



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Green Valley, Arizona

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**THE GREAT LITANY AND HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE ONE**  
**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
22 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**

Robert W. Jones, 1932-1997

*Interlude: Sonatina for Worship, No. 5*

**THE GREAT LITANY**

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses  
of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins.  
Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast  
redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy  
preserve us for ever.  
*Spare us, good Lord.*

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and  
assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and  
hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want  
of charity,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of

the Spirit,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That It may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who  
are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive  
us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue  
us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives  
according to thy holy Word,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors,  
and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to  
comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who  
fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed  
eternal life and peace,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of  
Francis and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,  
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.  
*Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
*Grant us thy peace.*

O Christ, hear us.  
*O Christ, hear us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### **THE SALUTATION**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

**THE COLLECT**

**A**lmighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE FIRST LESSON** (*Please be seated*)

A Lesson from the book of Genesis (2:15-17; 3:1-7).

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**THE PSALM** (32) *Please respond after the asterisk.*

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| 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!             | as in the heat of summer.  |
| 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile! | 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.   |
| 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.     | 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." * Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.   |
| 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up                  | 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. |

*continued*

8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \* you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \* I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \* who must be

fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \* but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \* shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

## THE SECOND LESSON

A Lesson from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (5:12-19).

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

## GRADUAL HYMN 142

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days  
for us didst fast and pray,  
teach us with thee to mourn our sins,  
and close by thee to stay.

2. As thou with Satan didst contend,  
and didst the victory win,  
O give us strength in thee to fight,  
in thee to conquer sin.

3. As thou didst hunger bear and thirst,  
so teach us, gracious Lord,  
to die to self, and chiefly live  
by thy most holy word.

4. And through these days of penitence,  
and through thy Passiontide,  
yea, evermore, in life and death,  
Jesus! with us abide.

5. Abide with us, that so, this life  
of suffering overpast,  
an Easter of unending joy  
we may attain at last!

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew (4:1-11).

*People Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'  
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise be to thee, O 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.

Celebrant Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but  
have everlasting life. (*John 3:16*)

### **THE PEACE**

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

*People And with thy spirit.*

### **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, especially 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**

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

Matthew Compton, b. 1994

*The St. Francis Handbell Ensemble*

### **AT THE PRESENTATION**

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord;

*People And of thine own have we given thee.*

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

*People And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

*People We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People It is meet and right so to do.*

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people may stand, sit, or kneel*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

*Together* We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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* Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## **THE BLESSING**

### **CLOSING HYMN 143**

1. The glory of these forty days  
we celebrate with songs of praise; for Christ,  
through whom all things were made,  
himself has fasted and has prayed.

2. Alone and fasting Moses saw  
the loving God who gave the law;  
and to Elijah, fasting, came  
the steeds and chariots of flame.

3. So Daniel trained his mystic sight,  
delivered from the lions' might;

and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became  
the herald of Messiah's name.

4. Then grant us, Lord, like them to be  
full oft in fast and prayer with thee;  
our spirits strengthen with thy grace,  
and give us joy to see thy face.

5. O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
to thee be every prayer addressed,  
who art in threefold Name adored,  
from age to age, the only Lord.

## THE DISMISSAL

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

Johann Seb. Bach, 1685-1750

*Alle Menschen müssen sterben*

### 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.

### Organist this morning

David Mancini-Conway is at the organ this morning.

### This Week at St. Francis

Monday, 10a	Handbells, Loft
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 10a	DOK, Vulliamy Room
Wednesday, 3p	Search Committee, Conference Room
Wednesday, 5p	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday, 5:30p	Lenten Soup Supper
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Loft
Saturday, 9a	Vestry Retreat

### News from SAT

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 (home-made—yum!) about 5:30.

For more Announcements,  
please see insert.

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## «Additional Announcements»

### Solo Journeyers

The Solo Journeyers' Group will again be getting together for a luncheon at 11:30 am, today at the Quail Creek Grill (1490 Quail Range Loop, Green Valley, AZ 85614).

Menu: <https://www.quailcreekhoa.org/web/quail-creek-hoa/grill-at-quail-creek>

### Creation Care

Just a reminder that eyeglasses, printer cartridges and toothpaste tubes, toothpaste boxes, dental floss containers, and heads of electric toothbrushes can be recycled. Please save them and drop them off in the St. Francis Parish Hall. Recycling containers are on the counter or on the shelf in the storage room. Thanks for your care of creation.

### Prison Ministry

The collection for transportation costs to Camp Genesis is continuing. We are making progress toward our goal of \$4,869. Thank you for supporting the campers. (Camp Genesis will run from May 31 to June 6.) If you have a prayer heart for a camper, please keep up the prayers; we are almost to the end!

*Rena Robbins*

### Boutique 50% off Sale

St. Francis Boutique is offering 50% off today on all Valentine's merchandise. So grab your coffee and come see us after the 9 o'clock service. *Jylene Wright*

### Loving Our Neighbors

▶ Thank you for your donations of puzzles for La Posada. You went above and beyond by donating 18 jigsaw puzzles! La Hacienda and La Joya are grateful and now have more than enough puzzles for the residents.

▶ Sister Jose Women's Shelter in Tucson appreciates all of the clothing and shoe donations. Thank you!

▶ Crossroads Mission in Nogales is making plans for their Easter Dinner and looking forward to the Easter Baskets. Please keep the folks at the mission in your prayers.

### 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.

### Audio/Visual News

The "Listen System" (a hearing-assist system for those not using the "Loop" technology) has been relocated from the church to the Parish Hall. The demand for hearing assistance in the Parish Hall for classes and events is far greater than the demand in the church.

The system can accommodate up to (4) individuals at the same time and can be initi-

ated by the event leaders. NOTE: If you are an event leader, please contact Tom Cadwalader (231-290-0336) or Gloria Cadwalader (231-290-0436) for a “walk-through” of the system and its operating procedure.

### March/April Newsletter

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

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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, Penne Williams, Gary Bates, Lee Parks. Pray for those who have died, remembering especially, Anne Gillespie, Jack Davis.