



Welcome to St. Francis Church

We are glad you are here.

Newcomers and visitors, please see our Welcome notes for information to help you get acquainted with St. Francis.

It is our parish custom to observe silence in the Church prior to the start of the Eucharist.

What is Lent? VERY simply Lent is a season set aside when we try to grow closer to God by simple living, prayer and fasting. Lent is an invitation to “repent” – to re-focus our lives to be more in tune with Jesus, to love and give up un-loving ways. Lent is the 40 days before Easter excluding Sundays. Why the color purple? Purple symbolizes “repentance”.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES. THANK YOU.

8:00 A.M. - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

Celebrant: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic
Deacon/Preacher: The Rev. Peter Huang
Prelude: *Vater unser im Himmelreich (Our father who art in Heaven)* Georg Böhm
Processional Hymn—How Firm a Foundation **Hymn #636 vv 1-3**
A Penitential Order..... *Book of Common Prayer, p.319*
(this and all similar page refs. refer to Book of Common Prayer)

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Tune by Johann Cruger (1598-1662) Setting by Kev in Hackett ©1991 CELEBRATION

The Collect of the Dayp. 166
The First Lesson..... Genesis 12:1-4a
The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”
So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.
The Response: Psalm 121, *Levavi oculos*.....p. 779

The EpistleRomans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

Gospel Procession: Earthen Vessels.....*Joseph Foley, SJ*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "We hold a treasure not made of gold, in earthen vessels, wealth untold. One treasure only, the Lord, the Christ, in earthen vessels." The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff begins with a measure rest (9) before the melody continues.

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The Holy Gospel John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Please join in singing 'Earthen Vessels'.

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The clergy will carry the Sacrament to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward for Holy Communion. Please inform one of the ushers if you would like to be served at your seat. Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.

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Closing Hymn— Lift High the Cross..... **Hymn #473**

Postlude: Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir (From deep affliction I cry out to you) Georg Böhm

I Lift My Eyes Up (Psalm 121)
 (Brian Doerksen)

I lift my eyes up to the mountains
 Where does my help come from
 My help comes from You
 Maker of heaven, creator of the earth

Oh how I need You Lord
 You are my only hope
 You're my only prayer
 So I will wait for You
 To come and rescue me
 Come and give me life

WELCOME

If you are new to our parish community, here are a few notes to help you get acquainted.

1. **PLEASE TAKE A "WELCOME" CARD** from the pew rack in front of you, fill it out, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of our clergy after the service. We will be happy to contact you in the week ahead and help you however we can.
2. **JOIN US AFTER THE SERVICE FOR COFFEE** and other refreshments so we can welcome you more personally. Coffee hour is on the Chapel Patio (turn right as you exit the Chapel). We promise we won't leave you standing in the corner, staring at your shoes! When raining or cold, we gather in the Parish Hall (turn left when you exit the Chapel and head for the green doors).
3. **STOP BY THE WELCOME TABLE** at the Chapel doors or the rolling bulletin board near the Main Church entrance, browse the information there, and pick up our most recent "Get Connected" brochure. This brochure contains information about becoming a member, details about our outreach, ministries, classes, groups, and events. It provides a one-stop guide to help you "get connected" – to God, to the inclusive community that is St. Francis, and to many opportunities to make a difference in the world.
4. **IF YOU HAVE COME WITH CHILDREN**, please know that children of any age are always welcome to stay with you during the worship service. We have found that sitting toward the front helps children feel they are more "a part of the action". Pew bags are available at the Chapel doors with child-friendly worship aids.



PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Kelly Hall, TJ Malzahn, Robert Propst, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve, that they may be kept from harm's way.

Those who are ill or recovering from surgery: Andrea, Lynne, Ceri Falk, Dato Family (Kelly Lynch's sister), Rob and Pam Fitting, Mama Hill, Elizabeth Hodgson, Chong-Kyun Kim, Marjorie Morris, Munoz Family, James and Reiko, Jerry Rosenthal, Anne Shepherd, Margaret and Steve Smith, Chris Snapp, and Hayward and Phyllis Thomas, that they may know your healing power.

We pray for all who have died,
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.