

The Franciscan



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Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves like locked rooms and like books that are written in a very foreign tongue.

Do not now seek the answers, which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them.

And the point is, to live everything. Live the questions now.

Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer."

Maria Ranier Rilke

We are now in the season of waiting and giving ourselves forty days of quiet attention to our lives. It is Lent. The word Lent means lengthening and so it is the lengthening of the days of Spring. Light is coming, but not yet. We hold this time in reverent honor and allow ourselves to reflect on our patterns, habits, choices, desires and routines.

If we give ourselves time to reflect, we might explore questions such as "is this what I want to give my time, talents, and treasure?" The practice of fasting from some pattern of behavior, or habit, is to give an opportunity to consider what we might do with the time or space that is available. Perhaps in the quiet attention, questions come up that we have not considered. Can we embrace these questions like "locked rooms and like books that are written in a foreign language", that might yet be explored?

Even, what it means to live the questions, now. If there is absence of something, what is it that I might consider giving myself towards during this time? Is there some bidding invitation of something I might do that I haven't done that might be for this time? Volunteering? Planning a visit to someone? Writing that journal, you keep putting off? Participating in some spiritual discipline that you haven't done?

If Lent is lengthening than it is going toward the light of the day. I like to consider that whatever practice I take on is doing just that. It is that I am living along some distant day into the answers to some of my questions. Can I make a quest during this Lenten Season? Perhaps a quest of questions that I don't know the answers, but I'm willing to journey with during this time.



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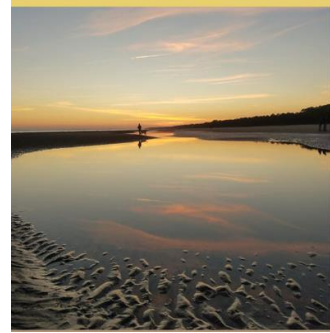


Let this season of Lent be an invitation of Jesus' love for you as we journey with Jesus to the Cross. May it be a love relationship that is calling you to fall deeper in love with yourself, with God and with your community. See where it takes you as you open yourself to the Spirit's leading in the quiet. Indeed, you will find yourself in the answer that God's love embraces all around you, right where you are now.



Sarah

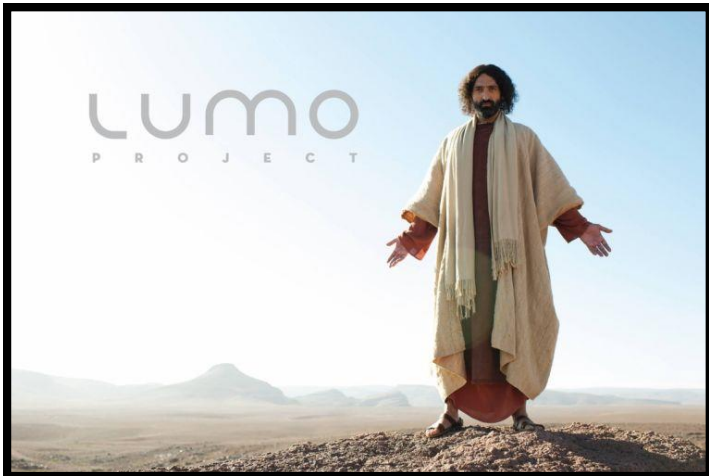
Lenten Devotional Books



During the time of Lent we have available devotional books, *Living Well*, for you to use each day for your daily devotions. The books are available at the church. Please stop in and pick one up.

St. Francis Lenten Series 2019

A Narrative Journey With St. Luke



6pm Supper // 6.45-8.30 Program
March 13, March 20,
March 27, April 3, April 10.

Join us this Lenten season for six Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary as we take a visual and reflective journey through the Gospel of Luke. The entire Gospel, word-for-word, in six segments.



March 5

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Gumbo Cook-Off

Bring your friends, neighbors, family and loved ones
for a good time on the Church Patio!
There is no charge for this event!

Let Your God Love You

by Edwina Gateley

Be silent. Be still.

Alone.

Empty

Before your God

Say nothing.

Ask nothing.

Be silent. Be still.

Let your God look upon you.

That is all.

God knows.

God understands.

God loves you

With an enormous love,

And only wants

To look upon you

With that love.

Quiet.

Still.

Be.

Let your God –

Love you.



“Passport to Flavor”

May 18, 7 -10 pm

Bringing our different culinary skills together for a fun evening of fellowship and

Live Music Festival on the Patio.

Tickets will be \$20 at the door to benefit the ministry of St. Francis Church.

Contact Liz Kavetsky at

lkavetsky@gmail.com

BABY SHOWER COFFEE HOUR



We are going to be dedicating one Sunday every six weeks for our baby shower coffee hour. It is in support of our baby cottage for our community outreach. This coffee hour is dedicated to **bringing diapers, baby wipes and baby ointment cream** to support our cause. The first Baby shower Coffee Hour will be March 17!



St. Francis Book Club

You are invited to join the St. Francis Book Club to talk about books you'd like to read together.

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.

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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Amazon donates to St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church every time you order through Amazon.

Parish Prayer Needs:

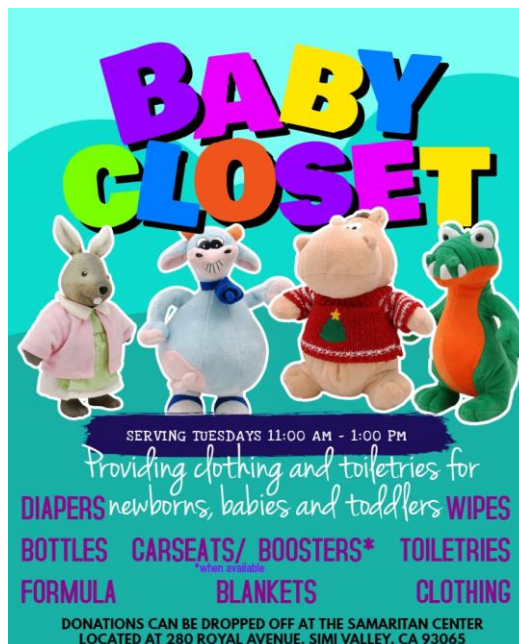
Music Program: Thanksgiving for all the singers!!

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.

The joy of laughter
can be more contagious than
the flu bug.

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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



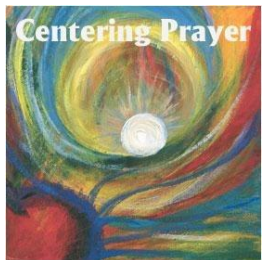
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805.304.0806

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 led at Brainerd and Esther Dharmaraj's at the church in the Classroom.

Bible Study Opportunities
Monday, Brown Bag at Noon
Thursday, at 7 pm *"What's So Amazing About Grace?"*



March 10
Set your clocks ahead one hour!



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.



March 6, Eucharist and Ashes at
10 am, 12 pm and 6 pm



March 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10
6 pm Lenten Soup Suppers
6:45-8:30 pm
Journey with St. Luke



April 14, Palm Sunday with BBQ



April 18 Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm



April 19, Good Friday
Stations of the Cross 2:30 pm
Tenebrae Service 7 pm



Easter Sunday April 21
10:15 Service with Eucharist
Stay for Easter Brunch!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Office Closed 6:30 pm ECW Meeting 8 pm AA PH	2
3 Last Sun of Epiphany 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. 5-7 pm Mardi Gras 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women's AA PH	6 Ash Wed 9am-2pm Office Hrs 10 am, 12 pm, 6 pm Ashes & Eucharist Service 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	7 9am-1pm Office Hrs. 7pm RCA Clare Rm	8 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	9
10 Lent 1 Spring Ahead! 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 6 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Devotion 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 6:30 pm ECW Potato Dinner
17 Lent 2 St. Patrick's Day Rev. Sarah Kitch, Preaching 10:15 Eucharist with Music 12 BC Meeting 6:30 Men's AA PH	18 Noon 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, 6 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Devotion 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 Lent 3 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, 12 Sam Ctr. Mtg. 6 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Devotion 7:30 pm Cursillo Mtg at Craigs 7:30 pm Men's AA PH	28 9am-1pm Office Hrs 7pm RCA Clare Rm	29 Office Closed 8 pm AA PH	30
31 Lent 4 Brainerd Dharmaraj, Preaching 10:15 Eucharist with Music 6:30 Men's AA PH						

March 2019 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist					
Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Joy C.	Susan S.	Esther D.	Jan J.	Ken S.
Lector (Epistle/P.O.P)	Grace R.	Ruth H.	Chrissy B.	Andrew S.	Eden S.
LEM (Chalice)	Bernadette David S.	Jan J. Esther D.	Bernadette David S.	Ruth H. Esther D.	Rob & Kristin W.
Acolyte & Crucifer	Grace R.	Andrew S. Brad C.	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.
Altar Guild	Joy C.	Ruth H.	Teri M.	Chris M.	Chrissy B.
Home Communion	Jan J. Ruth H.	Brainerd & Esther D.	Brainerd & Esther D.	Jan J. Eden S.	Brainerd & Esther D.
Vestry Counters	Bernadette Bob C.	Sam A. Dan M.	Cathy G. Amy B.	Janet J. Ruth H.	Bernadette Gerri H.
<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.

March	3	10	17	24	31
10am	Fox Family	Samaritan Center DOK	Gerri H. & Jan B. Baby Shower	Jennifer A.	Craig 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.

April 2019 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28	May 5
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist					
Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Joy C.	Susan S..	Esther D.	Jan J.	Ken 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**