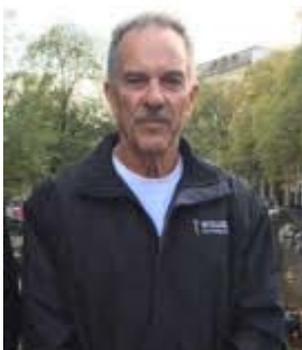


## Our New Vestry Members Through 2010



**Christine  
Budzowski**

I was born in Sydney, Australia, and baptized in the Church of England. My mother brought us back to her home in Hollywood when I was 10 and I was confirmed in the Episcopal Church at 13. I've been connected to my church 'families' ever since. I 'grew up' at St. Nicholas Church in Encino, served on the Vestry in my early twenties at St. Mary's in Provo, Utah, and returned to So. Cal in the late 70's to eventually find a parish home at Holy Nativity in Westchester and work managing the web site for the Diocese of Los Angeles. Women's ministry is close to my heart and I have served on the National Board of Episcopal Church Women and on the National Council of Daughters of the King. I moved to Torrance 2 years ago and in early January 2017 attended an 8 o'clock service at St. Francis. I felt as though I had found my spiritual home, and confirmed that when I returned to try out the 10 o'clock service. St. Francis is the most open, welcoming, inviting community I have ever experienced, and the perfect place to continue my spiritual journey in good company. I am honored and excited about the opportunity to serve on the Vestry, looking forward to deepening friendships and discovering new ones in this wonderful family.



**Richard Egan**

I was born and raised in New York, then moved around the United States with my family as my aerospace engineer dad followed the space race in Pasadena, Salt Lake City, San Diego and finally Downey, Calif.

I met Sue in our last year of high school and married her two years later. Both born and raised Catholic, we continued that tradition with our three kids until, for various reasons, it lost its meaning for us. Sue and Paula had taught together at Bishop Montgomery, and become fast friends. We had followed her journey through seminary and when she landed at St. Francis we came to hear her preach for the first time. We loved the sermon and also the community. So we came back again and before long, we realized we had to make a decision. What did this church mean to us? We decided this is where we want to be, made the commitment that this was our church. And now, to use a poker phrase, we're all in!

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**Sue Ferme**

My husband Jack and I were born and raised in Southern California and moved to Hermosa Beach over ten years ago. We were both raised Catholic and have not had a church affiliation for the past fifty years.

We were invited to visit St. Francis two years ago. From our first visit here we have been warmly accepted as part of what we call our “parish family”. We are excited with our renewed faith, worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ as Episcopalians. I would like to continue learning and embracing my service with God in the various parish ministries. I look forward to working with Paula+ and other Vestry members as we invite and welcome new members to worship in God’s light.

I was born and raised in Louisville, Ky. and was brought up in an Episcopal church. When I moved to California, Jennifer and I started coming to St. Francis in 1994. We were married at the church in 1995 by Dean Farrar, and all three of our children have been baptized and brought up at St. Francis. I have served on the vestry once and was Sr. Warden my last year. This church community is a very important to my entire family. We look at the church and its members as immediate family. It is our place to worship Christ, and get centered. With the busy lives we lead we can always rely on St. Francis as a place to reconnect with God and just BE. I look forward to working with Paula+ and the other Vestry members as we move forward in our mutual ministry of Christ.



**Alex Sams**