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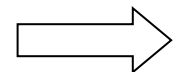
We have been celebrating Eastertide and the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Fifty Days have passed and now we come to Pentecost where we join with all the saints praising God for the birth of the Church. Pentecost Season turns us into the renewed energies of the community and witness as Christ followers.

As we follow our liturgical season, Pentecost allows us to consider what we have renewed in our faith walk. Are we practicing spiritual disciplines that awaken us to a revived sense of community and the church? What of our prayer life? Are we remembering those whom we name each Sunday in our prayers? In our weekly devotion, do we seek to be in fellowship one with another here at church? Where are we placing our priorities and our focus?

We live in a fast paced culture that demands our attention every moment. Breaking news comes on our phones, social media pressures us to keep up with all our relationships throughout our life, and our schedules fill up every spare minute. I wonder if this is truly what God intends for us as we live as followers of Christ, who took many times out of the day to pray, to be with people, to celebrate, to laugh, to hold children, and to sit and look at the stars.

We as a church carry a message of hope, of abundant life, care, compassion, and love. These things take time. They take prayer. They take stepping outside of the hustle and bustle and ask for attention in quiet reflection. That is our witness as a church.

Easter calls us to look anew at the Resurrection in our lives. Pentecost asks us to consider our witness as believers. This season of Pentecost may we consider taking time, and making a commitment to break the demand for speed and productivity, the compulsive "busyness?" May we practice the Spiritual Discipline of E-Sabbaths – turning off our computers, phones, TV, for a time during the day, and giving ourselves renewed rest in nature, with friends, with someone special?



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Shah



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to Scott Eben and Denim 'n Blue Band
and all who participated in the making of
music festival on May 20th such a huge
success. The music, food, drink and
fellowship was great.



Got some more ideas??? Let me know!

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 have our monthly meeting on June 9 instead of the 2nd, 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.



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.



WE GIVE *because* GOD GAVE FIRST

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16*

This is a loving, accountability, with a big smile and much affection but also a gentle reminder and invitation.

When Bishop Diane Bruce came to St. Francis and met with the Bishop's Committee, one of the aspects of our church she affirmed was that we didn't bring up the "M" word as to what we felt was one of the most significant needs of the church. We were deeply blessed by her insight and how she shared that identifies the health of a community.

St. Francis church is healthy. The strength of that is our commitment and our continued sense of human flourishing to the well being of the church community, and our strength of mission and ministry outside the church.

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 that said, we need to invite you to meet your pledge to the church. We are grounded and formed in Jesus' teaching of Stewardship and care for that which has been given to us. We are faithful to attend to the ministry of St. Francis and its outreach and God's mission for us.

Please, if you are caught a little behind on your pledge at this point of the year, would you consider catching that up? Would you consider being faithful to offer that to St. Francis?

If you find this challenging, would you please speak with me confidentially? Bishop Diane found St. Francis welcoming, hospitable, and loving.

She felt the Spirit strongly in our life here and was deeply blessed by all that we are doing.

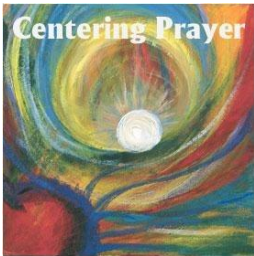
May we continue to faithfully bless each other and our life together here at St. Francis.

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.



Youth Recognition Day

Sunday, June 11th is set for a special celebration honoring our Saint Francis Youth. We will recognize the acolytes and choir members who have generously served the Lord and Saint Francis of Assisi Church. We are also celebrating the end of the school year and our Sunday school children. **Thank You** for being here. You are our future! Please join us on Sunday, June 11th for fun recognition and sweet treats.



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.

Bishop's Committee Meeting in June

There is a change of date for the monthly Bishop's Committee Meeting in June. The Committee will meet on Sunday, June 11th following the Youth Recognition Day Party.

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, contact the church office, 526-5141.

Care for Each Other

This month-ALL are invited to encourage our dear St. Francis member Yvonne Robello to heal. Yvonne had knee replacement surgery early in May. She is now is at rehab here in Simi. **She needs our PRAYERS, NOTES IN THE MAIL, and SHORT VISITS.** Please take a moment to hold her in prayer, drop a note in the mail, or go visit. Whatever is comfortable for you-she loves any support from us, her St. Francis Family! Thank you!

Simi Valley Care Center
5270 E. Los Angeles Avenue (between Stearns and Stow)
Simi Valley CA 93063
Attn: Yvonne Robello Room 123B
Care Center Desk: [\(805\) 522-9155](tel:8055229155)



CROP Walk for Hunger

Tom, Kathy and Jana walked a 5K to raise money to fight hunger. The St Francis walkers raised \$1,750, with Jana bringing in the most of all walkers at \$1,500! 25% of the total money raised will go to the Samaritan Center and the rest will go worldwide to buy seeds, tools and training for those in need to grow their own crops. Thanks to everyone for their support of this worthwhile cause. We couldn't have done it without you!

Jazz on the Patio

June 25, July 30, 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.**



Each sunrise offers
Hope and opportunity
For a better world.
Diantha Ain

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9am-2pm Office Hrs.	2 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	3
4 Pentecost 10:15 am Eucharist with Music, Outside, & Sunday School 6:30 Men's AA PH	5 9am-2pm Office Hrs. Noon Brown Bag Bible Study 6:30 pm Bible Study, Clare Rm. 8 pm Men's AA PH	6 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	7 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Men's AA Clare Room	8 9am-2pm Office Hrs.	9 Office Closed 6:30 pm ECW 8 pm AA PH	10
11 Trinity Sunday 10:15 Eucharist with Music & Sunday School Youth Recognition Day Noon BC Mtg. 6:30 Men's AA PH	12 9am-2pm Office Hrs. Noon Brown Bag Bible Study 6:30 pm Bible Study, Clare Rm. 8 pm Men's AA PH	13 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 6:30 pm Men's Group 7 pm Center Prayer 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	14 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 12:30 pm Sam Center Brd Mtg 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	15 9am-2pm Office Hrs.	16 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	17
18 Father's Day Pentecost 2 Brainerd Dharmaraj Preaching 10:15 Eucharist with Music & Sunday School Belize Collection 6:30 Men's AA PH	19 9am-2pm Office Hrs. Franciscan Articles Due Noon Brown Bag Bible Study 6:30 pm Bible Study, Clare Rm. 8 pm Men's AA PH	20 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	21 9am-2pm Office Hrs 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	22 9am-2pm Office Hrs.	23 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	24
25 Pentecost 3 David Kitch, Preaching 10:15 Eucharist with Music Recycle Sunday 6 pm JAZZ ON THE PATIO 6:30 Men's AA PH	26 9am-2pm Office Hrs. Noon Brown Bag Bible Study 6:30 pm Bible Study, Clare Rm. 8 pm Men's AA PH	27 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	28 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	29 9am-2pm Office Hrs	30 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	

June 2017 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	June 4	June 11	June 18 Father's Day	June 25	July 2
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist					
Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Tom B.	Joy C.	Susan S.	Dan J.	Ginny M.
Lector (Epistle/P.O.P)	Kathy B.	Esther D.	Ken S.	Jan J.	Esther D.
LEM (Chalice)	Tom & Kathy B.	Esther & Brainerd D.	Ken S. Jan J.	Bernadette S. David S.	Rob & Kristen W.
Acolyte & Crucifer	Emma Rachel	Andrew Esther	Brian Wesley	Esther Grace	Andrew Esther
Usher / Greeters	Tony F. Rebecca S.	David S. Jr. Tony F.	Joe Z.	Tony F. Rebecca S.	David S. Jr. Tony F.
Altar Guild	Kathy B.	Megan A.	Joy C.	Teri M.	Esther D.
Home Communion	Tom & Kathy B.	Brainerd & Esther D.	Jan J.	Brainerd & Esther D.	Jan J.
Vestry Counters	Tom B. Scott E.	Vicky B.	Bernadette Amy R.	Kathy T. Susan S.	Robert C. Joy C.
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

June 2017

	4	11	18	25	
10am	DOK	BC			

July 2017

	2	9	16	23	30
10am	DOK	Men's Group			

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July 2017 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist					
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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.
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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**