

SAINT FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
PALOS VERDES ESTATES  
CALIFORNIA

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 3, 2024  
8:00 AM

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](mailto:claire.erbeznik@stfrancispalosverdes.org)

## What's Happening!

### Lenten Dinners — 2/28, 3/06, 3/13, 3/20 6pm

2/28 - 3/13 Who we are and where we come from: A Look at Our Roots

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

### Palm Sunday — March 24th

Celebrate Palm Sunday at the 8am & 10am service.

### Holy Week — March 24th - 30th

3/27 Holy Wednesday: 7pm Tenebrae at St. Andrew's (Torrance). A contemplative evening of light & music.

3/28 Maundy Thursday: 12pm Foot washing at Christ Church (Redondo). 7pm Holy Eucharist, foot washing, stripping of the altar, and the Watch at St. Cross (Hermosa).

3/29 Good Friday: 12-3pm Meditative service at St. Francis. Sit in the quiet of the chapel as we contemplate the last words of Christ; this is a come and go service. 7pm Veneration of the Cross at Christ Church (Redondo).

3/30 Holy Saturday, 8pm the Great Easter Vigil at St Francis.

### Easter Sunday — March 31st

Celebrate Easter at the 8am & 10am service, followed by our Easter Egg Hunt at immediately following the service.

## 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, Shelly Crilley, 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, Gail Winters, 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.

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

Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give  
 Search out our hearts and make us true; help  
 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for  
 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our

5  
 us a con - science quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to  
 us to give to all their due. From love of plea - sure,  
 pride am - bi - tious to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and  
 in - most spi - rits pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge

11  
 un - der - stand the mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what -  
 lust of gold, from sins which make the heart grow cold, wean  
 sub - tle snare to catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for  
 out the shame; O God, be with us in the flame; a

17  
 e'er the pain and shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther,  
 us and train us with thy rod; teach us to know our  
 lives be - reft of pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O  
 new - born peo - ple may we rise, more pure, more true, more

23  
 near - er thee.  
 faults, O God.  
 Lord, we cry.  
 no - bly wise.

Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: "St. Petersburg," Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825).

*Prelude: "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes"* ..... John Rutter  
**Processional Hymn – Before Thy Throne, O God We Kneel** ..... **Hymn #574, vv. 1-4**  
 The Opening Acclamation.....Book of Common Prayer, p. 323  
 (this and all similar page refs. refer to Book of Common Prayer)

Collect for Purity..... p. 323  
 Summary of the Law ..... p. 324  
 Kyrie..... p. 324  
 The Collect of the Day ..... p. 167  
 The First Lesson ..... Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing

steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Response: Psalm 19.....p. 606

The Epistle ..... 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Holy Gospel .....John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Sermon..... The Rev. Jason Shelby

The Nicene Creed .....p. 327

The Prayers of the People .....p. 328

The Confession.....p. 331

The Peace .....p. 332

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 Thanksgiving .....p. 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 Prayer ..... p. 339

All my hope on God is found - ed;  
 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry,  
 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth,  
 Dai - ly doth theal - might - y Giv - er  
 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal

3  
 he doth still my trust re - new, me through  
 sword and crown be - tray our trust; though with  
 deep his wis - dom pass - ing thought: splen - dor,  
 boun - teous gifts on us be - stow; his de -  
 sac - ri - fice of praise be done, high a -

5  
 change and chance he guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly  
 care and toil we build them, tower and tem - ple fall to  
 light, and life at - tend him, beaut - y spring - eth out of  
 sire our soul de - light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we  
 bove all prais - es prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his

8  
 true. God un - known, he a - lone calls my  
 dust. But God's power, hour by hour, is my  
 nought. Ev - er - more, from his store new - born  
 go. Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth  
 son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who

11  
 heart to be his own.  
 tem - ple and my tower.  
 worlds rise and a - dore.  
 wait on his com - mand.  
 fol - low shall not fall.

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt., after Joachim Neander (1650-1680).  
 Music: "Michael," Herbert Howells (1892-1983).

Blessing and Sending Forth ..... p. 339

**Recessional Hymn – All My Hope on God is Founded ..... Hymn#665, vv. 1-5**

*Postlude: "Allegro" ..... Theodore Dubois*

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