



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
15 FEBRUARY 2026

We appreciate the silencing of all electronic devices and ask that, out of respect for those who wish to pray quietly or listen to the music played on the organ, all conversation be held until coffee hour following the service, to which all are cordially invited.

ORGAN PRELUDE

William Walond, 1719-68

Voluntary in D

OPENING HYMN 137

1. O wondrous type! O vision fair
of glory that the Church may share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun he glows!

2. With Moses and Elijah nigh
the incarnate Lord holds converse high;
and from the cloud, the Holy One
bears record to the only Son.

3. With shining face and bright array,
Christ deigns to manifest today

what glory shall be theirs above
who joy in God with perfect love.

4. And faithful hearts are raised on high
by this great vision's mystery;
for which in joyful strains we raise
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

5. O Father, with the eternal Son,
and Holy Spirit, ever One,
vouchsafe to bring us by thy grace
to see thy glory face to face.

THE OPENING SENTENCE

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Together Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (GLORY TO GOD)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE SALUTATION

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 (*Please be seated*)

A Lesson from the Book of Exodus (24:12-18).

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (99) *Please respond after the asterisk.*

- 1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; * he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; * he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; * he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; * you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; * he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, * they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; * they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; * you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

THE SECOND LESSON

A Lesson from the Second Letter of Peter (1:16-21).

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN 134

1. O light of Light, Love given birth;
Jesus, Redeemer of the earth:
more bright than day your face did show,
your raiment whiter than the snow.

2. Two prophets, who had faith to see,
with your elect found company;

the heavens above your glory named,
your Father's voice his Son proclaimed.

3. May all who seek to praise aright
through purer lives show forth your light.
To you, the King of glory, now
all faithful hearts adoring bow.

THE GOSPEL *(please stand, as you are able)*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (17:1-9).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON: The Rev. Daniel J. Messier

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the

Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *The people may stand, sit, or kneel*

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Leader We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Leader We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of these lands. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Leader We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people.

Celebrant

Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader We gratefully acknowledge the Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather:

*We pay our respects to the Pascua Yaqui and Tohono O'odham,
as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make
their home here today.*

Together Almighty and everliving God, you are with us in every transition and change. Send forth your Holy Spirit to guide the Search Committee, Vestry and parish family to be of one heart and mind in our search for a new Rector who will be your faithful servant and who will minister to your flock. By your light, O Lord, draw us to those with vision and passion for St. Francis' future. Guide them as they discern your call. Raise up for us a faithful pastor and dynamic preacher of your gospel, who will shepherd us as your flock. Strengthen our ministries and work with us in the building of your kingdom. Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People together

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says
Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the
power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER (TO BE SAID BY ALL)

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of life and for all the blessings you have
poured upon your servants celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, espe-
cially those standing before us today. As they begin another year, we pray that
you continue to guide, protect, and shower them with your grace. May this
new year be filled with love, joy, and peace, as they walk closer to you, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)*

AT THE OFFERTORY

Johann Seb. Bach, 1685-1750

*Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright, Drawn by thee, our souls aspir-
ing, soar to uncreated light. Word of God our flesh that fashioned with the fire of life im-
passioned. Striving still to Truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.*

AT THE PRESENTATION

Celebrant Gracious God, accept these gifts,
and with them our lives, to be used in your service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A; Expansive Language version)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people may stand, sit, or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker and of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and

peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Together Our Father, who art in heaven...
...for ever and ever. Amen.

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI, Hymnal S161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The elements are offered at the Communion Rail and may be received either kneeling or standing. Wine is received by intinction only. If you would like to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms over your chest. After receiving Communion, if you would like personal prayers for yourself or others, members of the Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) will be available in the Chapel to pray with and for you.

PRAYER FOR THE SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (TO BE SAID BY ALL)

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.
Together Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,

continued

and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 135

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding-guest,
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

3. Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

4. Manifest on mountain height,
shining in resplendent light,
where disciples filled with awe
thy transfigured glory saw.
When from there thou leddest them
steadfast to Jerusalem,
cross and Easter Day attest
God in man made manifest.

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Kenneth Leighton, 1929-88

Fanfare

We Welcome You

A WARM WELCOME to all and, if you are a visitor, we encourage you to make yourself known to your fellow worshippers and to our St. Francis clergy. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card and hand it to an usher or one of the clergy, or place it in the offering basket. We would love to hear from you; and plan to join us in the Parish Hall following the service for a cup of coffee.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Don't miss the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper to be served in the Parish

Hall by your Social Activities Team on (you guessed it) Shrove Tuesday, February 17, at 5 PM. Pancakes and sausage are on the menu, as well as good fun and fellowship. You can register for this event in the Parish Hall after the morning service or, during the week, in the Parish Office.

The Ash Wednesday Liturgy WITH THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

This coming Wednesday, February 18, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season. The Ash Wednesday liturgy—with THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES—will be celebrat-

ed at 6 PM in the Church. **Please note:** the usual Wednesday 9 AM service WILL NOT be held. ('Ashes to Go' will be available at the top of the circular drive at the front of the Church from Noon until 3 PM.) We strongly urge you to attend the service at 6 PM in order to experience the full meaning of this important day in the life of the Church.

Wednesday Program during Lent "JOURNEY WITH JESUS THROUGH LENT."

This year we will not have speakers but, instead, using the Lenten Gospel stories, we will begin each night following the journey of Jesus geographically. Then we will entertain you and invite your participation through skits, trivia, and table discussion.

Beginning February 25, the program schedule is as follows: Week 1: Jesus' Baptism and temptations in the wilderness. Week 2: The Wedding at Cana. Week 3: The feeding of the 5,000. Week 4: The Samaritan woman at the well. Week 5: The raising of Lazarus.

Remember that each evening begins with STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 5 PM (led by a different Parish group each week) followed by an SAT-prepared soup and salad supper (homemade—yum!) about 5:30.

Easter Baskets

The Crossroads Rescue Mission in Nogales, Arizona is planning their annual FAMILY EASTER DINNER and CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT to be held on Sunday, March 29.

Your LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS committee once again, has committed to contribute 100 Easter Baskets filled with Easter grass, a small toy, and wrapped candy for their event.

Beginning Sunday February 15, and each Sunday thereafter, a container will be available in the Parish Hall for your donations.

Please put Wednesday, March 25, on your

calendar and join us in the Parish Hall at 10 AM to assemble the baskets as they will be delivered to Crossroads Rescue Mission that afternoon prior to their Easter Dinner on Sunday, March 29.

Finally, if shopping is not your "thing," you can write a check to St. Francis with Easter Baskets on the memo line and we will find a bunny to shop for you. Thank you so much for your generosity.

This Week at St. Francis

Monday, All Day	Parish Offices Closed, Presidents' Day
Monday, 10a	Handbells, Loft
Monday, 10a	Loving Our Neighbors, Meeting Room 2
Tuesday, 9a	Men's Group, Conf Rm
Tuesday, 3p	SAT, Conference Room
Tuesday, 5p	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wednesday, 12 p	Ashes to Go until 3p
Wednesday, 3p	Search Committee, Conference Room
Wednesday, 6p	The Ash Wednesday Liturgy
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Loft

Committal Service

A simple Committal Service will be held for Anne Gillespie in the Memorial Garden on Thursday, February 19, at 11 AM. If you wish to attend, please enter from the solar parking area and not by way of the courtyard, as school is in session on Thursdays.

March/April Newsletter

Copy for the next issue (March/April, 2026) of the St. Francis Parish newsletter (The Franciscan Staff) is now due; please send your copy—via email—to gerald@stfrancis-gvaz.org as soon as possible.

News from SAT

Our new year is here, and the Social Activities Team has lots of things on our calendar for 2026. We hope you'll be able to join us.

If you'd like to help out with any of our activities, contact Tisha Stril at tishastril@gmail.com. Your Social Activities Team looks forward to seeing you all.

Prison Ministry

We continue to collect for transportation costs from Tucson to Chapel Rock for Camp Genesis in Prescott. We now have camp registration forms from three of the kids from Rio Rico who attended our Angel Tree party; this is great news! (Most of Camp Genesis campers come from the Angel Tree program.) So, in addition to providing gifts and a party, we have connected kids to the camp where they can work on finding their voice, building self confidence, making friends, and having fun, all in a safe faith-based setting. Thank you to all who have contributed.

Rena Robbins

Loving Our Neighbors

Thank you to all who signed birthday cards on Sunday for residents of La Posada long term and memory care units. If you have 300 piece or LESS jigsaw puzzles to donate, La Joya and La Hacienda at La Posada can use them for their residents. Also if you would like to read to a resident, or just visit, that would be appreciated.

Easter Baskets for Crossroads Mission season is coming quickly. Watch for more information regarding supplies that will be needed. (*See article above.*)

If you have a passion for a particular project as a way to love your neighbors, please come to a meeting and talk to us about it. We

meet on the third Monday of the month at 10 AM in Meeting Room 2 at the church.

Forward Day by Day

Daily devotional booklets for February, March, and April 2026, are now available in the Parish Office, Narthex, and Parish Hall.

Prayer Chain

For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, jnrats@gmail.com.

Centering Prayer

The St. Francis Centering Prayer Group meets off-campus via Zoom; if you would like to know more about the group and how to participate, contact Sophie Luffman at s.luffman@icloud.com or 520-262-3876.

Prayer Requests

Remembering those in need of our prayers: Kelly Davis, Delilah Wegrzyn, Tom Moorhead, Jean Schwafel, Jim Ravenelle, Bob Hutson, Jerry Lounsberry, Bonnie Haifley, Eva Jenkins, Isaac Garcia, Tomi Adams, Stephen North, Connie Nord, Paul Deysenroth, Elaine Deysenroth, Clark Adams, Ken Mattson, Bill Symons, Penne Williams, Gary Bates, Lee Parks. Pray for those who have died, remembering especially, Anne Gillespie, Jack Davis.

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