

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 9, 2026 ❖ 8:00 am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby



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

The St. Francis Annual Rummage Sale is currently setting up in the Parish Hall. Setup continues through Thursday, August 13. To make a donation, contact Gloria Jones or the church office. The Rummage Sale will run two weekends: August 14-15 and August 21-22.

Sunday, August 9

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Wednesday, August 12

- 10:00 am Healing Service
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 11:00 am Good Grief Group Meeting
- 6:00 Men's Corner (Corner Café Bakery)

Thursday, August 13

- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Friday, August 14

- 8:00 am Annual Rummage Sale (Parish Hall)

Saturday, August 15

- 8:00 am Annual Rummage Sale (Parish Hall)

Sunday, August 16

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 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!
 Hastthou 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 Gloria.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324
 The Collect of the Day: Proper 14.....Book of Common Prayer p. 180

The First Lesson..... 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

The Response..... Psalm 85:8-13 (Book of Common Prayer p. 709)

The Epistle Romans 10:5-15

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

"The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

The Holy Gospel..... Matthew 14:22-33

²²Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking

on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

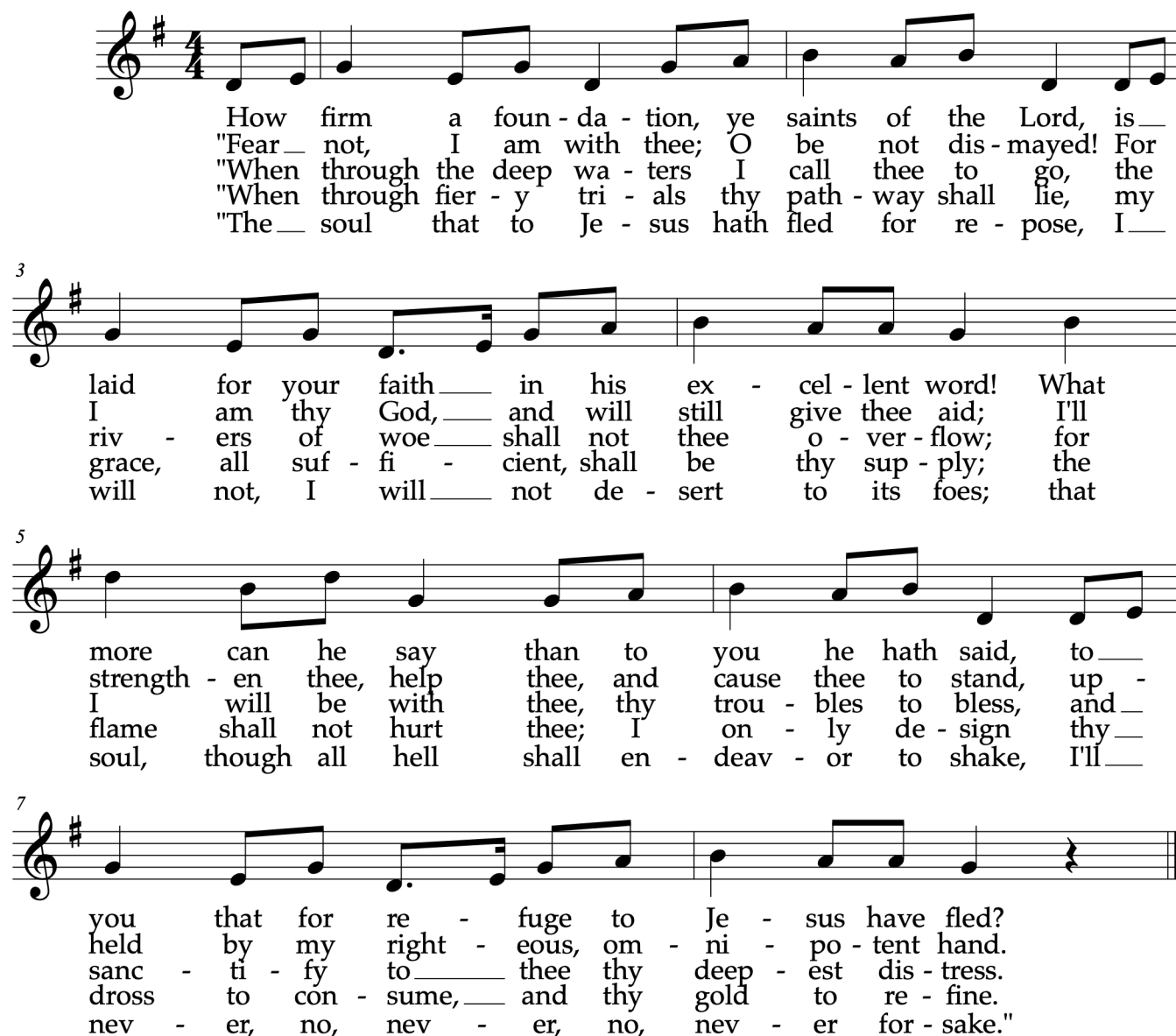
The Welcome and Announcements

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: How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord..... Hymnal #636



How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord, is —
 "Fear — not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed! For
 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go, the
 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie, my
 "The — soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose, I —

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 laid for your faith — in his ex - cel - lent word! What
 I am thy God, — and will still give thee aid; I'll
 riv - ers of woe — shall not thee o - ver - flow; for
 grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply; the
 will not, I will — not de - sert to its foes; that

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 more can he say than to you he hath said, to —
 strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, up -
 I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless, and —
 flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign thy —
 soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake, I'll —

7
 you that for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?
 held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 sanc - ti - fy to — thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 dross to con - sume, — and thy gold to re - fine.
 nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Words: K. in John Rippon's "Selection," 1787. Music: "Foundation,"
 melody from "The Sacred Harp," 1844; harm. Calvin Hampton (1938-1984).

The Postlude

Te Deum

John Rutter

Announcements

The St. Francis Annual Rummage Sale Returns!

One of St. Francis' favorite traditions is almost here! Join us for the Annual Rummage Sale on **August 14–15 and August 21–22, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Parish Hall**. From furniture and home décor to clothing, books, kitchenware, and unexpected treasures, there's something for everyone.

We're currently accepting gently used donations through August 10, Monday through Friday, from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM in the Parish Hall. We also welcome volunteers to help sort, organize, price, and prepare for the sale. Whether you can spare an hour or a whole day, your help makes a tremendous difference—and it's a wonderful way to spend time with fellow parishioners.

Proceeds from the Rummage Sale help care for our beautiful campus. Thank you for your generosity, and we look forward to another wonderful Rummage Sale together!

St. Francis Outreach Scholarship Program Success Stories

We love hearing from our former scholarship recipients! This week, the St. Francis Outreach Scholarship Program received exciting updates from three students whose hard work and determination continue to inspire us.

Derek Rodriguez, one of our 2019 scholarship recipients, graduated from UC Merced and is now working as a Financial Analyst for Sony.

Nicolette Tuazon, also a member of our 2019 scholarship class, graduated from UC Merced in 2023 with a degree in Psychology. She now serves as a Human Resources Generalist for a nonprofit community organization in South Los Angeles.

We were also delighted to hear from **Desi Tuazon**, Nicolette's younger sister and another St. Francis scholarship recipient. Desi is now working at Kaiser Permanente as a Service Representative in the Ophthalmology Department.

Congratulations to Derek, Nicolette, and Desi! We are so proud of all you have accomplished and are grateful to everyone at St. Francis whose generosity makes these scholarships possible.

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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, Drew Deley, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph Leahy, Mark Kappelmann, Michael Strong, Michael Valiquette, 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: Amy Clute, Andrea, Anne Sharp, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bob Cook, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump, Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Frances Rosenthal, Irena Dybeic, Jeff, Jerry Pinkston, Joseph and Danielle Diestel, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, KT Martyniak, Marilyn and Dale Ghare, Mary Sharp, Miguel Diaz, Patt Parker, Phyllis Niski, Rex Claytor, Rob Ramsay, Roxanne Wall, Roz Hadley, Sally Hill, Sofia, Susan Crouse, Tess Jones, Tommy, the people of the Middle East, and for victims of violence everywhere.

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

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