



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/Preacher: The Rev. Jerry Sather

Deacon..... The Rev. Celeste Stump

Prelude *Stuttgart arr., David Knight*

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

Processional Hymn: **Prepare the way, O Zion** **Hymn #65, v. 1-3**

(you will find the hymns in the blue 1982 Hymnal in your pew rack)

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

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.

The Response: Canticle 16, The Song of Zechariah, *Luke 1: 68-79* p. 92

The Second Lesson Philippians 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.

The Holy GospelLuke 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."

The SermonThe Rev. Jerry Sather

The Nicene Creed.....p. 327

The Prayers of the Peoplep. 328

The Confession of Sinp. 331

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

The Great Thanksgivingp. 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 Prayerp. 339

Blessing and Dismissalp. 339

Recessional Hymn—**People, Look East** **Hymn #724, v. 1-5**

Postlude*Hyfrydol, Prichard/larr. Richard Blake*

Coming Up

Advent Taizé for Healing and Wholeness—Tuesday December 14, 7:00 p.m. Back in person!

A simple service of chants and scripture, all by the light of a million candles. Light in the darkness to calm your soul and heal your mind and body. Refreshments after the service.

Yoga—Mondays from 11:15am -12:45pm - Level 1/2 Hatha Yoga. Wednesdays 9:00-10:15am Level 1 Gentle Yoga. (free-will offering). Contact: Jill, jillfenskelynych@gmail.com

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

Clergy

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