

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 11, 2026 ♦ 8:00 am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon 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.

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 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)

Monday, October 12

- *Columbus Day / Indigenous People's Day (Church office closed)*
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 14

- 10:00 am Service of Healing and Reconciliation (Chapel)
- 11:00 am Good Grief Group Meeting
- 6:00 pm Men's Corner (Corner Bakery Cafe, Redondo Beach)

Thursday, October 15

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

Sunday, October 18

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I, Chapel)
- 9:10 am "Who is Jesus" Spiritual Formation Class
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
- 5:00 pm Liturgy Lab: Holy Eucharist from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer



Online Giving

To make a one-time donation to St. Francis, scan this QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/STFGIVING1>

The Processional Hymn: Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies Hymnal #7

Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the
Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pan -
Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of

on - ly light, Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri - umph o'er the
ied by thee; joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's
sin and grief! Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my

shades of night: Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my
beams I see, till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and
un - be - lief; more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the

heart ap - pear.
warm my heart.
per - fect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: "Ratisbon," 1524; melody from
"Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn," 1524; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

The Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer p. 323

The Collect for Purity Book 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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be
given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson Isaiah 25:1-9

¹O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,

it will never be rebuilt.
³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
 cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
 a refuge to the needy in their distress,
 a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
 When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
 you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
 the song of the ruthless was stilled.
⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
 the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.
 Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
 and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
 for the LORD has spoken.
⁹It will be said on that day,
 Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
 This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
 let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Response Psalm 23 (Book of Common Prayer p. 612)

The Epistle Philippians 4:1-9

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.
⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen

and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

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: Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! Hymnal #556



Re - joice, ye — pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and
 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the — saints of
 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias
 At last the march shall end; the wear - ied — ones shall



sing! Your glo - rious — ban - ner wave on — high the
 earth, pour out the — strains of joy — and — bliss, true
 loud; while an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like
 rest; the pil - grims — find their Fa - ther's house, Je -



cross of Christ your King. Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and
 rap - ture, no - blest mirth. Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and
 wreaths of in - cense cloud. Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and
 ru - sa - lem the blest. Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and



sing.
 sing.
 sing.
 sing.

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891). Music: "Marion," Arthur Henry Messiter (1834-1916).

The Postlude

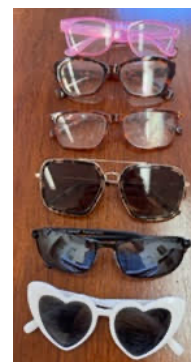
"Toccata" (op. 25)

Leon Boellmann

Announcements

Lost & Found: Can You See Yours?

We've accumulated quite a collection of eyeglasses in the church Lost and Found over the past few months. "See" anything you recognize? Take a look at the photo, then stop by the church office and see Gina if you spot a pair that belongs to you. You might just find what you've been looking for!



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

Thursdays at 7:00 am

Join us in our Chapel every Thursday morning at 7:00 am as the Rev. Deacon Celeste leads a said service of Morning Prayer. 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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CAMP PENDLETON AND FORT MACARTHUR COLLECTION

Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026

9:00am-12:00pm

SUPPORT OUR MILITARY FAMILIES

Camp Pendleton is home to over 70,000 Marines and 10,000 children under 5. More than 160 babies are born there each month. Most families arrive with only what fits in their car and often lack essentials for newborns and small children, plus furnishings for their housing. The Rotary Clubs of District 5280 are collecting new and gently used items for these families to select from at Camp Pendleton's "Warrior Warehouse" and Fort MacArthur's "Airman's Attic", which is filled with donated items that are free for local military families.

ITEMS NEEDED

- Diapers
- Baby & children's clothes
- Toys, books, bathtubs, strollers, cribs
- Dishes, cookware, meal prep tools
- Bedding
- Gift cards (\$25) to Target/Walmart

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For More Information:
David Henseler
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310-753-0929

Bring items by Thursday, Oct. 15, 2026, to the church office or Susie's house (call for address).

Items will be loaded to drop off at Hawthorne High School on Oct. 17. Meet at St. Francis at 8:15 AM to load. Leave at 8:45 AM.

St. Francis Contact:

Susie Zimmerman

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If you can help drop off items on Oct. 17, please contact Susie.



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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, 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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