Pentecost 7 / Proper 9 Sunday, July 7, 2024 * 10:00 am



Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

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. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

The altar flowers this morning are donated by Laura Fenn in thanksgiving for her mother, Louise Fenn, and by Geoffrey Guenther in thanksgiving for the warm welcome St. Francis has given Wayfarers Chapel.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

What's Happening!

Youth Art Camp — July 8-12, 9am-11:45am

All kids age 5-12, \$150 per camper. Contact Claire in the church office.

Ongoing

Good Grief Loss Support Group: Alternating Wednesday mornings (11 am to noon) and evenings (5 pm to 6 pm) in the St. Francis Library.

Men's Corner: Monthly for dinner at Corner Bakery. Contact Ed Hinz (kn6jn@yahoo.com).

Quilting and Knitting Group: Thursdays at 1 pm in the Board Room. Contact: Anna Eakins (annatkozaki@gmail.com).

SAGES (Senior Adult Group of Episcopalians): Group outings, social gatherings, guest speakers, and more. The next Sages gathering is a Summertime Barbecue on Tuesday, July 16, noon to 3 pm. Contact Kristina Pela (krab3@yahoo.com).

St. Anne's Guild: Meets on the 4th Monday of Sept-June at 6pm. Join us for fellowship, plan church events (like the Rummage Sale and Antiques Show), potluck dinners, and our Christmas charity event! Contact Anna Eakins for questions.

St. Theresa's Guild: Meet a few times a year to raise money for charities that support women and children through dues and our famous Chinese New Year event. Contact Robin Pano for questions.

Friars: Meets as needed to cook meals for Parish events (e.g. Lenten Suppers). Contact Dick Briggs.

Yoga: All Levels Hatha Yoga for Strength and Mobility: Mondays, 11 am to 12:30 pm. All Levels Gentle Yoga for Vital Mobility and Balance: Wednesdays, 9am to 10:30 am. Contact: Jill Lynch (jillfenskelynch@gmail.com).

Alcoholics Anonymous Thursdays and Sundays, 7:30 pm.

Al-Anon Thursdays, 7 pm.

Visit our website calendar for more events, dates and times: stfrancispalosverdes.org

The Word of God

Please stand as able and join in singing.



Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: "Ellacombe," 1784, melody from "Gesangbuch. . .der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen katolischen Hofkapelle, " 1784, alt.; adapt. "Katolisches Gesangbuch, "1863; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The Opening Acclamation

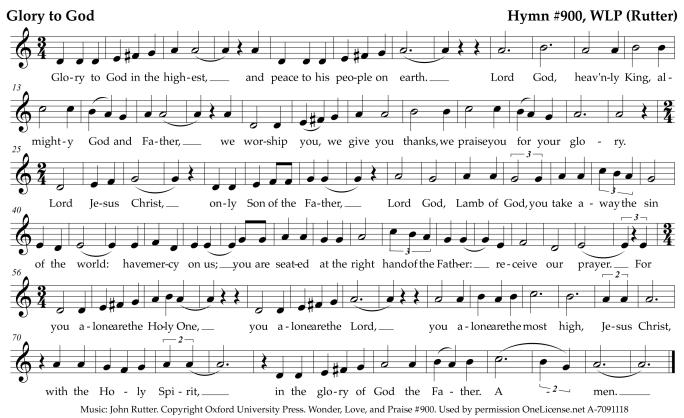
Celebrant	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People	And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant	Almighty God,
People	to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
,	Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that
	we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through
	Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remain standing as able and join in singing.

The Gloria



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Please be seated for the Lessons.

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 2:1-5

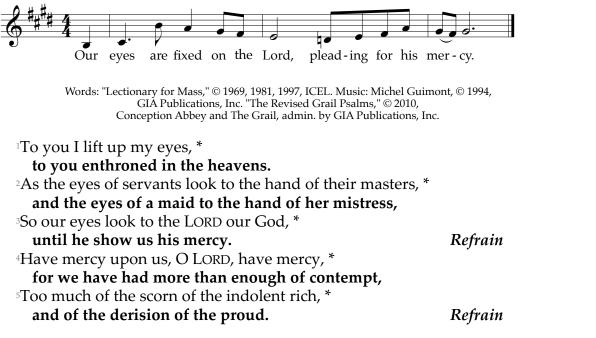
Reader A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

¹The LORD said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

ReaderThe Word of the LordPeopleThanks be to God.

The Response: Psalm 123

Reader Let us read from Psalm 123 responsively (the People reading the text in bold).



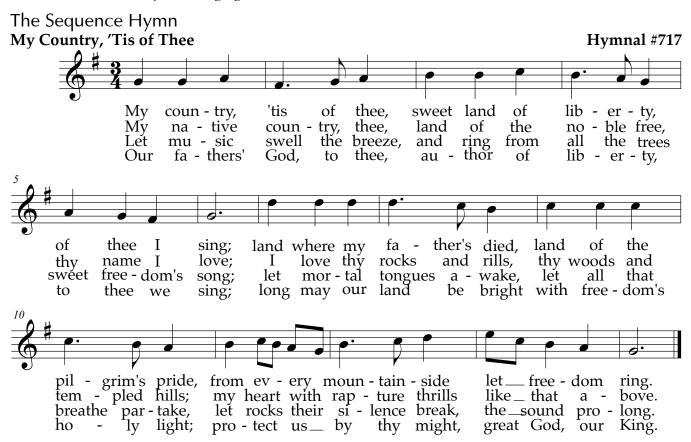
The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Reader A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ³On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

ReaderThe Word of the LordPeopleThanks be to God.

Please stand as able and join in singing.



Words: Samuel Francis Smith (1808-1895). Music: "America," from "Thesaurus Musicus," 1745.

Please remain standing as able.

The Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to

take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please stand as able and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed

All

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please remain standing as able.

The Prayers of the People (the People read the responses in **bold**)

Reader	Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
	Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
	Silence
Reader People	Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.
Reader	Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
	Silence

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Reader	Lord, in your mercy	
People	Hear our prayer.	
Reader	Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. <i>Silence</i>	
Reader	Lord, in your mercy	
People	Hear our prayer.	
Reader	Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.	
	Silence	
Reader	Lord, in your mercy	
People	Hear our prayer.	
Reader	Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.	
	Silence	
Reader	Lord, in your mercy	
People	Hear our prayer.	
Reader	We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.	
	Silence	
Reader	Lord, in your mercy	
People	Hear our prayer.	
Celebrant	Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen .	
Please kneel or sit as able		

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The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy + on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Please stand as able.

The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

All Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal American folk, arr. Neil Harmon Sung by the St. Francis Choir

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore, As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar. Refrain Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, praise the Lamb! Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!! And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day, Passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away. Refrain



Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: "Wer nur den lieben Gott," Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

Please stand as able.

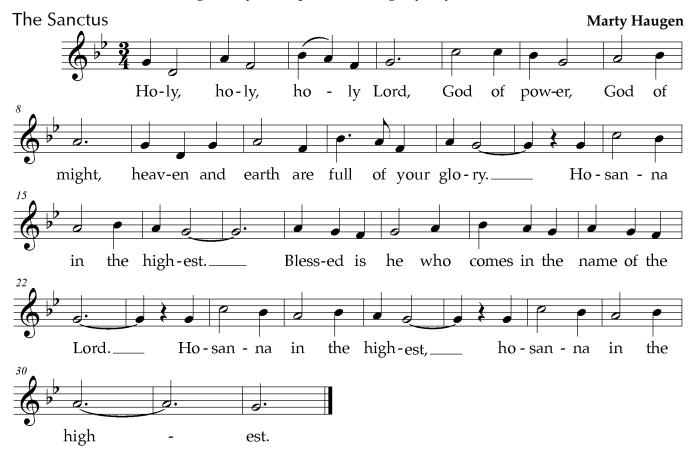
The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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Please kneel or stand as able as the Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us To that heavenly country where, with Francis and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

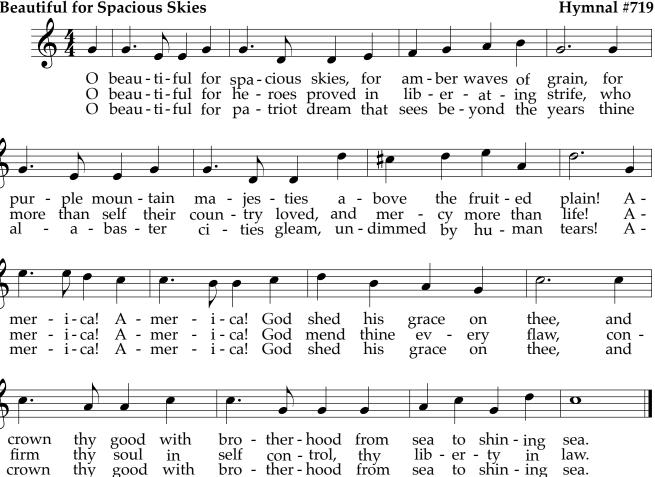
CelebrantAnd now, as Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,AllOur Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

CelebrantAlleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

The Fraction Anthem O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929), alt. Music: "Materna," Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903).

The Invitation

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Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God, Holy gifts, for Holy people.

For our online community: an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

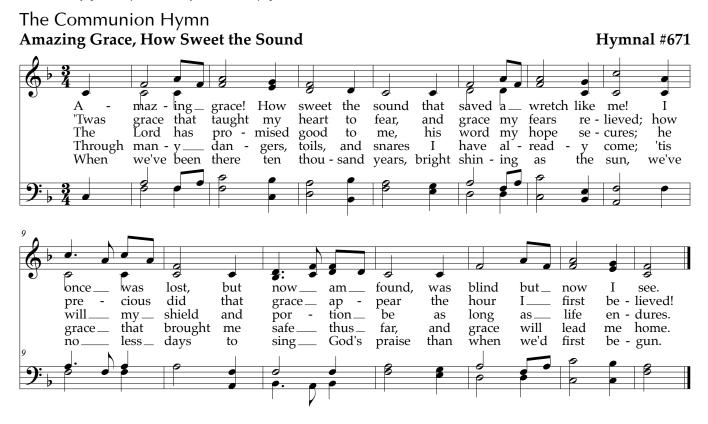
My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where you may light a candle and, if you wish, someone will be available to pray with you.

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when

you come forward. The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you. Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask.



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Please kneel or stand as able as able.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

All

Celebrant Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage, hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted. Honor all persons. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And, the blessing of God Almighty, The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit be with you always.

All Amen.

The Sending Forth

DeaconLet us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!AllThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Please stand as able and join in singing.



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The Postlude

"The Stars and Stripes Forever"

John Philip Sousa

You serve the best doing what you love most

Fr. Jason has invited the Vestry to host a series of small group meetings with our parish family. This is an opportunity for us to come together and explore what we love that brings us joy in church and our daily lives and to understand how it can further the Kingdom of God in our community.



The gatherings will be in July and August for 8-10 members per group. Sessions will be held in the church library following the 10am Sunday services or at other times in the home of a Vestry member. (See the list of dates, times, and places below). Sessions will last approximately one hour or as long as needed so that everyone is able to participate.

You are invited to talk with any Vestry person to ask questions. These discussions are intended to help deepen our relationship with God and each other as we share our experiences, joy, and love.

Please don't miss out on this chance to grow together. Select a date and time that works for you. Call the church office at 310-375-4617 to reserve your spot or email Claire at claire.erbeznik@stfrancispalosverdes.org.

We will also have a signup sheet after the 10am services for the next several weeks.

Meeting times:

- Sunday, July 7 11:30 am church boardroom
- Tuesday, July 9 2:00 Zak Residence (near Pt. Vicente School)
- Sunday, July 14 11:30 am church boardroom
- Sunday, July 21 11:30 am church boardroom
- Tuesday, July 23 6:00 pm Deley Resident (near Hesse Park)
- Sunday, July 28 11:30 am church boardroom
- Sunday, August 4 11:30 am church boardroom
- Tuesday, August 6 11:00 am Zak Residence (near Pt. Vicente School)
- Sunday, August 11 11:30 am church boardroom
- Wednesday, August 15 6:00 pm Cronin Residence (PVE between La Venta and Malaga Library)

Prayers this Week

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

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Stephen, Kristen, Jean Dicus, Daniel Drayling, Ceri Falk, Colette Furbush, George Ginis, Chris Goldsmith, Sally Hill, Blair Hinz, Loren, Judy Morgan, Patt Parker, Bruce Schaefer, Jane Sharp, Tommy, Roxanne Wall, Gail Winters, and William Zak, Sr., and for the people of the Middle East, and victims of violence everywhere.

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

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