Bible Study 8 pm Men's AA PH	12 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 6:30 pm Men's Group Meeting 7 pm Centering Prayer at Church 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	13 9am-2 pm Office Hrs. Franciscan Articles Due 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 11:15 Drum Cir. 7:30 pm Cursillo Mtg. at Craigs 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	14  9am-1pm Office Hrs. 7pm RCA Clare Rm	15 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	16
17 Epiphany 6 Rev. Sarah Kitch, Preaching 10:15 Eucharist with Music, Sam Ctr. Collection 12 BC Meeting 6:30 Men's AA PH	18 President's Day Church Office Closed. NO Brown Bag Bible Study 8 pm Men's AA PH	19 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	20 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service, 11:15 Drum Cir. 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	21 9am-1pm Office Hrs 7pm RCA Clare Rm	22 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	23
24 Epiphany 7 Rev. Sarah Kitch, Preaching 10:15 Eucharist with Music Recycle Sunday 6:30 Men's AA PH	25 9am-2pm Office Hrs Noon Brown Bag Bible Study 8 pm Men's AA PH	26 9am-2pm Office Hrs 7 pm Centering Prayer at Church 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	27 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service, 11:15 Drum Cir. 12 Sam Ctr. Mtg. 7:30 pm Cursillo Mtg at Craigs 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	28 9am-1pm Office Hrs 7pm RCA Clare Rm		

February 2019 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	Feb. 3	Feb. 10	Feb. 17	Feb. 24	March 3
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10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Ruth H.	Esther D.	Jan J.	Ken S.	Joy C.
Lector (Epistle/P.O.P)	Susan S.	Chrissy B.	Eden S.	Andrew S.	Grace R.
LEM (Chalice)	Bernadette David S.	Bernadette David S.	Ruth H. Esther D.	Rob & Kristin W.	Jan J. Esther D.
Acolyte & Crucifer	Esther S.	Andrew S.	Grace R.	Esther S.	Grace R.
Usher / Greeters	Tony F. Rebecca S.	Tony F. Rebecca S.	Joe Z. Tony F.	Tony F. Rebecca S.	Jacob M. Tony F.
Altar Guild	Ruth H.	Teri M.	Chris M.	Chrissy B.	Joy C.
Home Communion	Brainerd & Esther D.	Brainerd & Esther D.	Jan J. Eden S.	Brainerd & Esther D.	Jan J. Ruth H.
Vestry Counters	Bernadette Bob C.	Sam A. Jan J.	Amy B. Cathy G.	Amy R. Joy C.	Susan S. Gerri H.

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!

Please call Jennifer @805.990.4102 to sign up for Coffee Hour.

February	3	10	17	24	
10am	Joshua B.	Laurie B.	Paula K.	DOK	



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.

March 2019 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	April 7
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10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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Lector (Epistle/P.O.P)	Grace R.	Susan S.	Chrissy B.	Andrew S.	Eden S.
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Acolyte & Crucifer	Grace R.	Andrew S.	Esther S.	Grace R.	Esther S.
Usher / Greeters	Jacob M. Tony F.	Tony F. Rebecca S.	Tony F. Rebecca S.	Joe Z. Tony F.	Tony F. Rebecca 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!

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Sunday Service:

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

Wednesdays

- **10 am Healing Service**