

# The Franciscan



July 2023

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*ST FRANCIS*, We have a wonderful **Summer Project** that we are endeavoring to see realized. Our doors need to be re-varnished and renewed. That's all our doors! So we are calling on hands and hearts to offer support and help for work days in July where **Dan McCarty and Rob Wahlstrom** will guide us all expertly as to how we can participate.

The Dates will be:

**Thursday July 13, and Saturday July 15**  
**Thursday July 27 and Saturday July 29**

All ways of loving support are welcome. Want to come and bring fried chicken and we'll make it a picnic? Willing to bless our efforts with Drinks? Able bodied bring sanders and tools? All different ways we can see this project through.

Talk to Dan McCarty and Rob and let them know what you can do!  
**See you there.**



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# From Our Vicar...

*God's Holy Spirit cannot be grasped, contained, comprehended, controlled, manipulated or possessed. The Spirit grasps us, possesses us.*

*Like fire, it is alive and free. We feel the heat of the flames, but we cannot enclose and retain them in our hands. Like wind, we can hear it in the trees, feel it on our faces as we walk in the hills, but if we try to grasp and hold it in our hands it is lost.*

**-Br. Geoffrey Tristram**

*Society of Saint John the Evangelist*

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Toward the end of his life, St. Francis told the brothers, "Let us begin, brothers, to serve the Lord God, for up until now we done little or nothing." I wonder if we consider such a statement of one whom we know served so selflessly and constantly. Yet, St. Francis would each day begin anew to consider how he would serve, and where God was calling him.

In this season of Ordinary Time, I offer this consideration as we go about our activities. Would we consider each morning a simple prayer saying, "God, how can we be in this day your light and Holy Spirit as we go to work, play, be with friends and family?" As we welcome summer's play and relaxation, might we look around and notice where we see the Holy Spirit's presence? Are we willing to ask the Holy Spirit to grasp us, possess us, feel ourselves alive once again in all God's love.

In Quantum physics, the cosmos is mirrored in the microcosm. In other words, we can see the movement of the cosmos in the smallest moments of life. As we live into this mystery, and allow ourselves to experience this from one small place to the next, we realize the Spirit is contagious, shareable and reshapes the world.

That's what we're on about, changing the moment from one to another in God's love. Wake up tomorrow and be expectant to change the moments of your ordinary life through the presence of God's Spirit moving through you, and be alive to the quickening of each small moment that you are living.

Blessed Summer of Joy to you!



*Photo of Charlotte pictured above following Sunday service courtesy of Nathan & Armando.*



## **Jazz on the Patio Concert Series is in full swing this summer!**

**Please consider joining us on:**

[JULY 23<sup>rd</sup>](#) as we welcome a Full Traditional Jazz band selected by our very own Dan McCarty.  
Come one; Come all!

[AUGUST 27<sup>th</sup>](#) will be headlined by Claire Holley, returning to the stage at St Francis with a line-up of Country Music to wrap up the summer series with a shake up to the traditionally played jazz music... Still on the Patio, Still *FREE!*

**Bring your Picnic, your family, neighbors, friends, pets  
... Bring them all or come solo. - Just COME!**

**B.Y.O.P.** (Bring your own Picnic) to be enjoyed on the grass or on the patio at one of our pre-set tables. We bring the drinks or you're welcome to bring your own.  
Each night is *FREE* of charge.

Each concert kicks off at 6PM; in perfect timing for patio to be optimally shaded as we begin the night of music under the canopy of string lights...

## Stay Connected With Us!

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

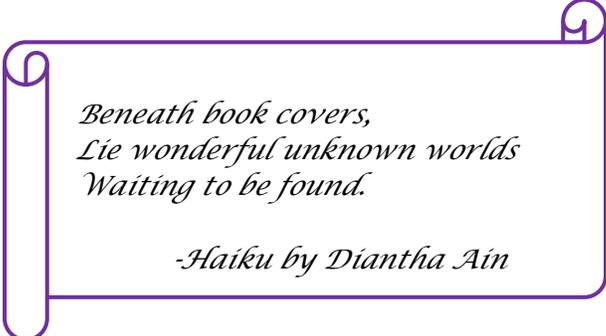
**Please remember St. Francis with your donations and pledge.**

*Secure online giving available through PayPal:*

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

### Parish Prayer Needs:

**Healing:** Barbara, Sylvia, Brody, Avalon, Shantel, Lee, Michael, Kim, 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, Kevin, Eve, Amy, Judy, Bernadette, Arianna, Pam, Sammie, Gerri, Steven, John, Tiffany, Leo, David, Henry, Cheryl, Ana, Susan.



*Beneath book covers,  
Lie wonderful unknown worlds  
Waiting to be found.*

*-Haiku by Diantha Ain*

### What Does It Mean to Love and Serve God?

Each week we pray God "Send us now into the world in peace ... to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart." What does it mean to love and serve God in our everyday lives? Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year program of theological education developed to answer that question. EfM is designed for lay people -- all of us! -- who are interested in deepening our understanding of the Christian faith and exploring our ministry as lay persons. Through EfM, you will:

- Study the Bible, church history, and theology
- Engage in theological reflection and discussion
- Build deep relationships with other people of faith

EfM is a great way to learn more about yourself, your faith, and your work in the world at large. Some EfM groups meet in-person, others meet online, and most offer hybrid solutions. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Elizabeth Bryant at (805) 469-8897 or [e.vana.bryant@gmail.com](mailto:e.vana.bryant@gmail.com) Elizabeth can help you to find an EfM group that suits your needs.

Enroll in EfM today and discover your call to every day ministry!

St Francis' Coordinator for 2023 is Cathy Grimes

Please connect with Cathy or Rev Sarah if you  
have interest in attending this year.

## **Dodgers vs. Braves**

**Friday, September 1st, at 7:00p.m.**



**The Dodgers Welcome  
The Diocese of Los Angeles!**

**Tickets \$30!**

**Fireworks after the game!!**

**For Ticket Information, Please Call Your Church  
Coordinator**

**Deadline for Ordering Tickets:  
July 16th, 2023**

# July 2023 Schedule for Holy Ministry

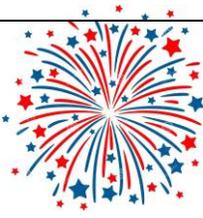
	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
<b>Lector (O.T./Psalm)</b>	Kerri-Jo H.	Eden S.	Bernadette	Susan S.	Reuben A.
<b>Lector (Epistle/P.O.P)</b>	Reuben A.	Reuben A.	Peggy S.	Gerri H.	Chrissy B.
<b>LEM</b>	Tracy H.	Lisa N.	Rob W. Kristin W.	Chrissy B.	Tracy H.
<b>Usher / Greeter</b>	Joe Z.	Rebecca S.	Reuben A.	Joe Z.	Ted W.
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Tracy H.	Chris M.	Cathy G.	Chrissy B.	Tracy H.
<b>Preaching</b>	David K.	Rev Sarah	David K.	Rev Sarah	David K.

# August 2023 Schedule for Holy Ministry

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

If you have interest in serving in the church please speak to Rev Sarah or contact the church office and Rev Sarah will connect with you.



# July



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> <b>Private Event</b>
<b>2</b> David Kitch, Preaching 10:15 am Eucharist with Music  6:30 Men's AA PH	<b>3</b>  8 pm Men's AA	<b>4</b> St Francis office Closed Baby Closet Closed  6:30 pm Women AA 7 pm AA PH	<b>5</b> <b>10am Healing &amp; Eucharist Service</b>  7:30 pm AA PH	<b>6</b>  Baby Closet 10-11  7 pm NA Clare Rm 6 pm WR. HOA	<b>7</b>  7 pm AA PH	<b>8</b> <b>Private Event</b>
<b>9</b> Rev Sarah Kitch Preaching 10:15 am Eucharist with Music  6:30 Men's AA PH	<b>10</b>  8 pm Men's AA	<b>11</b>  Baby Closet 10-11  <b>BOOK CLUB MTG @ st francis 6pm</b> 6:30 pm Women AA 7 pm AA	<b>12</b> <b>10 am Healing &amp; Eucharist Service</b>  7:30 pm AA PH	<b>13</b>  Baby Closet 10-11  7 pm NA Clare Rm	<b>14</b>  7 pm AA PH	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> David Kitch Preaching 10:15 am Eucharist with Music  6:30 Men's AA PH	<b>17</b>  8 pm Men's AA	<b>18</b>  Baby Closet 10-11  6:30 pm WR HOA 6:30 pm Women AA 7 pm AA PH	<b>19</b> <b>10 am Healing &amp; Eucharist Service</b>  7:30 pm AA PH	<b>20</b>  Baby Closet 10-11  7 pm NA Clare Rm	<b>21</b>  7 pm AA PH	<b>22</b> <b>Reina Klooth's Birthday Party (at her home)</b>
<b>23</b> Rev Sarah Kitch Preaching 10:15 am Eucharist  <b>Jazz on the Patio 6PM</b> 6:30 Men's AA PH	<b>24</b>  8 pm Men's AA	<b>25</b>  Baby Closet 10-11  6:30 pm Women AA 7 pm AA PH	<b>26</b> <b>10 am Healing &amp; Eucharist Service</b>  7:30 pm AA PH	<b>27</b>  Baby Closet 10-11  7 pm NA Clare Rm	<b>28</b>  7 pm AA PH	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> David Kitch Preaching 10:15 am Eucharist with Music  6:30 Men's AA PH	<b>31</b>  8 pm Men's AA					

**ECW is collecting School Supplies from now until July 31<sup>st</sup>. All supplies donated will be distributed in August to local students in need. For more information contact Pat Udell or Rev. Sarah.**

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**TO:**



**Sunday Service:**  
10:15 am

**Wednesday Service:**  
10:00 am Healing

