

The Feast of St. Francis

Sunday, October 4, 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.

Flowers for the Altar: 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, October 4 — Feast of St. Francis

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 11:20 am St. Francis Day Celebration
- 4:00 pm Blessing of the Animals (St. Francis Garden)

Monday, October 5

- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 7

- 10:00 am Service of Healing and Reconciliation (Chapel)
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 11:00 am Good Grief Group Meeting
- 5:00 pm Investment Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 8

- 7:00 am Morning Prayer (Chapel)
- 1:00 pm Quilting and Knitting Group

Saturday, October 10

- 4:30 pm *Schubert Mass in G*, Camerata/Catalyst Singers

Sunday, October 11

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



Online Giving

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The Processional Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King..... Hymnal #400



All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mus - ic for your Lord to
Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

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sing; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with gold - en beams, pale
loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, Fair ris - ing morn, with praise re - joice, stars
hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in - tense and fierce - ly bright, you
ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the Fa - ther, praisethe Son, and

9
sil - ver moon that gent - ly gleams, O — praise him, O — praise him, Al - le -
night - ly shin - ing, find a voice, —
give to us both warmth and light, —
praise the Spi - rit, Three in One: —

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lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: "Lasst uns erfreuen,"
melody from "Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang," 1623;
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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

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson..... Job 39:1–18

¹"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?

Do you observe the calving of the deer?

²Can you number the months that they fulfill,
and do you know the time when they give birth,

³when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?

⁴Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;

they go forth, and do not return to them.
⁵"Who has let the wild ass go free?
 Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,
⁶to which I have given the steppe for its home,
 the salt land for its dwelling place?
⁷It scorns the tumult of the city;
 it does not hear the shouts of the driver.
⁸It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
 and it searches after every green thing.
⁹"Is the wild ox willing to serve you?
 Will it spend the night at your crib?
¹⁰Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
 or will it harrow the valleys after you?
¹¹Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
 and will you hand over your labor to it?
¹²Do you have faith in it that it will return,
 and bring your grain to your threshing floor?
¹³"The ostrich's wings flap wildly,
 though its pinions lack plumage.
¹⁴For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
 and lets them be warmed on the ground,
¹⁵forgetting that a foot may crush them,
 and that a wild animal may trample them.
¹⁶It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
 though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no fear;
¹⁷because God has made it forget wisdom,
 and given it no share in understanding.
¹⁸When it spreads its plumes aloft,
 it laughs at the horse and its rider.

The Response Psalm 121 (Book of Common Prayer p. 779)

The Epistle Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"). ³⁷He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

¹But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property;
²with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. ³Ananias, Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? ⁴While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" ⁵Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it.

⁶The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.
⁷After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.
⁸Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." ⁹Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." ¹⁰Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

The Holy Gospel Luke 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward 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: All Things Bright and Beautiful Hymnal #405



All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small, all things wise and won-der-ful, the

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Lord God made them all. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that
The pur - ple head - ed moun-tains, the riv - er run-ning
The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum-mer
He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might

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sings, he made their glow - ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
by, the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
sun, the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - 'ry one.
tell how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

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The Postlude

Alleluya - "Lasst Uns Erfreuen"

William Faulkes

Announcements

The Feast of St. Francis: Celebrate with Us!

Sunday, October 4

You are invited to join us after the 10 am service on Sunday, October 4, to celebrate our patron saint, Francis of Assisi (Italy). In his honor, our very own Friars will be serving Italian Sausages on buns with all the fixin's, and there will also be cannolis and sparkling Italian sodas on hand. For those averse to change, worry not, as there will still be coffee and donut holes.

Bring Your Best Friend to Church: Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 pm

Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with our annual Blessing of the Animals. Join us on Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 pm in the St. Francis Garden for this joyful annual tradition! All pets welcome – furry, feathered, or scaly. For the safety of humans and animals alike, please keep dogs on leash, and keep cats and exotic pets in cages. You may also bring a memento or photograph of your pet to receive a blessing. We can't wait to see you (and your pets)!

Socktober!

Help Support St. Luke's Breakfast & Shower Program

We're celebrating Socktober by collecting new, still in the package, men's tube socks of all sizes. We're also grateful for gently used clothing, shoes, backpacks, blankets, and other needed items. Please bring donations to the St. Francis office or contact Gayle Taylor at gaylentaylor@gmail.com. Every donation helps us share food, dignity, and practical care with our neighbors in need.

Morning Prayer at St. Francis

Thursday beginning on October 8 at 7:00 am

Beginning Thursday, October 8, the Rev. Deacon Celeste will lead a said service of Morning Prayer every Thursday at 7:00 a.m. in the St. Francis Chapel. All are welcome to begin the day together in prayer, Scripture, and quiet reflection.

Schubert's Mass in G

Saturday, October 10 at 4:30 pm

Join us at St. Francis for an afternoon of beautiful choral music as the Catalyst Chamber Ensemble, the 14-member professional chamber choir of the Long Beach Camerata Singers, presents Franz Schubert's beloved Mass in G. Intimate, lyrical, and deeply spiritual, this radiant work is a wonderful introduction to Schubert's music and a treat for longtime lovers of choral music alike. Tickets are on sale now at <https://www.longbeachcameratasingers.org/>

Liturgy Lab: Holy Eucharist from the 1662 Prayer Book

Sunday, October 18 at 5:00 pm

Join us Sunday, October 18, at 5:00 p.m. as St. Francis continues our Liturgy Lab series with a special celebration of Holy Eucharist from the 1662 edition of the Book of Common Prayer. Experience the historic Anglican liturgy that has shaped generations of Christian worship, with its beautiful language, prayers, and traditions. Everyone is welcome, whether you're familiar with the 1662 Prayer Book or experiencing it for the first time.

Lectionary Study Group Returns

Beginning Wednesday, October 21 at 6:00 pm

The St. Francis Lectionary Study Group resumes Wednesday, October 21, meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall Library. We'll continue our exploration of the weekly readings using *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church: Year W* by Dr. Wilda Gafney. Everyone is welcome! Come join the conversation, deepen your understanding of Scripture, and prepare for Sunday's worship together.

Newcomer's Brunch

Sunday, October 25 at 11:30 am

New to St. Francis? Join us for a Newcomer's Brunch on Sunday, October 25, at 11:30 a.m. in the Boardroom. It's a relaxed opportunity to meet fellow newcomers, enjoy some food, and spend a little time getting to know one another. The brunch will be hosted by Alex and Jennifer Sams and the Rev. Jason Shelby. We'd love to see you there!

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Subscribe to our weekly email newsletter, *Bellringer Weekly*, and receive all the news and events in your inbox each week! *Bellringer Weekly* goes out on Thursday evenings (usually). Subscribe today at stfrancispalosverdes.org/subscribe

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, Angel Lara Gonzalez, Anne Sharp, Barbara Shelby, Billy Whelan, Bob, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Celeste Stump and her family, Chris, Colette Furbush, Connie, Dana Genzel-Diaz, Irena Dybeic, Jeff, Jerry Pinkston, Joseph and Danielle Diestel, Kathy Falk, Kerry Myers, Kristen, Krystal, KT Martyniak, Liz, Marilyn and Dale Ghery, 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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