

# The Franciscan



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## From our Vicar... July 2019



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### Power

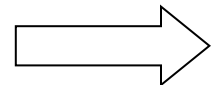
It is an extraordinary thought that God's Spirit has come mightily upon us – and not just once, at our baptisms, but as with David, “from that day forward!” We each have that Spirit now – a great power which we can all upon every day. Call out that power! Come, Holy Spirit! And that Spirit, like the sun and the rain, will help the seeds which God has planted deep within us to grow and flourish.

-Br. Geoffrey Tristram

Society of Saint John the Evangelist

Someone said to me the other day, “Pentecost is just one day, not a whole season.” If we think of this day literally, yes that's true. It is the celebration of the birth of the church and the coming of the Holy Spirit's nature upon the disciples, to empower them to bring the Good News to all people. However, I like to consider that Pentecost is in fact a season – a season during Ordinary Time – that we would be conscious and grow in our understanding of the Holy Spirit. I wonder if the Holy Spirit is the part of the Trinity that we least draw upon because we feel we don't know it very well or experience it! Ah! That to me is our downfall in our teaching for without the Holy Spirit, we are unable to apprehend how alive God's presence is in our lives! That is the point. The Holy Spirit is like the nurturing mother around us all the time to empower us, to enrich us, to imbue in us the love of God, the mercy of God and the presence of God in and through us now!!!!

Too often we think only of the Holy Spirit as the “gifts of the Spirit”, and that is only partly the story. For the Holy Spirit is the power in us that allows us to do the work of the Kin-dom today and tomorrow and the next day. Being a follower, a disciple of Jesus, is about our responsiveness to the needs of our community and being empowered to respond. What gives us the ability of that response is the Holy Spirit and we need to call upon her often and a lot because there is a lot of work to be done!!!



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This season of Ordinary Time, may we be stirred by the Holy Spirit to be more conscience and aware of her presence. Let us learn more and dig deeper in our relationship with Jesus, that the Spirit of God is experienced with greater vitality and life within us. May we know how deeply loved we are by God and the community around us through the loving embrace of the Holy Spirit. Blessings always,



The Board of Directors at the Samaritan Center is excited to announce that Chantel Zimmerman will be joining us as the new Executive Director on July 1. With an extensive background in team building and community outreach, Chantel has spent the last eight years developing and implementing supportive programs for foster youth and disenfranchised veterans. She has a real heart for the homeless, and brings lots of ideas for programs that support their health, well being and growth.

The recent recognition by our State Assembly (38th District Non-profit of the Year) is a testament to the programs and staff at the Samaritan Center. Betty's shoes are big ones to fill and both she and the Board are confident Chantel is a good fit. We are grateful for the kindness and loving support Betty has brought to so many in our community, and are looking forward to Chantel continuing her strides as we look to the future.

## Feminine Incarnation

### She Is Love

My God is a curvy black woman with dreadlocks and dark, cocoa-brown skin. She laughs from her belly and is unashamed to cry. She can rock a whole world to sleep, singing in her contralto voice. Her sighs breathe life into humanity. Her heartbreaks cause eruptions of justice and love.

Of course, because God is a mystery, we don't know everything about Her. So out of our imaginations and our yearnings, our hopes and our fears, we make stuff up. At our best, we project goodness, power, kindness, and love onto God. At our worst, we create a God who is punitive, angry, judgmental, and harsh. We do this because we are those things, and we think they make us safe.

Projection itself is not the problem. The problem occurs when we don't examine those projections with a critical eye, with a hermeneutic of suspicion. The trouble starts when our god is too small, when we reduce our worst projections to fit in our pocket and keep this god on our team.

I know I've got my projections. They are inspired by my imagination and by textual studies. In Hebrew, the words for womb and mercy have the same root, and the word for spirit is feminine: *ruach*. In Greek, the word *pneuma* [breath or spirit or soul] has a feminine article, the word *Sophia* stands for wisdom, and the word *agape*—God's love for us—is also a feminine word. Therefore, my God is an incarnate feminine power, who smells like vanilla and is full of sass and truth, delivered with kindness. She'll do anything for her creation; her love is fierce. She weeps when we do and insists on justice. She is God. She is Love.

From Center for Action and Contemplation  
Fr. Richard Rohr

**Saint Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church**  
**Profit and Loss Performance**  
**For Period Ended 5/31/2019**

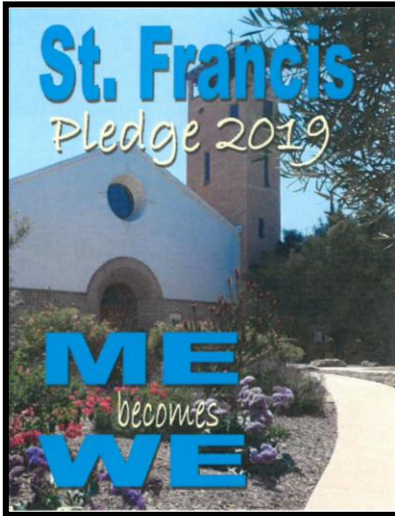
		January to May 2019		Variance	Total Budget 2019
		Actual	Budget	Amount	
<b>Revenue</b>					
1	Designated Fund	3,295.00	2,416.69	878.31	8,300.00
2	Pledge and Plate	49,441.65	62,500.00	(13,058.35)	150,000.00
3	Rental Income	18,151.83	16,900.00	1,251.83	36,640.00
4	Other Income	6,197.73	4,415.00	1,782.73	11,400.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>77,086.21</b>	<b>86,231.69</b>	<b>(9,145.48)</b>	<b>206,340.00</b>

**Expenses**

5	<b>Administrative and Overhead</b>				
	Admin Expense	8,247.01	9,592.62	1,345.61	22,788.00
	Utilities	5,696.54	6,620.00	923.46	15,832.00
6	<b>Clergy and Staff Related</b>				
	Clergy Related	39,872.46	37,708.45	(2,164.01)	89,000.00
	Staff Related	11,332.99	12,062.64	729.65	29,000.00
	Music and Related	1,750.00	6,658.38	4,908.38	15,980.00
7	<b>Mission Share and Outreach</b>				
	Mission Share	4,250.00	4,250.00	0.00	10,200.00
	Outreach	408.30	2,023.75	1,615.45	4,857.00
8	<b>Property and Related</b>				
	Insurance	435.47	4,375.00	3,939.53	10,500.00
	Repairs and Landscaping	4,955.03	5,000.00	44.97	12,000.00
	Property Taxes	318.28	0.00	(318.28)	640.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>77,266.08</b>	<b>88,290.84</b>	<b>11,024.76</b>	<b>210,797.00</b>
<b>Short Fall</b>		<b>(179.87)</b>	<b>(2,059.15)</b>	<b>1,879.28</b>	<b>(4,457.00)</b>

**Footnote:**

Our total collection for the first five months of 2019 was \$77,086. This was \$9,145 short of the \$86,231 budgeted for the period. The shortfall was because our Pledge and Plate for the period was \$13,058 short of budgeted amount.



For the month of July we are continuing our year round pledge campaign for 2019. You will find in the bulletin this card. If you would consider making a pledge that might be a contribution from plate offering to pledge, St. Francis is sincerely grateful for your prayerful contribution.

**Please Join The Samaritan Center of Simi Valley & Ventura County Supervisor Bob Huber for a fundraising event in honor of: Betty Eskey's Retirement**

July 17th, 2019  
from 6:00 - 9:00 PM

**The Birdie Bar at the Simi Hills Golf Course**  
5031 Alamo Street  
Simi Valley, California

Tickets Prices: \$60 Per Person or \$100 per couple *(sponsorship opportunities available)*

**All Proceeds will benefit The Samaritan Center - Simi Valley**

**RSVP Online By July 7th**

<http://www.thesamaritancenterofsimivalley.org>

**\*Limited Tickets Available\***  
**\*No Host Bar\***



*Thank you message from Betty Eskey*

*On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the Simi Valley Samaritan Center. Over the past thirteen years, I have had the joy of being the Executive Director of the Samaritan Center and working side by side with the community in order to prevent community members from being faced with homelessness and those who are faced with it, to get back on their feet.*

*For more than 25 years, the Samaritan Center has assisted individuals exactly where they are, in becoming self-supportive and independent again, bridging the gap between street and home through services, support, health and housing. It is because of your support and donations of time, money and supplies that we are able to continue serving our neediest neighbors.*

*We take great pride in our mission and accomplishments, and with your help, we have been named the "2019 Non-Profit of the Year" by Assemblywoman Christy Smith.*

*Thank you again for your kindness and generosity.*



[www.samcentersv.org](http://www.samcentersv.org)



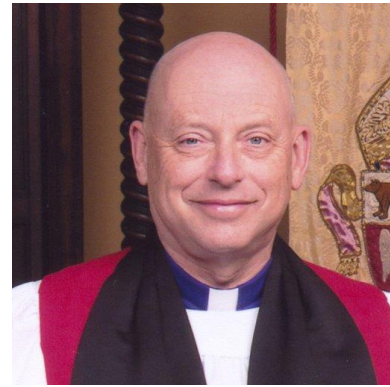


**Come join us for Jazz on the Patio, Sunday, July 28. Bring your comfy chairs, or blanket, your box dinner and beverages of choice for a relaxing evening on the St. Francis Patio.**

**Presence**

God is not some unknowable, divine being, far removed from human life. Rather, God is known and experienced in the tiny moments of daily living. We see God in the wonder and beauty of creation, and the awe of worship; we touch God, in the person of Jesus, and the simple elements of bread, wine, water, and oil; we know God, who is closer to us even than our own breath.

-Br. James Koester  
[Society of Saint John the Evangelist](#)



**Bishop John Harvey Taylor  
 July 14**

Join us for the visit of Bishop John Harvey Taylor at the 10:15 Worship Service. If you have not been brought into membership or confirmed, you can do so on this day. Talk to Rev. Sarah before that date if you are interested. There will be a brunch and time of fellowship following the service. Sign up to help provide food for the brunch.



**Carol Fox and Eden Suguitan enjoying the Mother's Day Tea on May 11.**

Butterflies worship in a portable chapel borne by stained glass wings.  
 Diantha Ain

## **Members and News**



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### **Parish Prayer Needs:**

**Music Program:** new music director, Rahn Coleman.

**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:** Janet Johnson, McCarty family, Yvonne Robello, 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, Morris family.

**A memorial is planned for Richie, Yvonne Robello's son, on Friday, July 19 at 11 am at St. Francis.**



### **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, baby wipes and cream.** Baby Closet

**Show Coffee Hour July 21!**

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.**

**FREE**

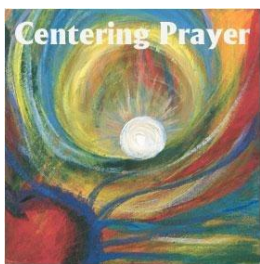
Serving Simi Valley and Surrounding Areas

**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.



Join Centering Prayer the second and the fourth Tuesday each month at 7 pm at the church in the Sunday School Classroom.



**A Big Thank You**

Thank you to the Nilles Family and especially Rick who made our beautiful new prayer stand. Please light a candle for prayers for those you love and bless this lovely addition for St. Francis.



**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...**

- 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>

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.

**St. Francis Book Club**



Come join our monthly book club.

We will meet the second Friday in July 12 at 7 pm at Esther Dharmaraj's home, 1540 Rose Arbor Ln. Cell 805-404-3629.





Seeking a deeper path? Spiritually hungry for more? Looking for companions?  
Stillpoint invites you to join others for a Spiritual Journey.

**What is the Spiritual Journey program?**

An eight-month exploration of your spiritual life in a small group setting, deeply enriching your relationship with The Divine and helping you recognize the ways that God/Spirit is present and working in your life.

**Who should come?**

This program is open to people of all denominations and faiths who are seeking to go deeper in their spiritual walk. We are rooted in the Christian tradition and welcome a diverse and inclusive learning community.

**What is the commitment?**

The program consists of eight five-hour sessions that meet once a month. Sessions include practice in forms of prayer and contemplation, time for personal reflection, sharing in pairs and triads, experience-based learning, and group discussion of readings.

**When and where does it happen?**

Classes begin on Saturday, September 14, 2019, with future dates to be scheduled by each group. Small groups are planned for Claremont, Orange County, Pasadena, Riverside, Simi Valley, and Studio City.

**What does it cost?**

There is \$25 application fee + a \$400 tuition fee which includes all instruction, facilitated group interaction, and private sessions with faculty (does not include books).


**How do I register?**

You may apply online at [stillpointca.org/spiritual-journey](http://stillpointca.org/spiritual-journey) and a program facilitator will contact you to schedule a phone interview.





# July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 9am-2pm Office Hrs.  8 pm Men's AA PH	<b>2</b> 9am-2pm Office Hrs.  7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	<b>3</b> 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service  7:30 pm Men's AA PH	<b>4</b> Church Office Closed  7pm RCA Clare Rm	<b>5</b> Office Closed  6 pm ECW Mtg.  7 pm Bible Study 8 pm AA PH	<b>6</b>
<b>7 Pentecost 4</b> Fr. Norman Hull, Preaching 10:15 Eucharist with Music –  6:30 Men's AA PH	<b>8</b> 9am-2pm Office Hrs.  8 pm Men's AA PH	<b>9</b> 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	<b>10</b> 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service  7:30 pm Cursillo Mtg. at Craigs  7:30 pm Men's AA PH	<b>11</b> 9am-1pm Office Hrs.  7pm RCA Clare Rm	<b>12</b> Office Closed  7 pm Book Club  7 pm Bible Study 8 pm AA PH	<b>13</b>
<b>14 Pentecost 5 Bishop's Visit</b> 10:15 Eucharist with Music  6:30 Men's AA PH	<b>15</b> 9am-2pm Office Hrs. <b>Franciscan Articles Due</b>  8 pm Men's AA PH	<b>16</b> 9am-2pm Office Hrs.  7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	<b>17</b> 9am-2 pm Office Hrs. 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service  6pm Betty Eskey's Retirement Party  7:30 pm Men's AA PH	<b>18</b> 9am-1pm Office Hrs.  7pm RCA Clare Rm	<b>19</b> Office Closed  11 am Robello Memorial Service for Richie  7 pm Bible Study 8 pm AA PH	<b>20</b>
<b>21 Pentecost 6</b> Rev. Sarah Kitch, Preaching 10:15 Eucharist with Music, BC Mtg., Baby Shower  6:30 Men's AA PH	<b>22</b> 9am-2pm Office Hrs.  8 pm Men's AA PH	<b>23</b> 9am-2pm Office Hrs.  7 pm Centering Prayer at Church  7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	<b>24</b> 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service, 12 Sam Ctr. Mtg.  7:30 pm Men's AA PH	<b>25</b> 9am-1pm Office Hrs  7pm RCA Clare Rm	<b>26</b> Office Closed  7 pm Bible Study 8 pm AA PH	<b>27</b>
<b>28 Pentecost 7</b> Rev. Bob , Preaching 10:15 Eucharist with Music  <b>6 pm Jazz on the Patio</b>  6:30 Men's AA PH	<b>29</b> 9am-2pm Office Hrs.  8 pm Men's AA PH	<b>30</b> 9am-2pm Office Hrs  7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	<b>31</b> 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service  7:30 pm Men's AA PH			

# July 2019 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	July 7	July 14 Bishop's Visit	July 21	July 28	August 4
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## 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

July	7	14 Bishop's Visit	21	28	
10am	DOK	Brunch/Samaritan Center	Paula K. Baby Shower	Fox Family	



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.

# August 2019 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25	Sept. 1
<b>10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>					
Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Bernadette	Ken S.	Jan J.	Joy C.	Esther D.
Lector (Epistle/P.O.P)	Chrissy B.	Eden S.	Reuben A.	Ruth H.	Andrew S.
LEM (Chalice)	Ruth H. Eden S.	Rob & Kristin W.	Bernadette David S.	Jan J.	Bernadette David S.
Acolyte & Crucifer	Andrew S.				Andrew S.
Usher / Greeters	Rebecca S. Tony F.	Tony F. Jacob M.	Jacob M. Tony F.	Tony F. Rebecca S.	Tony F. Joe Z.
Altar Guild	Chris M.	Chrissy B.	Joy C.	Ruth H.	Joy C.
Home Communion	Brainerd & Esther D.	Jan J.	Brainerd & Esther D.	Ruth H.	Eden S. Jan J.
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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**