



Welcome to St. Francis Church

We are happy to welcome you! For your health and safety, we strongly recommend all persons be vaccinated against COVID and influenza. Masks are not required, but encouraged, particularly for unvaccinated and immunocompromised persons. Please take advantage of our online worship to stay home if you are feeling unwell in any way.

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 Claire in the Church Office: 310-375-4617, claire.erbeznik.stfrancispalosverdes.org.

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jerry Sather

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

Prelude: *Veni Emmanuel* (arr. Pietro Yon)

Processional Hymn—People, Look East Hymn #724, vv. 1-5

Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more
An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

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crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
seed is plant - ed there: give up your strength the seed to
nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when winds are
light the bowl shall brim, Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

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a - ble, Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen. Peo - ple, look
weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

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East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
East and sing to day: Love the rose is on the way.
East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
East and sing to - day: Love, the star, is on the way.
East and sing to - day: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

The Opening Acclamation.....Book of Common Prayer, p. 323
(this and all similar page refs. refer to Book of Common Prayer—the red book in the pew rack in front of you)

The Kyrie..... p. 324

The Collect of the Day p. 159

The First Lesson Isaiah 2:1-5

<p>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.</p> <p>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.’</p>	<p>For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.</p> <p>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.</p> <p>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!</p>
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The Response: Psalm 122, *Laetatus sum* p. 779

The Second Lesson..... 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.

The Holy GospelMatthew 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. Jerry Sather

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 The Breaking of the Bread p. 337
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
 Closing Hymn: "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us Hymn #61, vv. 1-3

"Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a-stounds us, the shout of ram-part-Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let saints and an-gels
 5 guards sur - rounds us: "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 9 sing be - fore you, as harps and cym - bals swell the sound.
 13 Mid - night's peace their cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum-mons
 Twelve great pearls, the ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to
 17 clear - ly spo - ken: "The time has come O maid - ens wise! Rise
 join them-mor - tals as we with joy your throne sur-round. No
 21 up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in sight. Al - le -
 eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de - light: Al - le -
 25 lu - ia! Your lamps pre-prepare and has - ten there, that you the wed-ding
 lu - ia! There - fore we sing to - greet our King; for ev - er let our
 feast - may share."
 prais - es ring.

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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.

What's Happening

Advent wreath-making

Sunday December 4—Family Wreath-making and Breakfast!

After 10am worship.

And now it's Christmas for Harbor Interfaith!

A big thank you to all who donated food and money for the Thanksgiving drive at Harbor Interfaith Services. All the items were delivered and they were VERY appreciative of our donations. It makes such a difference in families' lives! As we do each year, we're now accepting donations for the holidays—food, plus toys and gifts for the kids. See our enews for more details.

It's Back!!! St Anne's Christmas Auction!

When: December 5th; Time: 6pm; Where: St Francis Church Parish Hall

After two long years St Anne's guild will be holding their famous Christmas Auction.

There will be delicious goodies to buy and to eat, together with a variety of Christmas items in our Silent and Live Auctions. Please join us for an entertaining evening.

St. Francis Clergy

The Rev. Jerry E. Sather, Priest in Charge (Interim), jerry.sather@stfrancispalosverdes.org

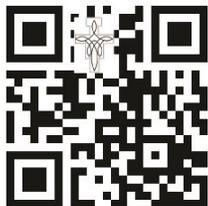
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Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Amy Clute, Daniel Drayling, Pauline Duley, Ceri Falk, Colette Furbush, Frances Hailwood, Sally Hill, Mick Mohuchy, Marjorie Morris, Anne Marie Morris, Greg Morris, Mike Morris, Bruce Schaefer, Patricia Stewart, Celeste Stump and Stephen.



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