



The Franciscan



October 2022

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FROM OUR VICAR

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 & Line Dancing*
Saturday October 29th // 6 - 8 PM

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Every time I look out at our beautiful grounds, and see butterflies and birds, I smile with gratitude. I think St Francis would smile too!

We are so grateful to share this service with the United Church of Christ next door, and for the congregation to share so generously with us. We welcome them particularly and bless them as they welcome a new pastor.

Animals of all variety are WELCOME! Tarantulas to newborn ducklings, small cows and sheep and goats, ponies, dogs and cats and iguanas. What a colorful array of creation we can celebrate as they come to be blessed and give thanks for their sacred nature of life!

Animals of the two footed variety are to be blessed as well. We want to make this an opportunity for all to come and feel safe again to be in community. Reach out to friends, family, neighbors, and community around and invite them to our Feast.

Thank you again St. Francis for a blessed year that we have shared together, through triumph and testing. We truly are grateful for this amazing space and place we have to gather and worship.

Genesis 2:15-20

Then the Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it. The Lord said: It is not good for the man to live alone. I will make a suitable companion to help him. So he took some soil from the ground and formed all the animals and all the birds. Then he brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and that is how they all got their names. So the man named all the birds and all the animals; but not one of them was a suitable companion to help him.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah" with a small flourish at the end.

Blessing of the Animals Service

Will take place this Sunday October 2, 2022 on the patio celebrating St Francis' Patronal Feast Day with the blessing of the animals: big, small and all those in-between. We celebrate with our two-legged friends and neighbors at the UCC church. All are welcome for this beautiful outdoor service with coffee and fellowship to follow afterwards. Please leash or crate all pets. This event is free and open to the community.

Bring your Baby Closet Donations to benefit our community members in need of diapers, wipes and baby toiletries.



Blessing of the Animals

Service: October 2, 10:15 AM

St. Francis Episcopal Church

280 Royal Ave, Simi Valley

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**Everyone
Welcome**

Please bring
pets in carriers
or on leashes

**Free
to all**

Harvest Festival: Boots on the Patio

Country Music with Claire Holley and Line Dancing!

Tacos and Drinks included in the \$20 ticket price.

Donations benefiting the Music Fund.

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- Pastoral Care through the church office (805)526-5141
- Pastoral Care via email Stfrancis.simi@gmail.com
- Keep up through the St. Francis Website <https://www.stfrancischurchofsimi.org/>
- Sunday Worship In-Person 10:15 AM & Live Streamed - link in the St. Francis Weekly
 - Stay connected through weekly services and activities made available

Please remember St. Francis with your donations and pledge.

Secure online giving available through PayPal:

<https://www.stfrancischurchofsimi.org/donate>

Parish Prayer Needs:

Healing: *Barbara, Sylvia, Brody, Avalon, Shantel, Lee, Michael, Megan, Jean, Braydon, Hank, Fr. Steve, Al, Mary, Yvonne, Dee, Jeff, Jim, Bill & Leslie, Jan, David, Lee, Trish, Sue, Tony, Mark, Michele, Eric, Louise, Bob & family, Edith, Howard, Mary, Donna, J.D., Frances, Patrick, Margaret, Beverly, Margie, Alan and family, Kevin, Eve, Amy, Judy, Bernadette, Arianna, Kristin, Rob, Pam.*

St. Francis Book Club

Anyone who would like to join should contact:
Chris M at 805.276.4971



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*With faith, comes power
to live life to the fullest,
to make dreams come true.*

-Haiku by Diantha Ain



**Line Dancing Continues Wednesdays
On the Patio at 5:00 PM**

BABY CLOSET

Don't forget the needs of the Baby Closet -
The Baby Closet is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-11am.

Healing Service Continues to meet weekly on Wednesdays in the Sanctuary.

All are welcome to attend this casual mid-week service with Eucharist at **10:00 am on Wednesdays.**

They are collecting **DIAPERS SIZE 4,5,6** and have a Need for Boys' and Girls' Clothing Sizes 4T-5T, and a HUGE Continual Need for **BABY WIPES** and helping hands.

Baby Closet Supply Donations

Bring your baby closet donations to the Blessing of the Animals service as we celebrate the Feast of St Francis.

Most Needed Items are larger size diapers, wipes and baby toiletries: powder, shampoo.

Please connect with Gerri H. if you are able to help with these needs or Volunteer - **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.**

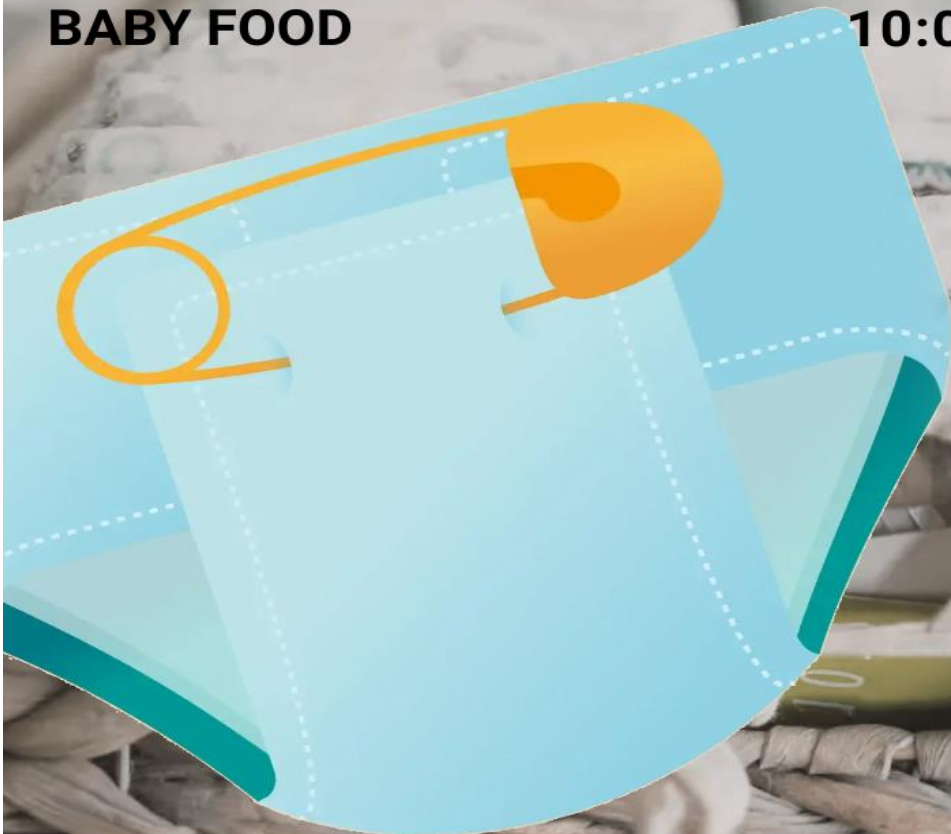
Baby Closet

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

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**DIAPERS
WIPES
DIAPER CREAM
BABY FOOD**

**SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED
TUESDAYS &
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10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**



PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

Please support hurricane recovery efforts

Recently, communities in the Caribbean and southern United States have suffered from damaging flooding and winds, and power outages. Apart from creating barriers to communication and transportation, there have been significant financial impacts.

Episcopal Relief & Development has already been providing relief to affected communities with food and needed supplies, and will continue to work with partners to assess needs and help them transition into recovery.

Please pray for the people who have been affected— and if you're able, rush a donation to our Hurricane Relief Fund today.

We provide emergency and long-term support for those who are impacted so they can make full and sustained recoveries – as well as resources and training to help people prepare for the next disaster.



For 80+ years, Episcopal Relief & Development has been collaborating closely alongside communities and our Anglican partners to respond to **disasters** and carry out long-term development strategies in three key priority areas, **Women, Children and Climate**, to help alleviate hunger, create economic opportunities, respond to disasters, promote health and strengthen communities.

Visit episcopalrelief.org to learn more about our programs for women, children, and climate.

ENCLOSED IS MY GIFT TO THE HURRICANE RELIEF FUND TO ASSIST THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED

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 \$1,000 \$2,500 \$5,000 \$_____

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Bishop John Harvey Taylor warms up his throwing arm with help from a Dodger staffer. Photo: Janet Kawamoto

Episcopal Night at Dodger Stadium a triumph for Pujols and Cardinals

[The Episcopal News – September 24, 2022] More than 800 Episcopalians and their friends and families witnessed baseball history on Sept. 23 — the annual Episcopal Night at Dodger Stadium — as Albert Pujols of the Cardinals hit his 699th and 700th career home runs.

Bishop John Harvey Taylor threw a ceremonial first pitch; his longtime friend and college classmate David Eisen, who provides legal counsel to the Diocese of Los Angeles, caught the ball as it arrived at home plate with a bounce. In his Facebook and blog account, Taylor joked, "If you weren't there, my pitch was clocked at 88 mph and knocked David's glove off." (See his [post](#) [online] for additional photos.)

The Rev. Canon Greg Larkin, recently retired as rector of St. Columba's Church, Camarillo, is affectionately known as "Canon Baseball" for his long service as coordinator of the diocese's annual night at Dodger Stadium, beginning almost 30 years about under Bishop Frederick Borsch and continuing under Bishop J. Jon Bruno, both devoted fans of the team.

The outcome on this year's Episcopal Night wasn't good for the Dodgers, who were shut out 11 - 0, but the crowd of 50,041 gave Pujols (a former Anaheim/Los Angeles Angel and, briefly, Dodger player) a generous and extended standing ovation after he became the fourth MLB player to reach the 700 HR mark (after Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron and Barry Bonds). Pujols, 42, will retire at the end of this season after a 21-year major league career.

The Dodgers, with 104 season wins, have already clinched the National League West for 2022 and are heading for the playoffs, which will begin Oct. 11 at Dodger Stadium. *A photo gallery is [here](#). (For Online Readers)*



October 2022 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30
Lector (O.T./Psalm)	N/A	Eden S.	Bernadette	Peggy S.	Susan S.
Lector (Epistle/P.O.P)	N/A	Reuben A.	Suzanne L.	Gerri H.	Tony F.
LEM	Tracy H.	Chrissy B.	Rob W. Kristin W.	Lisa N.	Tracy H.
Usher / Greeter	Reuben A. Tony F.	Rebecca S.	Tony F.	Joe Z.	Reuben A.
Altar Guild	Chrissy B. Chris M.	Cathy G.	Chrissy B.	Chris M.	Gerri H.
Preaching	Rev. Sarah	David K.	Rev. Sarah	David K.	Rev. Sarah

November 2022 Schedule for Holy Ministry

	Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 20	Nov 27	
Lector (O.T./Psalm)	Kerri-Jo H.	Eden S.	Bernadette	Susan S	
Lector (Epistle/P.O.P)	Reuben A.	Suzanne L.	Peggy S.	Tony F.	
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*Please let the Church Office know if you are unable to serve on your scheduled day. **Thank you for Serving!***

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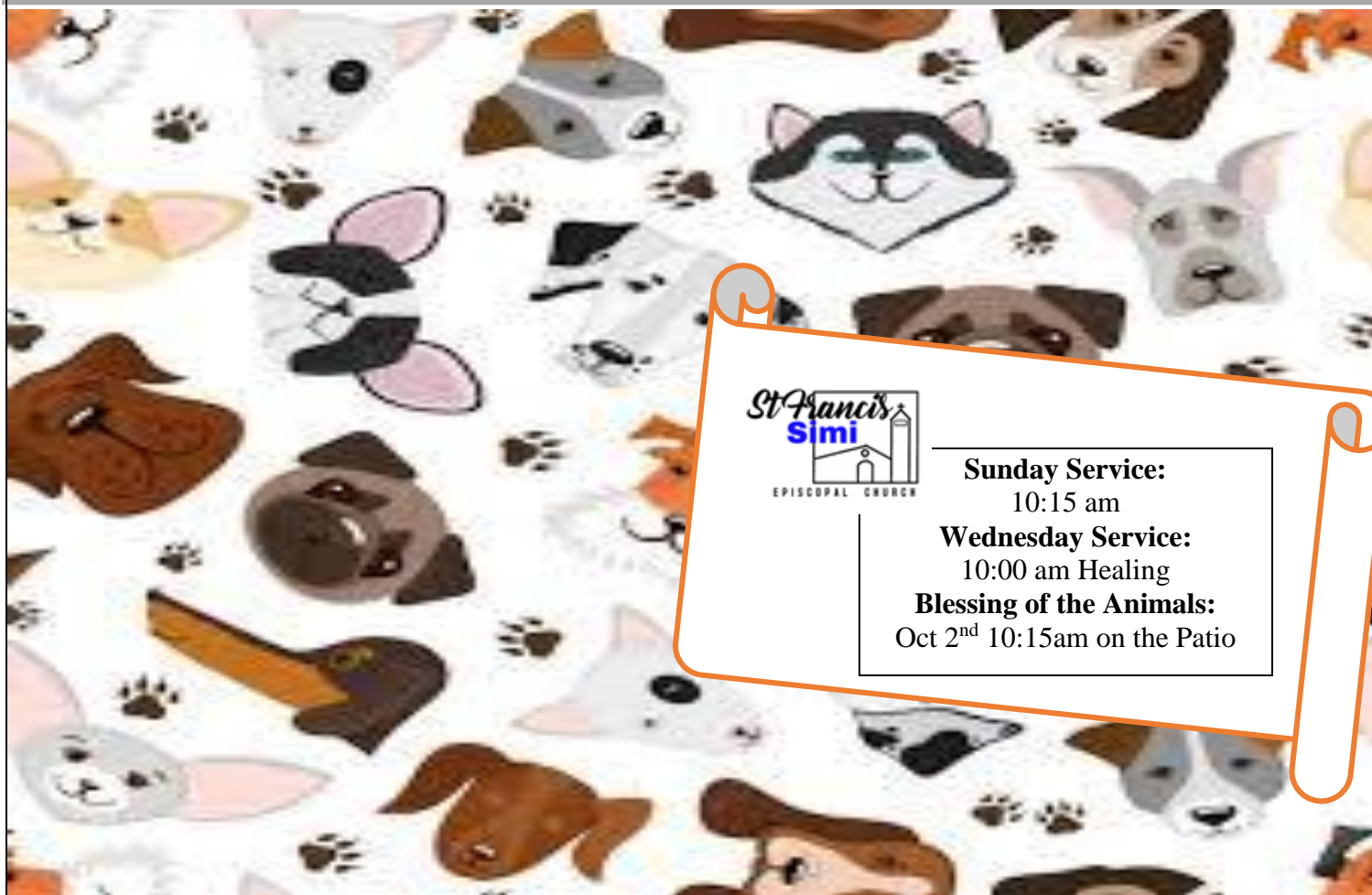
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Blessing of the Animals Rev. Sarah Kitch Preaching Eucharist with Music 6:30 Men's AA PH	3 4:00-5:00PM Samaritan Dinner 8 pm Men's AA	4 Baby Closet 10-11 6:30 pm Women AA 7 pm AA Clare Rm 8 pm Women AA	5 10 am Healing & Eucharist Service 5pm Line Dancing 7:30 pm AA PH	6 Baby Closet 10-11	7 8 pm AA PH	8
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TO:



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Wednesday Service:
10:00 am Healing

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