

### Welcome to St. Francis Church

We are glad you are here.

Newcomers and visitors, please see the Welcome section 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.

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/Preacher:..... The Rev. Jude Lyons

*Prelude:* .....*Air in D - Bach*

**Processional Hymn— Sleeper, Wake!** ..... **Hymn #61**

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 candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning.  
This first candle is HOPE.

*Acolyte: The candle is lit.*

Leader: "We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield." (*Psalm 33:20*)

**People: Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen.**

The First Lesson..... Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the  
mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of  
the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plough-  
shares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.  
O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

The Response: Psalm 122, *Laetatus sum*.....p. 779

The New Testament Reading ..... Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**Gospel Procession: Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord** .....*From Godspell by Stephen Schwartz*

5 Pre - - - pare ye the way of the Lord.

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**The Holy Gospel** .....*Matthew 24:36-44*

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

**The Sermon** .....*The Rev. Jude Lyons*

**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. 330

**The Peace** .....p. 332

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Offertory Hymn – Jesus Came, Adored by Angels** .....*LAUDA ANIMA*

Je - sus came, a - dored by an - gels, came with peace from realms on  
 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy, when our hearts are bowed with  
 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, bring - ing news of sins for -  
 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant, when the heavens shall pass a -

9 high; Je - sus came for our re - demp - tion, low - ly came on earth to die:  
 care: Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer to our ear - nest heart - felt prayer.  
 given: Je - sus comes in sounds of glad - ness, lead - ing souls re - deemed to heaven;  
 9 way; Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry; let us then our hom - age pay;

18 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mi - li - ty.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Now the gate of death is riven.  
 18 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! 'Til the dawn of end - less day.

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 Dismissal ..... p. 339

Recessional Hymn – O Lord, How Shall I Meet You? .....VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right? Your peo - ple long to  
 Love caused your in - sar - na - tion, love brought you down to me; your thirst for my sal -  
 A glo - rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high, that will not fail nor

7  
 greet you, my hope, my heart's de-light! O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my  
 va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty O love be - yond all tell - ing that led you to em -  
 7  
 leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly. My heart shall bloom for - ev - er for you with praise

13  
 breast to do in spi - rit low - ly all that may please you best.  
 brace in love all loves ex - cel - ling our lost and fall - en race.  
 13  
 new, and from your name shall nev - er with - hold the hon - or due.

Text by Paul Gerhardt, 1653 Music VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1614

Postlude: .....March - Peeters



# 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).

**STOP BY THE WELCOME TABLE** at the Chapel doors or the rolling bulletin board near the Main Church entrance, and browse the information there. For more information, visit our website at [www.stfrancispalosverdes.org](http://www.stfrancispalosverdes.org) 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. You may also sign up online for our weekly and monthly enewsletters.

1. **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, Aidan and Lorcin, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Stephanie Bezner, Howard Dale, James Eakins, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Sally Hill, Jake Madrid, Marjorie Morris, Nathan Reddall, Shelley Reece, Marylen Ruston, and Steve Smith, that they may know your healing power.

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

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