

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES. THANK YOU.

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

Celebrant/Deacon/Preacher:The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

Prelude:Prelude on "Helmsley"- Lind

Processional Hymn—On Jordan's Bank **Hymn #76**

The Opening AcclamationBook of Common Prayer, p. 323
(this and all similar page refs. refer to Book of Common Prayer)

The Collect of the Dayp. 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..... Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of
the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the
earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his
mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the
wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his
waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the
lion shall eat straw like the
ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the
asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the
adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of
the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a sig-
nal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of
him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Response: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 *Deus, iudicium* p.683

The New Testament Reading.....Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

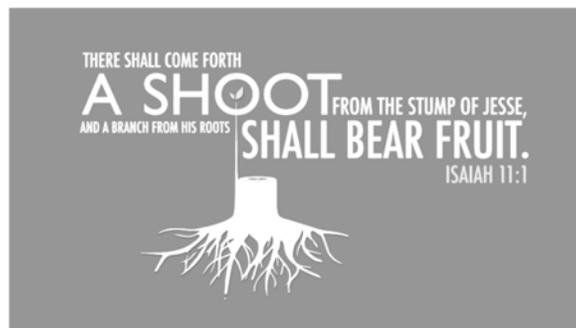
and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



Please *STAND*, as able, and join in singing,

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

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The Holy Gospel	Matthew 3:1-12
<p>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”</p>	
<p>Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”</p>	
<i>Please join in singing ‘Prepare Ye’ as the procession returns.</i>	
The Sermon	The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic
The Nicene Creed	p. 327
The Prayers of the People	p. 328
Let us say together our Mission Statement:	
<p>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.</p>	
The Confession	p. 330
The Peace.....	p. 332
Welcome and Announcements	
Offertory Hymn— Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus	Hymn #66
Offertory Prayer All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee	
The Sanctus	
The Great Thanksgiving	p. 333
<p><i>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.</i></p>	
Post Communion Prayer	p. 339
Blessing and Dismissal	p. 339
Recessional Hymn— Comfort, Comfort	Hymn #67
<i>Postlude:</i>	<i>Magnificat Op. 41, No 2—Guilmant</i>

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 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, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Nathan Reddall, Shelley Reece, Doug and Gwynne Shaw, 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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