

THE MISSION OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANGLICAN CHURCH IS TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION IN JESUS CHRIST THROUGH SERIOUS DISCIPLESHIP, SACRED WORSHIP AND SELFLESS SERVICE

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From our Rector

The DNA of Discipleship

Acts 2:42, 46-47

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers... ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

This year's Provincial Assembly of the ACNA had as its theme "Disciple: Renewing our call to the Great Commission." And as we look at the Book of Acts, particularly Acts 2, we see the DNA of discipleship. DNA is the building blocks of life and directs the development, survival and reproduction of living things. In Acts 2:42-47, we see the essential building blocks and core practices of the Christian Church from its beginning.

In this passage we see: 1) Apostles' Teaching 2) Fellowship 3) Breaking of Bread 4) "the Prayers." Apostles' teachings are the apostolic teachings of the Church, and the Faith 'once for all delivered to the saint.' Fellowship is Christian fellowship which includes, prayer, worship, eating together and living the Christian life together as a community. 'Breaking of Bread' is Luke's shorthand way of referring to Holy Communion, which flowed out of the early Christian's Agape feasts and shared meals. 'The Prayers' is the liturgical prayer life of the Church, note that in the English translation and the original Greek these are 'the prayers', not simply 'prayers' which shows us that they are referring to the liturgical prayers of the church, which at times include space for extemporaneous personal prayers, but embedded within a structured form of prayers.

We also see that for the early Christians, these four practices were the core of their shared life together in

Christ. They lived out these core practices in two main settings: Temple and Homes. Temple Worship for the early Church was the large corporate worship gatherings flowing out of the Jewish roots of Christianity, which are fulfilled in Christ. But this passage shows us that their worship was not restricted to the Temple but expanded out into the rest of their lives and rest of their weeks through study, fellowship, prayer and worship in each other's homes. This provided a more intimate and localized gatherings for early Christians. This model of large corporate worship paired with smaller group worship in homes is something we are moving towards here at St. Francis. It is lived out in our church setting by complementing our current corporate worship together on Sundays, special services, and feast days, with smaller home fellowship group meetings during the week (or weekend). During these home fellowship groups we will share a meal together, fellowship together, study Holy Scripture together, and prayer.

I will continue to share more about these Home Fellowship Groups as the weeks and months progress. But my hope and heart behind this, is for us as parish to be faithful to the DNA of the Ancient Church and live it out in our local context, hoping that we would be formed as disciples of Christ who make disciples, and that the Lord would add to our number "day by day those who were being saved."

Peace be with you all

Fr. Joshua+

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Shalom,

Wow here it is, already July and the year is half over. I would like to wish everyone a happy Fourth of July! As we celebrate our independence this coming 4th of July, it should serve as a reminder of what those who signed The Declaration of Independence set themselves up for. Some 56 men signed the declaration from the likes of John Penn, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John & Samuel Adams to John Hancock, just to name a few. These men essentially signed their death warrant as they were committing treason against England. They, at a time when the tide was against them had the courage to stand up and be counted even though it may cost them their lives.

The courage that the signers of the Declaration of Independence exuberated should serve as an inspiration to us Christians. In a world where the tide is turning towards secularism and science are we bold enough to sign our names to the faith of Christ? If not we should be! The world needs those who will stand up for Christ and present the Gospel just like those who stood up in 1776 and signed the Declaration of Independence.

Actually as Christians we should be even more embolden to proclaim the Good News of Salvation to those around us, because we should be more focused on the soul. This doesn't mean that flesh doesn't mean anything, I'm merely stating that our soul is more important. As Christians we should not be afraid for we have the Holy Spirit as our guide and comforter.

There is a line in the Declaration of Independence that says "*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.*" We as Christians know that the pursuit of happiness is the pursuit of Christ Jesus and his teaching, why, because we only have true liberty in Jesus, and that He is the one who has life!

So this 4th of July when you are eating, having festivities and watching fireworks, let it serve as a reminder to us that we should be like those who put their life on the line for their country and do the same for our Lord and Savior, Jesus. And think about this, how much more rejoicing in heaven there will be when one sinner repents and turns to the Lord. Than all the festivities here on earth!!

May the Peace of the Lord be always with You!

Deacon Jeff Stugelmeyer



June Altar Flower Donations

Ted & Lisa Yumoto in thanksgiving for their 3rd Wedding Anniversary

Ted Yumoto in thanksgiving for Lisa's Birthday

Mary & Paul Sigwart in thanksgiving for their 57th Wedding Anniversary

Mike & Kim Combs in memory of their son, Alexander



July

22nd Mr & Mrs Jerry Towne

30th Mr & Mrs Joshua Drake



July

2nd Emily Arcala

Dan Tejano

6th Julianne Pardilla

11th Valerie Nolan

Mike Combs

Cliff Kenst

16th Remy Balagey

23rd Nick Grimmatt

28th Gloria Eich

31st Donna Lind

Sacred Worship

Communion
Schedule



Sundays
9:30am St Francis of Assisi

1st Saturday of the Month
10:00am Holy Eucharist

3rd Friday of the Month
12noon Healing Service

St Francis Church offers a healing service on the **Third Friday** of every month at 12noon. The July healing service will be on July 19th.



Holy Communion on the First Saturday of each month at 10:00am is open for all, but especially an opportunity to gather and praise God before we “Go and Make Disciples” in the different ministries St Francis offers in our community.
Join us July 6th @10:00am



Childcare Available

*Child Care is available each
Sunday @ 9am.
Ask an Usher for Help*

2019 Book of Common Prayer

ACNA has announced that the new 2019 Book of Common Prayer is available for purchase.



<http://bcp2019.anglicanchurch.net/index.php/purchase/>

4 Useful Features of the ACNA's 2019 Book of Common Prayer

By [Joshua Steele](#) | June 19th, 2019

The Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) has released its [2019 Book of Common Prayer!](#)

I asked Fr. Ben Jeffries (who worked on the Liturgy Task Force as has written about the 2019 BCP's [typography](#) and [Daily Office Lectionary](#)) what features of the new Prayer Book were especially helpful. Here are the things he mentioned.

You can jump right in to the Daily Office without getting lost.

If you turn to page 11, the start of Daily Morning Prayer, you'll notice that only 3 opening sentences of Scripture are given to choose from.

This is to prevent people from feeling overwhelmed with the number of options before they get to the start of the Daily Office service! Options for opening sentences and seasonal antiphons are saved for pages 27 to 29.

There's a brief topical index to the (New Coverdale) Psalter.

On page 269, you'll notice a one-page, topically-arranged selection of psalms from the New Coverdale Psalter.

This will hopefully help people benefit from increased familiarity with the psalms!

There are plenty of excellent Occasional Prayers!

If you turn to pages 642 to 645, you'll notice an index of no less than 125 Occasional Prayers and Thanksgivings!

I love the fact that there are so many, and that prayers from specific historical figures from Church history are noted. (See #74 by Francis Xavier, #85 by John Henry Newman, #94 by Thomas Aquinas, and #109 by Lancelot Andrewes.)

The Calendar contains brief historical information for the commemorated saints.

Turn to page 691, and you'll see that the saints commemorated in the Calendar have been given brief italicized historical information for added context.

For example, you'll find out that Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, who died in 1945, was a Bishop in South India and also an evangelist.

Take up and read!

This is just a taste of the many wonderful features of the ACNA's 2019 BCP. Stay tuned for our Rookie Anglican Guide to the 2019 BCP!

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Our Diocese of San Joaquin Website:
<https://www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net/>

Diocesan Newsletter:
<https://www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net/newsletter.html>



Are you interested in getting plugged into a ministry at St Francis?

Contact the church office 565-0648
 M-F 9am - 1pm



Daily opportunities to read/hear the Word:

<http://www.missionstclare.com/english/>


<https://crossroadsabbey.podbean.com/#>

<https://anglicanpastor.com/heres-the-acnas-final-daily-office-lectionary-in-a-single-spreadsheet/>

<https://first5.org/>



St Francis Church Lending Library

Take a look at our books in the Fellowship Hall.  **BOOKS**

You may purchase or borrow and return the books on the bookshelves. It is all on the honor system.



July 7th

Isaiah 66:10-16 – Psalm 66
 Galatians 6:1-18 – Luke 10:1-20

July 14th

Deuteronomy 30:9-14 – Psalm 25
 Colossians 1:1-14 – Luke 10:25-37

July 21st

Genesis 18:1-14 – Psalm 15
 Colossians 1:21-29 – Luke 10:38-42

July 28th

Genesis 18:20-33 – Psalm 138
 Colossians 2:6-15 – Luke 11:1-13



Mike Finney has a Bible Study at his home each month. Next study will be July 21st at 5pm. Please contact him at mikeandfresca@yahoo.com for more info and his address.

Selfless Service

Feeding of the Homeless with Dcn Jeff on the First Saturday of the Month near the DMV office around 11am. See Dcn Jeff for more info.



Altar Guild: Summer Potluck
 Choir Rehearsals: July 7th
 Coffee Hour Hosts: See Cat Rhodes
 Daughters: Taking a Summer Break
 Taizé: Summer Break

Other Ministry Opportunities

Acolyte - Lector - Prayer Team
 Collection Counter - Hospitality
 Usher - Homebound Ministry
 Senior Ministry - Homeless Ministry

Homeless Women's Ministry

1st Saturday of Each Month after the 10:00am Service

The Homeless Women's Outreach Ministry distributes toiletries and other necessities to women in need.

Donations of travel sized toiletries are especially needed, 24 bags of personal hygiene items are distributed.



July

- 6th Erich - Dolores Aulwurm, Karen Giambastiani and Kathy Lynch
- 16th Archie - Carolyn Hays
- 19th Dick - Liz Haines

Christian Fellowship Night

August 9th
6pm
Tickets \$15 per person

There will be fireworks and a post game concert from **Micah Tyler** Christian musician

If you are intrested contact your Priest and have them reserve tickets with the diocesan office

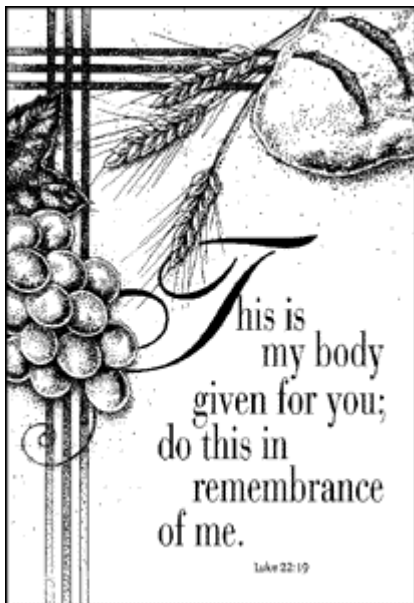
St Francis Church extends the body of Christ to our homebound by sending cards each month. They are available for you to sign on the table under the welcome sign. Take a moment and sign them each week. They are so grateful and feel a part of the parish of St Francis with this simple gesture.



Please keep in your prayers our Homebound:
 Erlinda, Luciana, Sandra, Colleen, Gloria,
 Beatriz, Jane, David, Marvin, Kathy, Jane,
 Claude & Barbara and Liz.

Celebrate THE FOURTH

*Have a safe Fourth of July
The Church Office will be closed on
this day.*



Congratulations to Archbishop Foley Beach

6/14/2019

Congratulations to Archbishop Foley Beach on being unanimously reelected as Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America! Please join us in praying that God continue to bless Archbishop Beach in his ministry as well as blessing others through him.

O God, by your grace you have called us in this province to be a good and godly fellowship of faith. Bless our Archbishop Foley, and other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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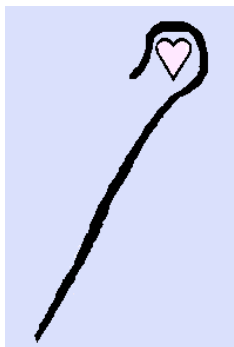
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July						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day - Office Closed	5	6 Saturday Service 10:00am
7 Pentecost IV 9:30 Holy Eucharist	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Pentecost V 9:30 Holy Eucharist	15	16	17	18	19 Healing Service 12noon	20
21 Pentecost VI 9:30 Holy Eucharist	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Pentecost VII 9:30 Holy Eucharist Vestry Meeting	29	30	31			



Shepherd's Love

The primary purpose is to provide financial assistance, educational and religious materials to orphanages in Uganda.

Our Bishop is asking for Churches in our Diocese to help support this cause as we are a Companion Diocese with the Diocese in Uganda.

The Twinomujuni Children's Home in Kabale, Uganda is in need of some major repairs totaling \$2,000. The Vestry of St Francis Church has approved matching funds up to \$250.

If you would like to donate to this cause, please make your checks out to St Francis Church with Shepherd's Love in the memo line.

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www.stocktonanglican.org

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Taking a Summer Break

- Taizé
- Sunday 8:30am Study
- Movie Night



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