



Important Covid Safety Reminders

In accordance with LA County Public Health requirements, Bishop Taylor has requested that although social distancing is no longer required, masks must be worn at all times indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

Welcome to St. Francis Church

We are glad you are here.

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:..... The Rev. Jerry Sather

Deacon/Preacher:..... The Rev. Celeste Stump

Prelude: *Prelude on "Helmsley"* Robert Lind

Please STAND as able, and if you are fully vaccinated, join in singing.

Processional Hymn: **The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came**-Hymn #265, vv 1-4, *Basque Carol*

The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came, his
 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be, all
 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head, "To
 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born in
 wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; "All
 gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee, thy
 me be as it pleas - eth God," she said, "my
 Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn, and
 hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry, most
 Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say
 high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

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. 160

The First Lesson Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

The Response: Psalm 80:1-7, *Qui regis Israel*.....p. 702

The Second Lesson.....Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,
"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Holy Gospel Luke 1:39-55

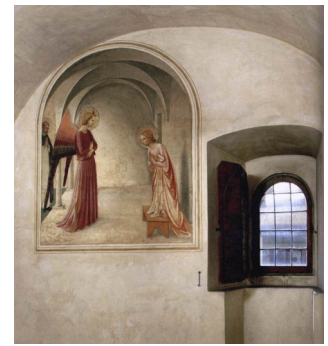
In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
 from generation to generation.
 He has shown strength with his arm;
 he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
 and lifted up the lowly;
 he has filled the hungry with good things,
 and sent the rich away empty.
 He has helped his servant Israel,
 in remembrance of his mercy,
 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
 to Abraham and to his descendants forever."



*Annunciation by Fra Angelico,
 Cell 3, Museum of San Marco Convent,
 Florence, Italy*

The Sermon The Rev. Jerry Sather
 The Nicene Creed p. 327
 The Prayers of the People p. 328
 The Confession of Sin p. 331
 Welcome and Announcements
 Offertory Prayer All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee
 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—Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Hymn #66, vv 1-4

Postlude: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (arr. Polly Bekasova)

Welcome!

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome *all* people into our community – without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here.

With blessings and peace from the community of St Francis Church.

Christmas Services

Friday, December 24—Christmas Eve

3:45 pm - Ring, Carols, Ring! A program for all ages harkening to a simpler, more joyful experience of the season and a "light in the darkness" for this present time.

4:30 pm - Family-friendly Communion Service—including a visit from St. Nicholas (Santa!!), who will also be available afterwards for socially distanced photos. Plus pre-packaged rice krispie treats for the little ones! (*in person and live streamed on our Facebook page and YouTube Channel*).

Saturday, December 25—Christmas Day

10:00 am Holy Communion

Sunday, December 26

10:00 am Holy Communion

Ongoing

Bible Study on Zoom—Contacts: Jack Hailwood, john.w.hailwood@outlook.com or Suellen Eslinger, suellenesl@verizon.net

Yoga—Mondays from 11:15am -12:45pm - Level 1/2 Hatha Yoga for Strength and Mobility.

Wednesdays 9:00-10:15am Level 1 Gentle Yoga for Vital Mobility and Balance.

(free-will offering). Contact: Jill, jillfenskelynych@gmail.com

Meditation—Thursdays 9:30-10:30am—in the library. Contact: Kristina Pelá, krab3@yahoo.com;

AA—Thursdays & Sundays 7:30 pm, **Al-Anon**—Thursdays 7:00pm

Clergy

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PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Drew Deley, Michael Herredia, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, 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, Barbara, Amy Clute, Pauline Duley, Ceri Falk, Sue Ferme, Frances Hailwood, Sally Hill, Michael, Mick Mohuchy, Marjorie Morris, and Bruce Shaefer, that they may know your healing power.



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