



### Welcome to St. Francis Church

We are glad you are here.

Newcomers and visitors, please see the 'Welcome' section in this bulletin for information to help you get to know St. Francis.

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

Consider making a donation of altar flowers in honor of a special occasion or in memory of someone you love. The suggested donation is \$50. To arrange, please contact Mary in the Church Office: 310-375-4617 or [mary.sanchez@stfrancispalosverdes.org](mailto:mary.sanchez@stfrancispalosverdes.org).

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:..... The Rev. Laurel Coote  
Preacher/Gospeller: ..... The Rev. Peter Huang  
Prelude: *Veni Emmanuel* ..... *M. Ryan*  
**Processional Hymn – Comfort, Comfort Ye My People** ..... **Hymn #67**  
The Opening Acclamation..... Book of Common Prayer, p.323  
*(this and all similar page refs. refer to Book of Common Prayer)*  
The Collect of the Day ..... p. 159

#### Prayers for the Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath.  
Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE. The second candle is PEACE.

*(Acolyte: The candles are lit)*

Leader: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
since as members of one body you were called to peace."

**People: Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls.**

**Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world.  
Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. Amen.**

The First Lesson ..... Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Response: Canticle 16, The Song of Zechariah, *Benedictus Dominus Deus* ..... p. 92

The Epistle ..... Philipians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

**Gospel Procession: Come, Emmanuel..... Iona**

The musical score is for a four-part setting of 'Come, Emmanuel' in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of vocal staves and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Come, Em-man-u-el. O come, O come, Em-man-u-el. O come, O come, O come, Em-man-u-el. Come, Em-man-u-el. O come, Em-man-u-el. Em-man-u-el, O come, Em-man-u-el. come, O come, come, O come, Em-man-u-el.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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The Holy Gospel ..... Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
 'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
 make his paths straight.  
 Every valley shall be filled,  
 and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
 and the crooked shall be made straight,  
 and the rough ways made smooth;  
 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

*Please join in singing 'Come Emmanuel'.*

The Sermon..... The Rev. Peter Huang

The Nicene Creed ..... p. 327  
 The Prayers of the People ..... p. 328  
 Let us say together our Mission Statement:

**All** We welcome everyone to worship God together, to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and each other, and to share the light of Christ in the world. Amen.

The Confession ..... p. 331

Welcome and Announcements

**Offertory Hymn**—Blessed Be the God of Israel..... *KINGSFOLD*

Paraphrase of Canticle 16 by Michael A Perry (b. 1942). *KINGSFOLD* from *English Country Songs*, 1893, arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906.

**Offertory Prayer** All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee  
**The Sanctus**

**The Great Thanksgiving** ..... p. 333

*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.*

Post Communion Prayer .....p. 339  
 Blessing and Sending Forth ..... p. 339  
**Recessional Hymn—On Jordan's Bank..... Hymn #76 vv 1-3**  
*Postlude: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus ..... L. Smith*

## 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 Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring,  
 Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve,  
 that they may be kept from harm’s way.

Those who are ill or recovering from surgery: Andrea, Susie Allen, Stephanie Bezner,  
 James Eakins, Ceri Falk, Amalia Fraker, Mary Louise Gordon, Sally Hill, Jack Lovrich,  
 Jake Madrid, Marjorie Morris, Munoz Family, James and Reiko, Anne Shepherd,  
 Steve Smith 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.