

First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 11, 2026 ♦ 8:00 am



Celebrant and 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.

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.

This Week at St. Francis

Sunday, January 11

- 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

Monday, January 12

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

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- 4:30 pm Teen Tuesday Youth Group (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, January 14

- 10:00 am Midweek Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 6:00 pm Men's Corner (Corner Bakery)
- 7:00 pm Women's Lectionary Study (Library)

Thursday, January 15

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group Christmas Party

Friday, January 16

- 4:00 pm St. Luke's Breakfast Prep (Parish Kitchen)

Saturday, January 17

- 7:15 am St. Luke's Breakfast (St. Luke's in San Pedro)

Sunday, January 18

- 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 Annual Antiques Show Planning Meeting

The Prelude

At the River

Aaron Copland

The Processional Hymn: Hail to the Lord's Anointed Hymnal #616

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great
He comes with suc - cor speed - y to
He shall come down like show - ers up -
Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and

3 Da - vid's great - er Son! Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his
those who suf - fer wrong, to help the poor and need - y, and
on the fruit - ful earth, and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring
gold and in - cense bring; all na - tions shall a - dore him, his

7 reign on earth be - gun! He comes to break op - pres - sion, to
bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sigh - ing, their
in his path to birth: be - fore him on the moun - tains shall
praise all peo - ple sing; to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and

11 set the cap - tive free; to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and
dark - ness turn to light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were
peace, the her - ald, go; and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from
dai - ly vows a - scend; his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a

15 rule in eq - ui - ty.
pre - cious in his sight.
hill - to val - ley flow.
king - dom with - out end.

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); Descant Cyril Winn (1884-1973), by permission of Oxford University Press.

The Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer p. 299
The Collect of the Day Book of Common Prayer p. 325

The First Lesson Isaiah 42:1-9

¹“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.”
⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶“I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,
 ⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.”

The Response Psalm 29 (Book of Common Prayer p. 701)

The Epistle Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Holy Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Sermon The Rev. Jason Shelby

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates Book of Common Prayer p. 301

The Baptismal Covenant Book of Common Prayer p. 304

The Prayers for the Candidates Book of Common Prayer p. 305

The Thanksgiving over the Water Book of Common Prayer p. 306

The Baptism Book of Common Prayer p. 307

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: O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High Hymnal #448

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O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing
 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for for love so

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thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of God, should
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions sharp he
 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and ac - tions,
 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom we a -

take our mor - tal form for mor - tal's sake.
 knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.

Music: "Deus tuorum militum," from "Antiphoner," 1753; adapt. "The English Hymnal," 1906; alt.;
 harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949).

The Postlude

O Clap Your Hands

John Rutter

St Teresa's Lunar New Year Event – Celebrate the Year of the Horse



FRIDAY, February 6, 2026

**St. Francis Parish Hall
6:00 to 8:00 PM**

**\$ 10 Advance Purchase
\$ 13 At the Door**

Kids Under 4 are FREE!

Dinner, Entertainment and Auction Fun for the Family

An Evening of Music

At St. Francis Episcopal Church
2200 Via Rosa, PVE

Feb. 7, 2026

Starting in the main church at 5:30 pm
David Nemo Knight, Musical Creator
with special guest
Musical Theatre Superstar, **Tamra Glaser**

Following in the Parish Hall at 6:30 pm
Dinner and Drinks

Music at 7:30 pm by
the **HAZ B'ENZ**
featuring
Warren Dow, Ben Egan, Alex Sams and Eric Tanaka

Entrance fee: \$50 per person
or \$80 per couple

Price includes music, two bar drinks, and dinner.

* All proceeds go to Harbor Connects and the St. Francis Music Guild

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, Drew Deley, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Strong, Michael Valiquette, Scott Ruston, Steve, Thomas Dawson, and TJ Malzahn, 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, Bob Cook, Brad, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, Cери Falk, Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Daniel Drayling, Elizabeth Beadle, Erica, Jerry Pinkston, Joseph and Danielle Diestel, Judy Morgan, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, Loren, Marilyn Ghere, Miguel Diaz, Natalie Massey, Patt Parker, Phyllis Niski, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Susie Zimmerman, Tommy, the people of the Middle East, and for victims of violence everywhere.

We pray for all who have died, especially Mike Coleman and Valdis Vitols, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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