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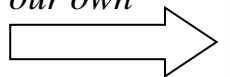
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Summer is almost upon us and it's a wonderful time to let the imagination go and dream of adventures and experiences. The Trappist Monk Thomas Merton writes of imagination and says, *"Imagination is the creative task of making symbols, joining things together in such a way that they throw new light on each other and on everything around them. The imagination is a discovering faculty, a faculty for seeing relationships, for seeing meanings that are special and even quite new."*

I wonder how we might use our imagination this month as we explore the value of sun filled days, and a more leisurely pace. Is it time with friends and family in outdoor barbecues? Maybe it's the enjoyment of JAZZ ON THE PATIO with live Jazz and an evening of relaxed contentment. Perhaps it's the opportunity to take time to meditate with our feet in the ocean, thanking God for all creation. With our imagination, we might find a special shell that reminds us of being loved by God.

What can our imagination discover anew in Sunday Service, or Wednesday's Healing Service, or even our Labyrinth Walks? What about our Drumming Circle? Centering Prayer or Meditation? Instead of taking time off from the church (which is typical of summer activities), why not explore opportunities in the church community with one another? You might consider getting together with our church family for a pool party or picnic. How about living into our imagination this summer at St. Francis as we envision our next landscaping project?

"Rediscovering the imagination, therefore, is an important step in learning how to respond to what God is doing in our own lives and in the world around us."



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As we take time this summer, maybe our imagination might lead us to be creative in ways we didn't know or to try things we hadn't done. Let your imagination take you this month as you dream a little lazily, and let God speak to you in your life. Who knows what God will open up for you in ways you never dreamed! Blessings on you.



Shirley

"What is serious to men is often very trivial in the sight of God. What in God might appear to us as 'play' is perhaps what He Himself takes most seriously. At any rate the Lord plays and diverts Himself in the garden of His creation, and if we could let go of our own obsession with what we think is the meaning of it all, we might be able to hear His call and follow Him in His mysterious, cosmic dance." ~

Thomas Merton,
New Seeds of Contemplation



Belize Mission

We are so blessed to see the accomplishments of our students in Belize. Once again we celebrate the Graduation and fulfillment of study for

Vanessa. It is a joy to participate in the education of these young women to give them an opportunity they would otherwise not have. Thank you again for all your support and generosity to our Belize Mission. It is about human flourishing as we see these students realize their hopes and dreams in challenging circumstances. We also received a note from her sister Veronica, and wanted to share some news from her. She writes,

"Dear Mrs Kristen, I'm so excited to hear from you. Reverend Olivia is doing great at the church. My brother and sister are also doing great in their studies. I am currently seeking a job and have several interviews. Please pray that God brings me a job soon. We miss you a lot.

I have been saving and working hard for school. My granddad passed away a month ago. I wanted to send you a picture of him. We also have been doing projects for Mother's Day. I am sending you a picture of the flowers we have made. Please pray for Reverend Olivia. The fish farm she owns was robbed recently. She was very disappointed but working hard to bring her farm back. God bless you Mrs Kristen and all the people at St. Francis. We pray for you."



Summer of Love Music Festival 2018



Simi Valley CROP Walk

St Francis was represented at the annual Simi Valley CROP Walk on May 6th. Jennifer Anusiem, Elizabeth Holder, Tom and Kathy Butler raised a total of \$620 for Church World Service, helping the poor in Simi Valley through the Samaritan Center and world wide. Thank you to everyone for your support of the walkers.



CONFIRMATION AND INQUIRERS CLASSES

JUNE 10, JULY 8, AUGUST 19

Right after Sunday service
with Brainerd and Esther.

Find out all the reasons why the Episcopal Church does what it does and come ready to affirm your faith!

The class will be preparing for Bishop Diane's visit September 2 to Confirm anyone who wishes to be a part of the Episcopal Church.

Please contact Esther and Brainerd for more information

at esther@fivepebbles.com or
brainerd@fivepebbles.com .

Men's Group

Will meet on the Third Tuesday
of each month
at 6:30 pm.

Please note the change on your
calendars and women note it so
you can remind your husbands!

Nature offers us
a perpetual wellspring
of inspiration.

Diantha Ain

*gratitude
changes everything*

"O Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods." Ps. 95:1-3

The Power of a Grateful Heart, 7 Things It Can Do:

- It gets our eyes off ourselves, and helps us to focus back on God.

- It reminds us we're not in control, but that we serve a God who is. It keeps us in a place of humility and dependency on God, as we recognize how much we need God.

- It helps us to recognize we have so much to be thankful for, even all of the little things, which often we may forget to thank God for...but they really are the biggest, most important things in this life. It takes our attention off of our problems and helps us instead to reflect on, to remember, the goodness of God's many blessings.

- It reminds us that God is the Giver of all good gifts. We were never intended to be fully self-sufficient in this life. A grateful heart reminds us that ultimately God is our Provider that all blessings and gifts are graciously given to us by God's hand.

- A heart of gratitude leaves no room for complaining. For it is impossible to be truly thankful and filled with negativity and ungratefulness at the same time.

- The forces of darkness can't stand to be around hearts that give thanks and honor to God.

- It opens up the door for continued blessings. It invites God's presence. Our spirits are refreshed and renewed in Him. God loves to give good gifts to God's children. God delights in our thankfulness and pours out the Holy Spirit and favor over those who give honor and gratitude to God.

There is a new item in the Narthex. It is the Gratitude Jar. There are so many things we can be grateful for and this is just one way we can share with one another the goodness of God. There are cards alongside the jar. Fill one out and put it in the jar. We'll fill it up to the brim with goodness and gratitude. Let us rejoice with one another and with our God, for God is good. Blessings on us all!!!

Members and News

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.



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.



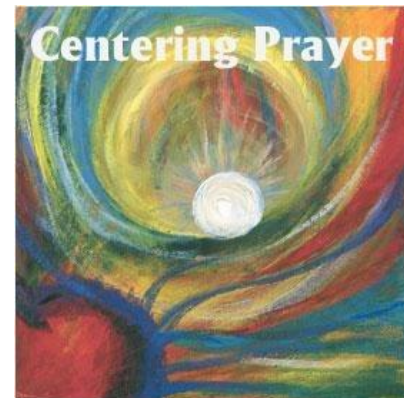
DOK

Daughter of the King

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.



If you haven't noticed, St. Francis has a lovely Library. It is a room in the Sunday School Building with a couch, chair and tables. A nice place to relax and read or you can check out a book or two and take home. There are many selections of books, so stop by the Library any day. The church office hours are 9 am to 2 pm and someone can help you by unlocking the door. Stop by and see what you've been missing!



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.

Palm Sunday celebrations at CSI Ascension Church, Lovedale



Images show the congregation from CSI Ascension processing around town with palm fronds.

Parish Prayer Needs:

Music Program: Thanksgiving for all the singers!!

Healing: 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.

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



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**
- **Peanut Butter "Creamy"**
- Gallon And Sandwich Size Ziploc Bags
- Aluminum Foil, Soup Bowls
- **10 oz Coffee Cups**
- Batteries, AA, AAA, C, D
- **Cleaning Products - 409, Pinesol, Bleach**
- Sleeping Bags For The Clients
- More Information: <http://www.thesamaritancenterofsimivalley.org>

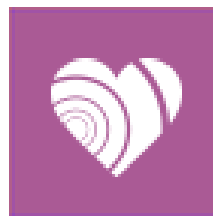
Your donations go directly to feed the needs
of our community. Donations can be
brought to church or left at the Sam Center
kitchen door. Thank you so much.



BABY CLOSET

St. Francis is partnering with the Samaritan Center on a new ministry serving the needs of families at the Samaritan Center. We will be collecting new and gently used baby clothes, baby blankets, crib sheets, and receiving blankets. Look for the hamper outside in the narthex for donations ages newborn through toddler sizes. We began in May and are open, from 11:30-1 pm and each Tuesday every week. Please give generously.

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



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Jazz on the Patio

MUSICAL TALENT OF:
DEREK SILBERMANN

6PM

**JUNE
24**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Office Closed 6:30 pm ECW Mtg 8 pm AA PH	2
3 Pentecost 2 Rev. Sarah Kitch Preaching 10:15 am 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 6 pm Grief Counseling	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 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	7 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7pm RCA Clare Rm	8 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	9
10 Pentecost 3 David Kitch, Preaching 10:15 Eucharist with Music, Confirmation & Inquiry Class 6:30 Men's AA PH	11 9am-2pm Office Hrs. Noon Brown Bag Bible Study 8 pm Men's AA PH 6 pm Grief Counseling	12 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7 pm Centering Prayer at Dharmarjs 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	13 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	14 9am-2pm Office Hrs. Franciscan Articles Due 7pm RCA Clare Rm	15 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	16
17 Pentecost 4 Father's Day Rev. Alene Campbell, Preaching 10:15 Eucharist with Music, Sam Ctr. Collection Noon BC Mtg. 6:30 Men's AA PH	18 9am-2pm Office Hrs. Rev. Sarah Out of the Office → 8 pm Men's AA PH 6 pm Grief Counseling	19 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 6:30 pm Men's Group Meeting 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	20 9am-2 pm Office Hrs. 12:15 pm Sam Ctr. Brd Mtg. 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	21 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7pm RCA Clare Rm	22 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	23 10 am – Noon Labyrinth Walk
24 Pentecost 5 Rev. Sarah, Preaching 10:15 Eucharist with Music Recycle Sunday 6 pm Jazz on the Patio 6:30 Men's AA PH	25 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 8 pm Men's AA PH 7 pm Grief Counseling	26 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7 pm Centering Prayer in Library 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	27 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 10 am Healing Service & Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	28 9am-2pm Office Hrs. 7pm RCA Clare Rm	29 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	30

June 2018 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24	July 1
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist					
Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Dan J.	Ken S.	Joy C.	Tom B.	
Lector (Epistle/P.O.P)	Jan J.	Grace R.	Andrew	Kathy B.	
LEM (Chalice)	Bernadette David S.	Rob & Kristin W.	Esther & Brainerd D.	Tom & Kathy B.	Jan J.
Acolyte & Crucifer	Grace Andrew	Esther	Andrew Grace	Grace	Grace Andrew
Usher / Greeters	Tony F. Rebecca S.	David S. Jr. Tony F.	Rebecca S. Tony F.	David S. Jr. Tony F.	Jacob M. Joe Z.
Altar Guild	Teri M.	Kathy B.	Joy C.	Kathy B.	
Home Communion	Brainerd & Esther D.		Brainerd & Esther D.	Tom & Kathy B.	Jan J.
Vestry Counters	Susan S. Sam A.	Bernadette Joy C.	Amy B. Kathy B.	Amy R. Bob C.	
<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>					

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

June	3	10	17 Father's Day	24	July 1
10am	DOK		ECW	Anne Pappas	



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.

July 2018 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist					
Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Tom B.	Dan J.	Ken S.	Joy C.	Susan S.
Lector (Epistle/P.O.P)	Kathy B.	Jan J.	Andrew	Grace R.	
LEM (Chalice)	Tom & Kathy B.	Bernadette David S.	Rob & Kristin W.	Esther & Brainerd D.	Jan J.
Acolyte & Crucifer	Grace Andrew	Wesley Brenda	Esther	Grace	Esther Andrew
Usher / Greeters	Jacob M. Joe Z.	Tony F. Rebecca S.	David S. Jr. Tony F.	Rebecca S. Tony F.	David S. Jr. Tony F.
Altar Guild	Kathy B.	Teri M.	Kathy B.		Joy C.
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Vestry Counters		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!

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Sunday Service:

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

Wednesdays

- **10 am Healing Service**