

Welcome to St. Francis Church

There are no flowers on the Altar during Lent, but you may still make a contribution and have your dedication in honor of a special occasion, or in memory of someone you love, in our Easter bulletins! The suggested donation is \$50. To arrange, please contact Claire in the Church Office: 310-375-4617 or claire.erbeznik@stfrancispalosverdes.org.

Thank you!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES. THANK YOU.

8:00 A.M. - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby
Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump
Prelude: "I've Got Peace Like River" African American Spiritual (arr. Franklin Ashdown)
Processional Hymn – The God of Abraham Praise Hymn #401, vv. 1-5

The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove; An - cient of ev - er -
He by him - self hath sworn; we on his oath de - pend; we shall on ea - gle -
There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness, tri - um - phant o'er the
The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing, and "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;" Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and

last - ing days, and God of love; the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con -
wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend: we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a -
world and sin, the Prince of Peace; on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main -
ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King! Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall
Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry; hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we

fessed: we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
dore, and sing the won - ders of his grace, for ev - er - more.
tains, and glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
be: e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
raise; all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

The Opening Acclamation.....	Book of Common Prayer, p. 323 <i>(this and all similar page refs. refer to Book of Common Prayer)</i>
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The Collect of the Day	p. 166
The First Lesson	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
<p>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.</p> <p>God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."</p>	
The Response: Psalm 22:22-30.....	p. 611
The Epistle.....	4:13-25
<p>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.</p> <p>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.</p>	
The Holy Gospel	Mark 8:31-38
<p>Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."</p> <p>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the</p>	

gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Sermon..... The Rev. Jason Shelby
 The Nicene Creedp. 327
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Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:
 Watch over your children, 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 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

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Recessional Hymn – Take Up Your Cross, the Savior SaidHymn#675, vv. 1-5



Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor

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 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
 think till death, to lay it down; for on - ly those who

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 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt. Music: "Bourbon," melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. John Leon Hooker (b. 1944).

Postlude: "The Gospel Train"African American Spiritual (arr. Richard Walters)
The Prelude and Postlude have been chosen in recognition of Black History Month.

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, Christa, Julia Dawson, Jean Dicus, Daniel Dreiling, Pauline Duley, Ceri Falk, Colette Furbush, Chris Goldsmith, George Ginis, Hannah, Sally Hill, Loren, Mick Mohuchy, Judy Morgan, Patt Parker, Bruce Schaefer, Roxanne Wall, 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.

What's Happening!

PVEPD Safety Preparedness Presentation – Feb 25th, 11:30am in the Parish Hall

We invite everyone to sit in on this presentation about safety by the PVE Police Department. Please RSVP with Claire at 310-375-4517.

TAIZÉ – Feb 27th, 7pm Service & Reception

Take some time during Lent to savor the peace and quiet of this contemplative service.

Lenten Dinners – 2/21, 2/28, 3/06, 3/13, 3/20 6pm

2/28 - 3/13 From Aspergilums to John the Baptist, a journey through time;

3/20 Seder Meal, presented by Bob Rothman from Congregation Ner Tamid.

Easter Services –

3/29: Good Friday Meditative service, come or go any time from 12-3pm

3/30: The Great Easter Vigil, 7pm 3/31: Easter Sunday Services, at 8am, and 10am

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