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Sunday, October 12, 2025 ❖ 8:00 am

Guest Preacher: Cara Nilsen

Celebrant: 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.

St. Francis Episcopal Church welcomes all people to receive Holy Communion. If you have not been baptized but would like to be, please talk to Father Jason after the service.

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.) Contact Gina in the church office at 310-375-4617 or Gina.McQueen@stfrancispalosverdes.org.

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

Coming Events

Sunday, October 12

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 11:30 am Faithful Families Potluck (Parish Hall)

Monday, October 13—Church office closed (Columbus Day)

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 15

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 11:00 am Good Grief Meeting (Library)
- 7:00 pm Women's Lectionary Study (Library)

Thursday, October 16

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Sunday, October 19

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class (Library)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

The Processional Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**Hymnal #390**

Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 Praise to the Lord: o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly reign - eth:
 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de - fend thee;
 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion!
 borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his saints he sus - tain - eth.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall ev - er at - tend thee;
 All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

join the great throng, psal - ter - y, or - gan, and song, sound-ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 Hast thou not seen how all thou need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. "Hymnal 1940, alt. Music: "Lobe den Herren," melody from "Erneuerten Gesangbuch," 1665;
 harm. "The Chorale Book for England," 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971);
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The Opening AcclamationBook of Common Prayer p. 323

The Collect for PurityBook of Common Prayer p. 323

The Summary of the Law.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324

The Kyrie.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324

The Collect of the Day Saint Francis

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson.....Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

¹These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:

⁵Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that

they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

The Response Psalm 111 (Book of Common Prayer p. 754)

The Epistle 2 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Holy Gospel Luke 17:11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The Sermon Cara Nilsen

The Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer p. 327

The Prayers of the People Book of Common Prayer p. 328

The Confession Book of Common Prayer p. 331

The Peace Book of Common Prayer p. 332

The 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 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 Great Thanksgiving Book of Common Prayer p. 333

The Post-Communion Prayer Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Blessing and Sending Forth Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Recessional Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God

Hymnal #397

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es, who won-drous things hath
 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us! with ev - er - joy - ful
 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en, the Son, and him who

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 done, in whom this world re - joic - es; who, from our moth-er's arms, hath
 hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us; and keep us in his grace, and
 reigns with them in high - est heav - en, e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, who

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 blessed us on our way with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 guide_ us when per - plexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 earth—and heav'n a - dore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
 Music: "Nun danket alle Gott," melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662);
 harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847).

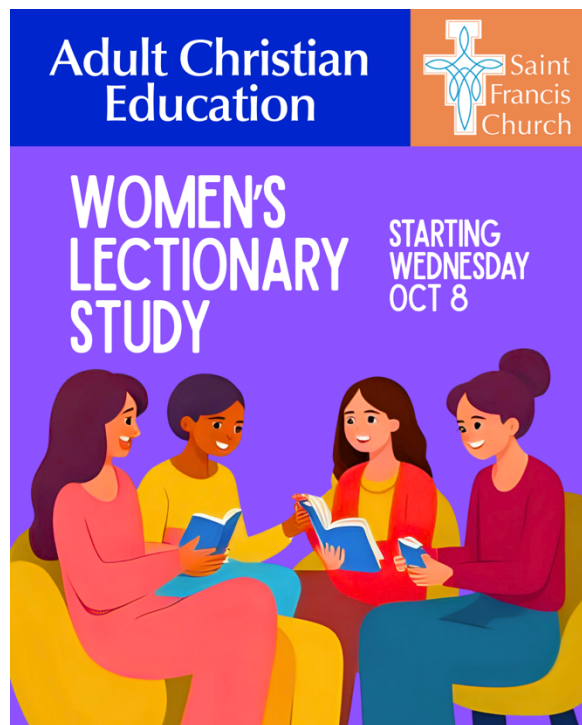
The Postlude

Toccata

Flor Peeters

Connect and Grow Together!

Two new opportunities are beginning at St. Francis to help us deepen our faith and strengthen our community. **Faithful Families** is a new social opportunity for parishioners of all ages to gather for fellowship, support, and fun throughout the year. Our **Women's Lectionary Study**, part of our Adult Christian Education program, invites women to explore the Sunday readings together in an open and welcoming setting. Both groups are wonderful ways to build new friendships and grow in faith — we look forward to seeing you there!



Women's Lectionary Study Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Our Discerner, Cara Nilsen, has launched a Women's Lectionary Study on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. All women are warmly invited to come explore Scripture together in fellowship and conversation. We'll be using **A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church Year W** by Dr. Wilda Gafney, reflecting on the scripture readings, praying together, and enjoying light snacks with coffee or tea. Bring your Bible and a friend!

RSVP to Cara Nilsen
(cara.nilsen@stfrancispalosverdes.org)
would be appreciated, but know that walk-ins are always welcome.



Faithful Families Potluck Monthly on Second Sundays

St. Francis is starting a monthly Faithful Families Potluck on the 2nd Sunday of each month, beginning Sunday, October 12! After the 10:00 a.m. service, join us at 11:30 a.m. in the Board Room (Parish Hall) for a family-style potluck lunch.

Bring enough to feed your family and a little extra to share. This is a chance to enjoy fellowship, friendship, and community—an opportunity to relax, get to know one another, and let the kids have some fun (yes, the ping-pong table will be set up!).

RSVP to Shelley Reece
(shelley.reece@stfrancispalosverdes.org)
for details.



We're seeking volunteers for our Sunday Services.

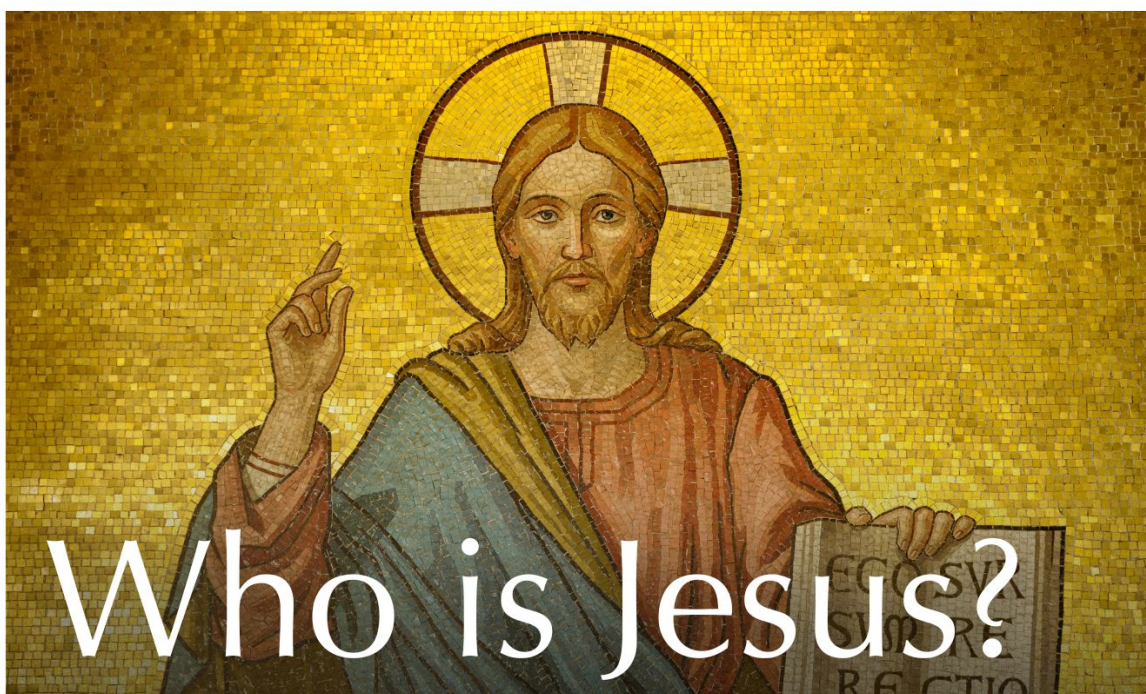
**Would you be willing to serve in any
of these important ministries?**

- Usher (10am)
- Greeter (8am & 10am)
- Reader (8am & 10am)
- Verger (10am)
- Chalice Bearer (10am)
- Oblation Bearer (10am)
- Prayer Team (10am)
- Live-streaming (10am)
- Sound (10am)
- Sun. School Childcare (10am)

When you sign up, your name will be added to the volunteer roster.
Volunteers are rotated and may be scheduled one or two* Sundays a month.

***Depending on the availability and number of volunteers in each role, some people may be asked to serve on more than two Sundays in any given month.**

Contact Gina McQueen to sign up or for more information.
Call: (310) 375-4617 • Email: gina.mcqueen@stfrancispalosverdes.org



Continuing Spiritual Formation Series Every Sunday in the St. Francis Library

Have you ever found yourself wondering about Jesus—who he is, what he teaches, and what his words might mean for us today? Whether you're curious, questioning, seeking a deeper connection, or exploring baptism or confirmation, you're warmly invited to join us for a new series of conversations: Who Is Jesus?

We'll meet on **Sundays at 9:10ish–9:45 a.m.** in the **St. Francis Library**, between the morning services. Each gathering will grow out of our Sunday readings, offering space for honest questions, open conversation, and shared discovery.

To RSVP or learn more, please reach out to Deacon Celeste at 310-913-1069 or cstump@thecanterbury.org. I look forward to the journey with you!



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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 Alyssa Capellino Baxter, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Heredia, Michael Strong, Scott Ruston, Steve, Thomas Dawson, TJ Malzahn, and Will Piepenbring.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Anne Sharp, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Brad, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, Ceri Falk, Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Daniel Drayling, Elizabeth Beadle, Erica, Gail Winters, Jeff Mercer, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Miguel Diaz, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Tommy, the people of the Middle East, victims of violence everywhere, and for all those who have been impacted by the wildfires, especially the people of St. Matthew's and St. Mark's.

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

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