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Ministries at St. Francis









Welcome!

Grace and peace to you from Almighty God and our Savior Jesus Christ!

It is well and good that you hold, in your hands, a near exact record of all that we do at St. Francis. For over seventy years, we have proudly proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ in both word and deed. We have a wonderfully dedicated congregation, who genuinely enjoy spending time together. I invite you to look through these pages and see if there's anything that grabs your attention.

Come and see what we are doing at St. Francis; you will be warmly welcomed and sincerely appreciated.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Jason Shelby+



Come and See



Join us at our weekly services.

Sunday

8:00 a.m. in the chapel

This service uses an older form of the communion rite that in many ways is identical to the original communion rite of 1662. While there is no choir at this service, there is still plenty of congregational singing.

10:00 a.m. in the church

This service uses a more contemporary communion rite (1979), and it sounds less Shakespearian than the early service. This service has choir accompaniment in addition to congregational singing.

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. in the chapel

This is a healing service with communion. We learn about different heroes of the faith every week, then say prayers for all creatures of our God and King. People are invited to be blessed, anointed with oil, and may ask the priest for personal prayer requests. There is no music at this service, but the quiet adds a crucial element of calm.

Youth Participation



Acolytes

Acolytes carry the torches (candles), the cross and help the clergy during the service. It is a great way for children and teens to be actively involved in the service and to better understand the how and why of our liturgical tradition.

Faithful Families

Every fourth Sunday of the month, the families of St. Francis get together after the 10AM worship service to share a potluck meal in the Parish Hall. We offer extended childcare hours so you can sit down and get to know other parents at St. Francis while your children play!

Nursery Care (Ages 0-3)

Available for both our 8AM and 10AM services.

Godly Play (Ages 3-11)

Children have an innate sense of the presence of God. The Godly Play approach helps them to explore their faith through story, to gain religious language and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Based on Montessori principles and used worldwide across Christian denominations.

Dragon Slayers (Ages 11+)

This creative yet intentional, power-packed program teaches teens and pre-teens to identify the “dragons” that threaten to bring them down or hold them back – anxiety, fear, self-doubt, anger, apathy, gossip, shame, etc – and ward off these threats with faith and courage.

Youth Group (Ages 13-18)

All teens are welcome to a relaxed “study hall” style hangout at St. Francis where we review the Bible over pizza, play games, and share in friendship and faith. Please contact Shelley Reece directly if you are interested in joining our small group.

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St. Francis is my place to come and feel peace. I love St. Francis. It is a wonderful community of caring people.

Adult Christian Education



Spiritual Formation Classes
Led by the Rev. Deacon Celeste, our Spiritual Formation classes revolve around the question "Who is Jesus?" and take place at 9.15AM in the Parish Hall Library every Sunday, after the 8AM service.

Men's Corner
An opportunity for the men of St. Francis to share the challenges and joys of life, explore spiritual questions, and build friendship and fellowship together. Held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Corner Bakery in Redondo Beach.

Women's Lectionary
An exploration of the women in the Bible, and feminist interpretations of the Scripture. Come and share your experiences as women in an often male-centric religion. Held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month in the Parish Hall Library.

Lenten Dinners
This special program takes place on Wednesday evenings during Lent, with a new series led by Father Jason every year. Discussions range from the role of Star Wars in understanding the Bible, to the disastrous dinner parties Jesus was invited to over the course of his ministry.

Liturgy Lab
Liturgy Labs are unique opportunities to explore how the Eucharist is celebrated in other traditions – including the early church.

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Altar Guild



The Altar Guild prepares the church and chapel for worship each Sunday by setting up everything needed for Holy Eucharist, making sure that there are flowers on the altar and that the candles are full of oil. They also decorate the church for Christmas and Easter, putting a lot of time and energy into making beautiful displays.

Additionally, the Altar Guild cleans and irons all the linens used during the service, cleans, and polishes all the silver used in the service and stores it securely. If you enjoy the ritual of the service and are detail-oriented, this is the group for you.

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Antiques Show & Sale



The annual Antiques Show and Sale takes place in May and has been in operation for over 53 years. Antique dealers from throughout the region participate and set up booths in the parish hall. It is the chief fundraiser for the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and it directly benefits the church.

Opportunities include setting up and tearing down booths in the parish hall, cooking or serving food, helping clean during the event, bartending, taking tickets at the door, and helping with promotion and preparations beforehand.

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Audio-Visual Team



The Audio-Visual Team at St. Francis takes care of streaming our 10:00 AM service online on Facebook and YouTube. They also livestream other services held at the church, such as funerals, when requested and as they are able. You don't need to be a computer whiz to do this; the major prerequisite is that you are not afraid of technology.

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Choir



If you enjoy singing and standing in front of people, then you should join the St. Francis Choir! The Choir adds oomph to our congregation, singing as well as performing anthems, solos and music during communion. The Choir is a wonderful place to enrich your journey with Christ. New members are always welcome!

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Christian Life/Prayer & Pastoral Care



This ministry has a lot of different opportunities for fellowship:

Taizé: This is a meditative prayer service held on the fourth Tuesday of every month, modeled on the services held in Taizé, France. The service combines prayers, music and hundreds of candles to create a very holy and somber space.

Good Grief: This is a support group for people who are grieving, be it a death in their family, having a family member with a debilitating illness, the loss of a job, spouse or friend, or experiencing a rough patch in their life in general. We are not trained counselors, but we offer a space to be heard.

SAGES: Senior Adult Group of Episcopalians is for people who are retired or able to go out during the day. We play Bunco, go to museums, have cookouts, and talk about how wonderful it is to be retired or not have to work during the day.

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Episcopal Church Women (ECW)



All women baptized in the Episcopal Church are considered members of the ECW. At St. Francis, we have a strong women's auxiliary including two guilds: St. Anne's and St. Teresa's. Their members support outreach projects and community organizations with funds raised at a Christmas auction and Chinese New Year's celebration, respectively. Each also provides its members with a strong community. The main ECW fundraiser is the Annual Antiques Show.

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When you volunteer at St. Francis, you get to enjoy some of your time putting your talents to good use for a worthy cause.

Fellowship



Fellowship encompasses everything from Sunday morning coffee to Shrove Tuesday dinner, Lenten Program meals, Easter egg hunts, Mother's Day appreciation, graduating Senior Sunday, Get Connected Sunday, St. Francis Sunday, and Advent Wreath making. If you enjoy planning events, cooking, setting tables, making centerpieces, picking up food or washing dishes and collecting trash, you should join Fellowship.

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Friars



The Friars do much of the work listed in fellowship, but more cooking/cleaning than planning/decorating. If you love to cook and/or clean, join the Friars!

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Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM)



Formerly known as Chalice Bearers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers help the clergy distribute the elements (bread and wine) during communion and, in some instances, to church members who are homebound. Join the altar party and become an integral part of the service, be a LEM.

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Outreach





Outreach is what we call anything that we do for people outside of the congregation. It is collecting and sorting clothes from the Blue Bin, making lunches for St. Luke's Homeless Ministry in Long Beach on Fridays, making Breakfast for St. Luke's on Saturdays and passing out clothing, collecting items for Camp Pendleton, or making blessing bags for the homeless. If you feel called to help others outside of church, consider participating in one of our many outreach opportunities.

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Rummage Sale



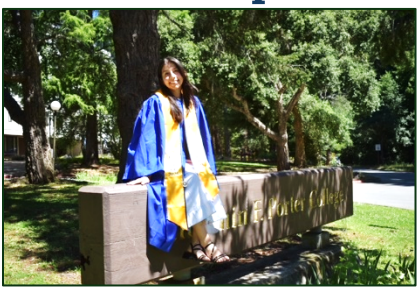
The Annual Rummage Sale serves a dual purpose: to lessen the things that go into a landfill and to raise money for capital building improvements at St. Francis. Every year, we receive many donations of all kinds of items from clothing to furniture and everything in between. Then, four weeks before the sale opens, dedicated and hard-working volunteers sort, price, arrange, and display all the items inside the parish hall.



The sale is open on two consecutive Fridays and Saturdays in August and has been a successful fundraiser for the church. If you love “thrifting”, organizing, and/or merchandising, join the Rummage Sale team!

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Scholarship Fund



For the past 29 years, the St. Francis Outreach Scholarship Fund (SFOSF) has helped students of limited means with their unmet college expenses such as covering unsubsidized loans and buying laptops, books and other study materials. Our goal is to help students through all four years of college until graduation. The students must stay in touch with us and provide us with their grades and updates on their classes. We do not promise assistance but help and mentor them as appropriate. Many of these students are first-generation college students and don't have much guidance in their home situation.

We are very proud of our five graduates this year: Pablo, UC Berkeley, Madelyn and Estrella, UC Santa Cruz, Mohammed, Cal Poly Pomona, and Amarachi who completed her LVN training program at California Career Institute. Several of our students graduated early! Pictured is Estrella on campus on graduation day.

Our fundraising efforts include partnering with Ralphs Community Support Program, and we have had restaurant fundraising nights at Bettolino Kitchen as well as California Pizza Kitchen. We also welcome private monetary donations.

We always welcome new members and mentors to our group. Something in your own background may help a student who is in college now.

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St Anne's Guild





We are a diverse group of ladies from many different areas, and we welcome you to join us. We meet in the Boardroom on the fourth Monday of each month at 6pm. Our meetings begin with Devotions and prayers for people in need. Two members per month are co-hostesses and provide delicious goodies along with coffee, tea and, occasionally, wine. We have our own Distinguished Speaker Series and WE are the speakers, with members giving a brief bio of their life so far. It has proven to be very interesting and fun.

We provide refreshments after the 10am service on the third Sunday of each month (cookies, cakes, fruits, vegetables and, of course, doughnut holes). Our main fundraiser is our Christmas Auction, another very lively activity to which all are invited. We also staff Memorial receptions at the church for which we receive donations. For the Antiques Show Gala, we provide food and staff the dessert table. We help operate the Harvest cupboard and provide help in the kitchen or wherever needed. We also help with the Annual Rummage Sale.

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St. Teresa's Guild

St. Teresa's Guild at St. Francis is a dedicated group of women supporting women and children in the South Bay through mission, fellowship, and care.

Our Annual Fundraiser*:* Our Chinese New Year event is held in the parish hall and features Chinese food prepared by our members, entertainment and a live auction with unique items and treasures. Everyone leaves with something special.

Organizations we support:

- **Mama Hill's Help**: A Watts-based after-school program providing a safe, violence-free zone for children and their families.
- **House of Hope***:* Located in San Pedro, this community helps women recover from drug and alcohol addiction, restoring their lives and purpose.
- **Rainbow Services**: An organization in San Pedro that provides shelter and support for those impacted by domestic violence
- **St. Francis Outreach:** We also contribute to St. Luke's Episcopal Church's Homeless Ministry in Long Beach by donating food and essentials.

Join Us*:* We welcome everyone to join our group or participate in our events. Reach out to Robin Pano or any member for more information.

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Sunday Service Ministry



This is an opportunity to participate actively during the 8:00 A.M. or 10:00 A.M. Sunday services. Your time and talents make a difference in making our worship services a meaningful experience for everyone.

We need volunteers to fill crucial roles for Sunday and holiday services.

- **Greeter/Welcome Team**
- **Usher**
- **Reader**
- **Oblation Bearer**
- **Verger**
- **Chalice Bearer**
- **Prayer Team**
- **Live-streaming technician**
- **Sound technician**
- **Sunday School Childcare**

Feel free to sign up for as many roles that fit your particular interest and talents! Our goal is to expand our volunteer roster to ensure everyone has a flexible schedule, with commitments limited to just one Sunday a month (or even once every two months!).

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Verger



The Verger is a lay minister who supports the clergy during worship services. Among the verger's duties are setting the sacramental vessels and making sure everybody is in the right place. In short, Vergers are the stage directors.

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Vestry

The Vestry is the governing body of the church that's responsible for the church's non-liturgical affairs. The twelve Vestry members are elected parishioners who manage the church's finances, maintain facilities, support the Rector, and help define the parish's mission and goals. Each member serves for three years. The role of the vestry is fundamentally about stewarding the parish for its sacred mission to spread the Gospel and unite people with God in Christ.

Senior Warden	Vestry Nominations
Junior Warden	Family and Youth
Assistant Junior Warden	Outreach
Technology	Human Resources
Stewardship	Safety

If you would like to take an active role in the governance of the parish, you should join the Vestry.

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St.Francis Events

Lent & Easter

Shrove Tuesday Supper
Ash Wednesday Services (in church and Ashes-To-Go)
Fabulous Lenten Dinners and Programming (every Wednesday during the season of Lent)
Holy Week Services
Easter Celebration—Easter Bunny and Easter egg hunt

Advent & Christmas

First Sunday of Advent—Blue Christmas Service (for people in mourning during Christmas and Advent)
Second Sunday of Advent—making Nativity sets workshop
Third Sunday of Advent—Christmas cookie exchange
Posada
Christmas Eve Pageant with all the kids
Christmas Eve Choir Concert
Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist
Christmas Day—quiet, quaint and sacred
Epiphany Celebration (January)

Fellowship

Faithful Families (monthly)
St. Anne's Guild Meeting (monthly)
Men's Corner (monthly)
Taizé (monthly)
Annual Meeting & Luncheon (January)
Lunar New Year Auction & Dinner (February)
Mother's Day (May)
Pickle Making (May)
Antiques Show & Sale (May)
Father's Day (June)
Summer Art Camp (July)
Rummage Sale (August)
Get Connected Sunday (September)
St. Francis Day—Blessing of Animals (October)
St. Anne's Christmas Auction (December)

Saint Francis Church

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