



# The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi & St. Clare of Assisi (Observed)

8:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m., Sunday, October 6, 2024

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.  
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.  
May you leave here with a heart prepared to serve.*



*If this is your first time here, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card  
found in the pews and on the Welcome Table in the courtyard.*

*Our worship together begins with a musical prelude.  
Thank you for observing a prayerful silence as we feel God's presence among us.*

**Prelude (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)**

Trio

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

**Hymn At The Procession (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)**

Hymnal, #400

All Creatures of our God and King

*The people stand.*

*At 9:00 a.m. verses 1, 4, 5, and 7 only.*

*At 11:00 a.m. all verses.*

**Opening Acclamation**

Blessed be the God of all creation.

*And blessed be God's holy name for ever and ever.*

**The Collect for Purity**

*Said in unison*

Almighty God, 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.

**Gloria In Excelsis**

*at 8:00 a.m., the following is said in unison, standing*

*at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m., the following is sung, standing*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## **The Collect for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**

God be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Collect for the Feast of St. Clare of Assisi**

O God, whose blessed Son became poor that we through his poverty might be rich: Deliver us from an inordinate love of this world, that we, inspired by the devotion of your servant Clare, may serve you with singleness of heart, and attain to the riches of the age to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# The Lessons

## **The First Lesson**

Job 39:1-18

*The people are seated.*

A Reading from the Book of Job.

Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them.

Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it

because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider."

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

*The 9:00 a.m. service continues on page 7 with the Children's Choir Anthem.*

### Gradual Psalm (8:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

Psalm 121

*8:00 a.m.: read responsively by half verse*

*11:00 a.m.: chanted by all, seated.*

John Stainer  
(1840–1901)



- <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes / to ' the / hills; \*  
from / where ' is my / help ' to / come?
- <sup>2</sup> My help comes / from ' the / Lord, \*  
the / maker ' of / heaven ' and / earth.
- <sup>3</sup> He will not let your / foot ' be / moved \*  
and he who watches over you / will ' not / fall ' a-/sleep.
- <sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch / o'ver /Israel \*  
shall / nei'ther / slumber ' nor / sleep;
- <sup>5</sup> The Lord himself watches / o'ver / you; \*  
the Lord is your / shade ' at / your ' right / hand,

<sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not / strike you ' by / day, \*  
--/nor ' the / moon ' by / night.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord shall preserve you from / *all* / evil; \*  
it is / he ' who shall / keep ' you / safe.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord shall watch over your going out and your / com'ing / in, \*  
from this time / forth ' for / ev'er-/more.

## **The Second Lesson (8:00 & 11:00 a.m.)**

Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11

A Reading from Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Children's Choir Anthem (9:00 a.m.)**

All Things Bright and Beautiful  
*Sung by St. Mary's Children's Choir*

Martin Fellas Shaw (1875-1958)

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.  
Each little flow'r that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors,  
God made their tiny wings.  
The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky.

-Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

**Sequence Hymn (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)**

Hymnal, #593

Lord, Make Us Servants of your Peace

**The Gospel**

Luke 12:13-21

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of our Savior.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Homily (8:00 & 11:00 a.m.)**  
**The Children's Homily (9:00 a.m.)**

*The people are seated.*

The Rev. Kira Austin-Young  
A Visit from St. Clare

**Children's Offertory Collection (9:00 a.m.)**

*The Children's Offertory collection supports The Middle East Children's Alliance (MECA), a NPO that strives for human rights and the welfare of children in the Middle East.*

**Doxology (9:00 a.m.)**

*Sung to the tune of Old 100th.*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**The Nicene Creed**

*The people stand.*

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 truly human.  
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 and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son 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.

### **The Prayers of the People**

Creator God, no galaxy bursts into existence without your attention; nothing comes into being without your love. Hear the prayers of your people.

God of all that has life, we pray for the creatures of land, sky and sea.

*The heavens and earth tell of your glory.*

God of wisdom, we pray for those responsible for managing our natural resources and advancing environmental justice.

*Awaken our zeal to care for your creation.*

God of healing, we pray for those who suffer from illness, abuse or distress. We pray especially for those impacted by the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, life-threatening flooding in Nepal and for those who have asked for our prayers (N.) and for those we now name. Comfort them,

*And teach us to be compassionate friends and stewards.*

God of growth, help us work for a world that sustains generations to come. We pray for the end of conflict and war, the eradication of disease and restoration of our planet. Living our covenant with you,

*May we cultivate care and respect for all living beings.*

We remember those who have gone before us and now reside with you and for the extinct forms of life that may never be again. We remember especially (N.) and for those we may name. Be with those who mourn them.

*We give thanks that you bring life out of death.*

God of creation, we take wonder at the beauty of our earth and the vast cosmos beyond as we offer our thanksgivings. Today we give thanks for our pets who give us joy and companionship. Joining with all creation,  
*We raise our voices in praise.*

*The Celebrant closes the prayers with the following*

Holy One, you know our hearts and our deepest desires more truly than we know them ourselves. Look with compassion on us, and on all who cry out to you for help, that we may see the world through your eyes and ask only what aligns with your dream for creation. *Amen.*

### **Confession Of Sin & Absolution**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins to God and all creation.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant and people, saying in unison*

God of compassion, we confess that we have squandered your creation, and mistreated one another in our lives and on this land. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for all that you have made, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant stands and says*

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

### **The Peace**

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*And also with you.*

*The Peace of Christ is exchanged with one another.*

### **Greetings and Announcements**

*The people are seated.*

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory Sentence

*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

## Offertory Anthem (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

*at 9:00 a.m.*

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter (b. 1945)

*Sung by St. Mary's Youth Choir*

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face to shine upon you

To shine upon you and be gracious

And be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you

And give you peace, and give you peace.

-Numbers 6:24

*at 11:00 a.m.*

Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

*Sung by St. Mary's Parish Choir*

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.

The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day.

The darkness and the light to Thee are both alike.

God is light and with Him is no darkness at all.

Oh let my soul live and it shall praise Thee.

For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for evermore.

-Compiled from Holy Scripture

**Hymn At The Presentation (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)**

Hymnal, #645

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

*Verses 1-2 & 5-6 only.*

*The people stand.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

May God be with you.

*and also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe,

you are worthy of glory and praise.

*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation.

But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return.

Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word,

born of your servant Mary,

to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us.*

*By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you,

joining with the heavenly chorus,

with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,

and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### Sanctus & Benedictus (8:00 a.m.)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one  
who comes in the  
name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### Sanctus & Benedictus (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

The musical score is written on four staves in G major. The first staff contains the melody for "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and". The second staff continues with "might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third staff continues with "san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who". The fourth staff concludes with "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_". There are three triplet markings (indicated by a bracket with the number 3) over the notes "ly", "ry.", and "est." in the second, third, and fourth staves respectively.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.*

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.

Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray.

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

## Agnus Dei (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## Invitation To Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Blessing Of Pets Or Stuffed Animals (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

*If you desire your pet or stuffed animal to be blessed this morning, please bring them with you at communion time to receive a special blessing.*

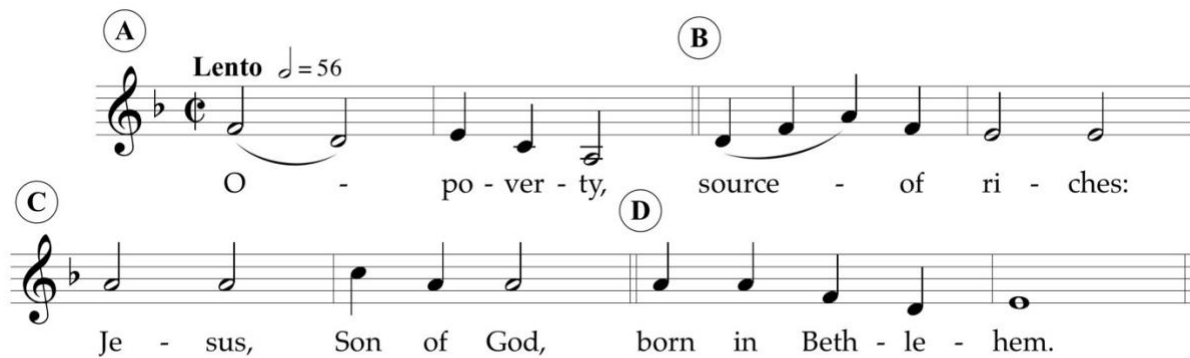
## The Holy Communion

*All who desire to know God are invited to receive the consecrated Bread and Wine. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please simply cross your arms over your chest.*

*The people are seated.*

## Communion Chant (9:00 a.m.)

*The following is chanted by all, seated.*



**A** **Lento** ♩ = 56 **B**

O - po - ver - ty, source - of ri - ches:

**C** **D**

Je - sus, Son of God, born in Beth - le - hem.

Music: Taizé Community

## Communion Music (11:00 a.m.)

The Earth Adorned

Waldemar Åhlén (1894-1982)

*Sung by St. Mary's Parish Choir*

The earth adorned in verdant robe  
Sends praises upward surging,  
While soft winds breathe on fragrant flowers  
From winter now emerging.  
The sun shines bright  
Gives warmth and light  
To budding blossoms tender,  
Proclaiming summer's splendor.  
From out the wood, the birds now sing  
And each its song now raises,  
To join with all the Universe  
In voicing thankful praises.  
With hope and joy  
Their songs employ  
A rapturous exultation  
In praise of God's creation.  
O God, amid these joys of life,  
Creation's glory beaming,  
Grant us the grace to keep your word  
And live in love redeeming.  
All flesh is grass,  
The flowers fade,



And time is fleeting ever;  
God's word remains forever.

-Carl David af Wirsén, tr. Carolyn and Kenneth Jennings

### **Sending Of The Eucharistic Visitor (When Needed)**

In the name of this parish family, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts. Together we share in the body and blood of Christ.

*Though we are many, we are one body because we share one heavenly feast.*

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

*The People stand.*

Let us pray.

*Said in unison*

Holy God, the source of all that is, with joy, we have offered our thanks for your love of creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom. By your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of all good things following the example of St. Francis and St. Clare. In the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

### **Blessing**

#### **Closing Hymn (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)**

Hymnal, #556

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

*At 9:00 a.m.: verses 1-3 before the homily, verses 4-5 after.*

#### **The Homily (9:00 a.m.)**

The Rev. Kira Austin-Young

*The people are seated.*

### **Dismissal**

Alleluia. Go forth to use your gifts for God's glory and the welfare of all creation.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia.*

#### **Postlude (9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)**

Chorale Prelude on *Caithness*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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# Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

## *Welcome Visitors And Guests*

October 6, 2024

Thank you for wrapping your prayer with ours today. We welcome all that seek the Holy. St. Mary's prays, celebrates, and serves our community and our neighbors as we strive to live as the body of Christ in the world. Check out the announcements at the back of the service bulletin for more ways to connect with us or email [office@smvsf.org](mailto:office@smvsf.org) and we will stay in touch with you. We look forward to traveling this journey of faith with you.

### **Flowers Today**

Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Josephine Sawyer and David Sullivan.

### **Blessing of Animals and Feast of St. Francis and St. Clare Today, Sunday, October 6**

Today, October 6 marks the culmination of the Season of Creation when St. Mary's will commemorate the Feast of St. Francis, the namesake of our city and the patron saint of animals and the environment, and St. Clare of Assisi, his apostle.

Both humans and their pets or stuffed animals are welcome at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. as we offer gratitude for their companionship and bestow a special individual blessing on each pet or stuffed animal. The 8:00 a.m. service will remain animal-free for those with allergies or who would rather give thanks for the creatures of the earth while those creatures dwell elsewhere in God's vast creation.

St. Mary's celebrates the Season of Creation each Sunday in September joining congregations from Episcopal Dioceses across the country in this international effort for prayer and action for climate

justice and an end to environmental racism and ecological destruction.

### **Anti-Racism Training Today, Sunday, October 6**

Join Rev'd Kira in the Great Room of Fowler Hall on Sunday, October 6th from 1:00-5:30 pm to take the Diocese of California's Anti-Racism Training as a group. Rev'd Kira will lead group discussion in addition to watching the videos that are a part of the training. While DioCal requires anti-racism training for all clergy, staff, and elected vestry members, and deanery delegates to be renewed every 3 years, this training is beneficial for all church members. Please notify Rev'd Kira ([kira@smvsf.org](mailto:kira@smvsf.org)) if you plan to attend!

### **Sunday School Update**

To further today's celebration of St. Francis's special day, all Sunday school kids will gather in the Great Room for a spirited game of St. Francis lotto. It's fun and a way to subtly review facts about the life and good works of our city's special saint. Think rope belt, Italian peninsula, stigmata, wolf, tonsure (crazy hair-do)... that kind of thing.

Parents and all interested others are invited to play the game and maybe win a prize.

### **Youth Group Adventure to Ghirardelli Square!**

**Today, Sunday, October 6**

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join the St. Mary's Youth Group at Ghirardelli Square for sundaes on Sunday, October 6. Drop off is at 5:30pm at the green space at the corner of Larkin and Beach. We'll get ice cream, eat it, and walk back to St. Mary's in time for pickup at 7:30pm. Come with \$10 to defray costs, and friends are always welcome! Note: Dinner will not be provided (unless you consider an ice cream sundae to be dinner). Please contact Mike Stafford ([mike@smvsf.org](mailto:mike@smvsf.org)) with any questions. See you then!

### **Gospel of Matthew Bible Study Sundays at 10:00 a.m.**

Join laypeople Eden Gallanter, Mike Stafford, and David Hargis for a discussion-based class about Matthew's Gospel on Sundays at 10 a.m. in the front room in Fowler Hall (right above the fountain). Each chapter of Matthew will be covered over two weeks. In the first week, we'll read and gather questions, and in the second week, we'll work on answering them. The leaders will guide conversations and ensure everyone has a chance to participate.

Everyone is welcome, regardless of knowledge or beliefs. Regular attendance is encouraged, but drop-ins are welcome. No homework required, but Eden prepares materials and handouts.

Interested but can't attend?

Email [edengallanter@gmail.com](mailto:edengallanter@gmail.com) to receive chapter handouts and class Q&A summaries.

### **Installation of the Rev. Cn. Eric Metoyer and the Rev. Cn. Sierra Reyes Thursday, October 10**

With great joy, we invite you to the installation of the Rev. Cn. Eric Metoyer as the Diocese of California's Canon for Racial, Social, and Environmental Justice and the Rev. Cn. J. Sierra Reyes as our Canon to the Ordinary. The installations will occur during the October 10 evensong service at Grace Cathedral at 5:30 p.m.

The Rev. Cn. Stephanie Spellers, Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Evangelism, Reconciliation, and Creation Care, will also be present. We look forward to welcoming her back to the Diocese of California to attend this momentous event in the life of our diocese. We look forward to welcoming you, too!

### **Parish Men's Fall Get Acquainted Social Thursday, October 17**

On Thursday, October 17, from 4:15-6:15 p.m., a small group of men in the parish will host a get-acquainted gathering for men from St. Mary's of all ages at Via Veneto restaurant at 2244 Fillmore. It will be an ideal opportunity for parish men to become acquainted or better acquainted with each other, to share stories, and to be in a Christ-centered community in person with others on similar faith journeys with similar challenges along the road.

We will also discuss briefly whether we have enough interest among our parish men to formalize a men's ministry of spiritual growth, service, and community going forward and to have fun as well. In the past the parish has had a tradition of robust men's groups, and we hope that we can once again capture that tradition.

Complimentary beverages and bites will be provided.

If you are able to attend, please email Ashley in the Parish Office ([office@smvsf.org](mailto:office@smvsf.org)) by Friday, 10/11. If any questions, contact a member of the clergy or David Hargis at [davidhargis@gmail.com](mailto:davidhargis@gmail.com).

Please plan on joining us on Thursday, October 17!

**Voting Faithfully: Adult Forum  
With Rev. Kira Austin Young  
Sunday, October 20**

Our country, state, and city is facing an important election coming up. We not only will be electing a new President, but here in the Bay Area, we will be voting for or against a number of propositions, electing city supervisors, mayors, and other officials. As followers of Jesus, how can we engage the democratic process faithfully and with integrity as we seek to build up the Kingdom of God? Join Rev'd Kira in the Great Room at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, October 20th to wrestle with these questions.

**A Case for Love Showing with  
Producer/Director Brian Ide  
Sunday, October 27**

Join us in the church sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 27 for a showing of A Case for Love, a movie inspired by the teachings and writings of Bp. Michael Curry. After the show, producer/director Brian Ide will lead us in a conversation on how we may live the movies wonderful message in our daily lives.

This documentary examines whether or not love—specifically unselfish love—is the solution to the extreme societal and political divide facing the U.S. Stories include racial justice, military, foster care, sexual trafficking, love and loss and others as well-known figures including Pete Buttigieg, Al Roker, Sam Waterston, Becca Stevens, Russell Moore, John Danforth, John Clyburn, Kelly Brown Douglas and Jon Meacham weigh in on the issue. Ultimately, Bishop Michael Curry puts what we've seen into context.

## Ongoing Weekly Offerings

### **\*Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel**

Please join us Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Chapel for a time to time to breathe, center yourself, and feel God's presence while silently being one in community. For those unfamiliar with Centering Prayer, our time will include a Breathing Meditation, 15-20 minutes of silent prayer, followed by an opportunity for prayer requests and thanksgivings, and close with the Lord's Prayer. Those who wish may remain for a time of sharing. Please feel free to contact Debbie Veatch at [veatchdl@gmail.com](mailto:veatchdl@gmail.com) or 415-244-3515 with any questions.

# *We Pray For...*

## ***PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS***

The Very Rev. Lin Knight  
George Sawyer  
Ron Ameden  
Marilyn Hala  
Jim Gable  
Bob Gable  
Mari Coates  
Gary England  
Marcie Smith White  
Ken Rainforth  
Jim Forsyth  
Katie Balestreri  
Dashiell Grayson  
Diane G.  
Michael Crossley & Family  
Susan Belin  
Carolyn  
LeeAnn Bailey  
Lynne Dombrowski

## ***IN DISCERNMENT***

Michael Stafford

## ***RECENTLY DECEASED***

Kenneth Carson  
Kevin Fisher Paulson  
Clive Govinden  
Martin MacLeod  
Peter Hopkinson  
Rev'd Everett Lees  
Michael Alexander  
Ron Ameden

## ***CONTINUING PRAYERS***

*Please remember these individuals who have ongoing concerns in your personal prayers this week.*

Deborah  
Gordon Bellis  
June  
Kevin Teeney  
The Community at the Heritage & St. Francis  
Jane  
Quinn Charles Fay  
Erich  
Simon  
Phyllis Shepherd  
Shirlee Martin  
Will Driscoll  
David Schade  
Bill  
Dani May  
Sarah Ellwein  
Valerie Schneider  
Divine Anthony and family  
Francis Kalani  
Jeanne Lacy

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