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God's Holy Spirit cannot be grasped, contained, comprehended, controlled, manipulated or possessed. The Spirit grasps us, possesses us. Like fire, it is alive and free. We feel the heat of the flames, but we cannot enclose and retain them in our hands. Like wind, we can hear it in the trees, feel it on our faces as we walk in the hills, but if we try to grasp and hold it in our hands it is lost.

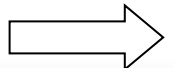
-Br. Geoffrey Tristram

[Society of Saint John the Evangelist](http://www.societyofjohn.org)

We continue to live into the Pentecost Season or what also is known as Ordinary Time, the longest liturgical season of the year. It is the time that we are aware of the Spirit's presence around us as we go about our everyday lives. It is the Summer Solstice, beginning of Summer and end of the Spring. It is a time of changing rhythm when we often adjust our schedules to include vacations, beach visits, picnics and special family gatherings. In times of change, it is also a time of reflection. We consider projects that we want to accomplish, and often put things away that are already done.

Toward the end of his life, St. Francis told the brothers, "Let us begin, brothers, to serve the Lord God, for up until now we have done little or nothing." I wonder if we consider such a statement of one whom we know served so selflessly and constantly. Yet, St. Francis would each day begin anew to consider how he would serve, and where God was calling him. In this season of Ordinary Time, I offer this consideration as we go about our activities. Would we consider each morning a simple prayer saying, "God, how can we be in this day your light and Holy Spirit as we go to work, play, be with friends and family?" As we welcome summer's play and relaxation, might we look around and notice where we see the Holy Spirit's presence? Are we willing to ask the Holy Spirit to grasp us, possess us, feel ourselves alive once again in all God's love?

In Quantum physics, the cosmos is mirrored in the microcosm. In other words, we can see the movement of the cosmos in the smallest moments of life. As we live into this mystery, and allow ourselves to experience this from one small place to the next, we realize the Spirit is contagious, shareable and reshapes the world. That's what we're on about, changing the moment from one to another in God's love.



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Wake up tomorrow and be expectant to change the moments of your ordinary life through the presence of God's Spirit moving through you, and be alive to the quickening of each small moment that you are living. Blessed Summer of Joy to you!



Spirit of God may we breathe in and hold
your love within us
May we breathe out and share it with the
world

Spirit of God may we breathe in and hold
your peace within us
May we breathe out and share it with the
world

Spirit of God may we breathe in and hold
your life within us
May we breathe out and share it with the
world.

Beautiful moments
Flit in and out of each life
Like a butterfly.

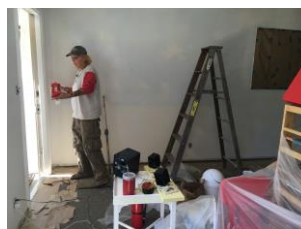
Diantha Ain



Have you noticed all the activity on the property recently? We celebrate the planting of the Drought Tolerant Landscape! Thank you Renee McGuire and ALL the people who came out Saturday to enjoy the day and its realized vision complete with a FABULOUS barbecue from our beloved Jim Perry!!!!



Summer is a time for rest, relaxation, taking time to do some projects and see some things finished. We are doing just that. We are truly blessed that we are seeing the vision of the landscaping being fulfilled. At this point, we will rest from starting another area and bless that which has been finished.



As well, please make sure you take some time to peek in the nursery which has been freshly painted! Thank you Jana for your excellence in giving our little ones a new fresh look on the heavens and the earth!



Please notice the new signage on the property pointing to the Sanctuary, Church office, Labyrinth, Patio etc. Thank you Frank for making these frames for the signs and seeing this long awaited need realized around the property!

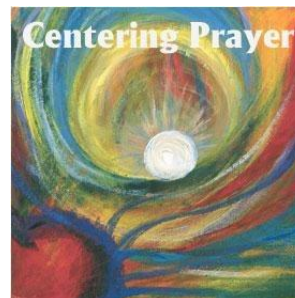
There are more projects percolating! We continue to live into the vitality and richness of the property we have been given to steward and care for as we offer hospitality and worship to the community.



July 8 is Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Canon John H. Taylor as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Los Angeles.

A celebration that will be held at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center in Los Angeles.

If you are interested in attending a bus will be going from St. Patrick's Church in Thousand Oaks, contact the church office, 526-5141, to reserve your spot.



Join Centering Prayer

the second Tuesday each month at 6:30 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 6:30 pm.

Hillside Tour

I thoroughly enjoyed our tour of Hillside Residential Home for Children.

It is a beautiful place for children in need of some stability in their life. Hillside was founded by Evelyn Wile 104 years ago. It is 17 acres of beautiful grounds and accommodations for children.

There are 64 children ages 6 to 18 who live and go to school on site. Classrooms are made up of 10 to 14 students a teacher, and full time aid. There are such a variety of programs for the children art, music, writing, lectures, and sports of all kinds. I was very impressed with the quality of care given there.

God is blessing these children. They thanked us and were so appreciative of all the toys we collect each year.

To that end, we will be collecting school supplies for the children Sunday August 6 and 13. Please give generously, pencils, pens, notebook paper, erasers, just to name a few items. A more comprehensive list is available. Please see Sylva Moya.

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.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM YOUTH SUNDAY



Thank you to Cheryl Welch for her faithful service for Christian Formation for our children.



Acolytes, Andrew and Esther

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

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.

Thank you for considering how you can help with this project.

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Dear Rev. Sarah U. Kitch,

Greetings to you and all at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church.

Thank you for all the kind and appreciative words said about my children. I am grateful to God for them and thankful to the church for encouraging and using them to the glory of God.

I do appreciate your willingness to have partnership relationship with us at The Ascension Church at Lovedale.

Ours is a small church with eighty families in the fold. Till 2011, we were part of the CSI Holy Trinity Pastorate in Ooty, India. In 2011 June, we became an independent pastorate. We will celebrate the 106th anniversary of the church's founding on Sunday, 28th May, 2017.

Basically, we are not an affluent church as most of the members are agriculturists. They don't own lands but lease land from others for cultivation. Few others work at the Lawrence school as cooks, maintenance staff and dorm-in-charge. They love the church and keep it going. They actively participate in the life and witness of the church. We do have a Sunday school and a very strong youth fellowship.

You are most welcome to visit us and spend time with us, but until such time we will remember you during our Friday Fasting Prayers and keep you posted once in three months about us and about the activities at Ascension Church.

Please convey our greetings to all at St. Francis.

Fellow traveler in faith journey,

Rev. B. Jerome
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Jazz on the Patio


July 23 and August 27

**Come join the fun with your picnic dinner
or snacks and
beverage of choice.**



**Starting at 6:00 pm
Sit back and enjoy listening
to great music performed by talented musicians.**



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

July 2017 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist					
Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Ginny M.	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	Brian Brenda	Grace Esther	Brian 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	Esther D.	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. Joy C.	Kathy B. Vicky B.	Susan S. Scott E.	Bernadette Kathy T.	Cathy G. Amy B.
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!					

St. Francis Coffee Hour Schedule



July 2017

	2	9	16	23	30
10am	Bob & Joy Craig	Rasmussen Family		Reception for Carol Greene	Amy Brown

August 2017

	6	13	20	27	
10am	Anusiem Family				

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August 2017 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27	Sept. 3
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist					
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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**