



# Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch, Rector

The Rev. Becky Williamson, Deacon

The Rev. Linda Hutson, Deacon

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 25 SEPTEMBER 2022

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

*Liturgical Improvisation No. 1*

G. Oldroyd, 1887-1956

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN 423**

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

4. Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

**THE OPENING SENTENCE**

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

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

Celebrant 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.

*People* Amen.

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

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 OF THE DAY

**O** God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant  
us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may  
become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos (6:1a, 4-7).

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Sa-  
maria. Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat  
lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of  
the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from  
bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin  
of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of  
the loungers shall pass away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**THE PSALM (146)** *Please respond at the half-verse*

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| 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!<br>* I will praise the Lord as long as I live;<br>I will sing praises to my God while I<br>have my being. | 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, * and food to those who hunger.   |
| 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any<br>child of earth, * for there is no help in<br>them.  | 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the<br>LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *<br>the LORD lifts up those who are bowed<br>down;                    |
| 3 When they breathe their last, they re-<br>turn to earth, * and in that day their<br>thoughts perish.  | 8 The LORD loves the righteous; the Lord<br>cares for the stranger; * he sustains the<br>orphan and widow, but frustrates the<br>way of the wicked. |
| 4 Happy are they who have the God of<br>Jacob for their help! * whose hope is in<br>the LORD their God;   | 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, * your<br>God, O Zion, throughout all genera-<br>tions. Hallelujah!  |
| 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas,<br>and all that is in them; * who keeps his<br>promise for ever;   |   |

**THE SECOND LESSON**

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy (6:6-19).

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides

us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

### GRADUAL HYMN 625

1. Ye holy angels bright,  
who wait at God's right hand,  
or through the realms of light  
fly at your Lord's command,  
assist our song, for else the theme  
too high doth seem for mortal tongue.

2. Ye blessed souls at rest,  
who ran this earthly race  
and now, from sin released,  
behold the Savior's face,  
God's praises sound, as in his sight  
with sweet delight ye do abound.

3. Ye saints, who toil below,  
adore your heavenly King,  
and onward as ye go  
some joyful anthem sing;  
take what he gives and praise him still,  
through good or ill, who ever lives!

4. My soul, bear thou thy part,  
triumph in God above:  
and with a well-tuned heart  
sing thou the songs of love!  
Let all thy days till life shall end,  
whate'er he send, be filled with praise.

### THE GOSPEL (*Please stand as you are able*)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke (16:19-31).

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they

do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**THE SERMON** The Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch

**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 (FORM IV)**

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

We pray for those struggling with mental illness in our jails and prisons, that they may receive respectful and loving care from those who attend to their needs.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or Spirit, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

We acknowledge the native peoples of the land on which we stand:  
*We pay our respects to the Pascua Yaqui and Pima tribes for their care of this land.*

*Silence*

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbor and encouraged us not to forget those who are vulnerable: be with us as we seek to make changes to systems that violate the dignity of others so that they will foster restoration rather than retribution. Help us to be compassionate toward all your people that they may experience



your peace. Lead us to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you now and forever.

*Amen.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Leader and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest alone 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**

### **THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;  
bring offerings and come into his courts. (Psalm 96:8)*

### **OFFERTORY HYMN 309**

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| 1. O Food to pilgrims given,<br>O Bread of life from heaven,<br>O Manna from on high!<br>We hunger; Lord, supply us,<br>nor thy delights deny us,<br>whose hearts to thee draw nigh. | 2. O stream of love past telling,<br>O purest fountain, welling<br>from out the Savior's side!<br>We faint with thirst; revive us,<br>of thine abundance give us,<br>and all we need provide. |
| 3. O Jesus, by thee bidden,<br>we here adore thee, hidden<br>in forms of bread and wine.<br>Grant when the veil is riven,<br>we may behold, in heaven,<br>thy countenance divine.    |   |

## AT THE PRESENTATION

Priest     All things come of thee, O Lord,  
People     *And of thine own have we given thee.*

## AT THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 him thanks and praise.*

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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 stand, sit, or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 Lord 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 he 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, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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.*

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 one of two standing Communion Stations at the front of the church. To avoid crowding the center aisle during the distribution of the Sacrament, only one row at a time will move forward; please remember to follow Usher's directions.*

## 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,  
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 530

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| 1. Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,<br>spread the kingdom of the Lord,<br>that to earth's remotest bound<br>all may heed the joyful sound;   | 3. word of how the Savior's love<br>earth's sore burden doth remove;<br>how forever, in its need,<br>through his death the world is freed; |
| 2. word of how the Father's will<br>made the world, and keeps it, still;<br>how his only Son he gave,<br>earth from sin and death to save;      | 4. word of how the Spirit came<br>bringing peace in Jesus' name;<br>how his never-failing love<br>guides us on to heaven above.            |
| 5. Word of life, most pure and strong,<br>word for which the nations long,<br>spread abroad, until from night<br>all the world awakes to light. |  |

## THE DISMISSAL

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

Josef Rheinberger, 1839-1901

*Poco agitato (from 12 Pieces for Organ, op. 162)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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. If you would like to know more about the Parish please speak with Fr. Warren after the service or get in touch with him via email at: [frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org](mailto:frwarren@stfrancisgvaz.org). Please take the time to fill out a visitor card and hand it to an usher, greeter, or one of the clergy, or place it in the offering basket. We would love to hear from you.

### Fall Photo Sessions

Fall photo sessions have begun. Visit the sign-up table in the Parish Hall and schedule your appointment. Photos will be taken today, September 25, and October 9 and 23 in Meeting Room 2 (across from the library). Sign up early to book your preferred day. For questions or additional information about the photo directory project, email Lou Terry: [thirdangell@cox.net](mailto:thirdangell@cox.net)

### This Week at St. Francis

Today, 10a	Photo Sessions, Meeting Room 2
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 9:30a	DOK, Vulliamy Room
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Choir Loft
Friday, 1p	Greeters Meeting, Conference Room
Friday, 5p	Great Musical Movie Nite, Parish Hall
Saturday, 3p	Blessing of Animals, Church, Courtyard
Next Sunday, 9a	Holy Eucharist

### Music at St. Francis

The St. Francis Parish Choir has begun their fall season. If you are interested in join-

ing the choir please get in touch with Gerald (Choirmaster) via email at [gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org](mailto:gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org). He will be delighted to hear from you. Singers are needed in all sections of the choir, but especially tenors. You are not required to read music or to have extensive background as a vocalist; a decent singing voice and a willingness to learn is all that's required. We will reward you with first-class professional training.

► If you are not a singer, handbells may be for you. Our handbell ensemble—under the direction of Sophia Witte—rehearses on Tuesdays at 10 AM in the Choir Loft (rehearsals will begin in October). If you can count to four and keep a steady beat, you too can ring. Handbell ringing provides an excellent way of getting involved in worship as well as a great opportunity for fellowship with other parishioners. For more information contact Sophia Witte at [smw\\_witte@yahoo.com](mailto:smw_witte@yahoo.com) or 520-509-5037.

### Annual Blessing of Animals

Bring your furry and cuddly friends (the animal ones, that is) to the annual Blessing of Animals in honor of Francis of Assisi on Staurday, October 1, 2022. The event begins at 3 PM. Although the service will be held in the church, provision will be made to bless animals too large to be taken inside. Don't miss this wonderful, and always unpredictable, parish event.

► Then Come Back Sunday Morning at 9 AM for the annual service in honor of our Patron Francis of Assisi. (Francis' feast day is October 4, but the feast may be transferred to a Sunday for parishes named for the Saint.) The guest speaker will be our former Assistant to the Rector, The Rev. Pam Hyde, Canon for Creation Care, the Diocese of Arizona.

## The Boutique Is Open

St. Francis Boutique is now open following the Sunday service. We have many new decorative fall items, new jewelry and happily still offer unique items made by our very own parishioners—Pastels by Jean Schwafel, Knitting by Rita Beil, Wood Turnings and beautiful Photo Cards by Gloria and Tom Cadwalader, St. Francis Note Cards by Neal Hursh, and Pottery by Nancy Child-Hickman. All Boutique profits go directly to the Rector's Discretionary Fund; when you buy in our unique Boutique, you are helping those in need in the Green Valley community. Shopping is so easy—grab your coffee and come see! Managers and volunteers of the Boutique are Wendy Hill, Jylene Wright, Carol Vleck, and Annette Leibovitch. *Jylene*

## Franciscan Activities

As Fr. Warren has stated in the September Newsletter, we will be focusing on St. Francis and Franciscan Values during the month of October. The purpose of these activities is to show how our parish can pursue Franciscan values that have been held and followed for more than 800 years.

►October 6, Parish Hall, 10 AM—Review of Francis' life and spirit.

►October 7, Parish Hall, 5 PM—Potluck dinner and movie MR. ROGERS.

►October 13, Parish Hall 10 AM—Zoom presentation by Dr. Arthur Remillard on the spiritual connection between St. Francis and Mr. Rogers.

►October 20, Parish Hall, 10 AM—Presentation and discussion of the Franciscan perspective on the CARE FOR CREATION.

►October 27, Parish Hall, 10 AM—Presentation and discussion of the Franciscan perspective of COMPASSION. *Vince Remillard*

## Desert Fathers. Desert Mothers:

### THE PURSUIT OF ABUNDANT SIMPLICITY

On Saturday, October 15, the St. Clare Chapter of the ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING will sponsor a day of quiet reflection on the Desert Fathers and Mothers of the early Church. These men and women were typically recluses who lived in the deserts of the Middle East, devoting themselves to prayer and often severe ascetic practices, but also frequently called upon by pilgrims to offer instruction in the faith. This day of reflection will begin at 9 AM in the Chapel and conclude by 3 PM, closing with Holy Eucharist. All parishioners (and family/friends) are invited to participate. For more information or to register, contact Judy Turberg *judy.turberg@gmail.com*, or sign up at the DOK table in the Parish Hall on September 18 or 25, or October 2 or 9.

## Great Musicals Movie Night

### BROADWAY ON THE BIG SCREEN

Join us on Friday, September 30 and Friday, October 28 for a screening of one of the great movie musicals, hand-picked by St. Francis Director of Music Gerald Near. Gerald will give a brief talk about the musical beforehand, complete with interesting facts and even a few musical examples.

We will follow the summer 'Dinner and a Movie' model with potluck supper and fellowship at 5 PM.

## Introduction to the Episcopal Church

Fr. Warren will be teaching a one-hour introductory class on the Episcopal Church on Tuesdays from October 4 to November 15, from 11 AM to NOON in the Parish Hall. If you are new to the Episcopal vibe – or would just like to brush-up your knowledge – this class



will give you what you need. If you would like to attend, just speak with Fr. Warren or email him ([frwarren@stfranciscgvaz.org](mailto:frwarren@stfranciscgvaz.org)) and let him know you would like to register for the class, or stop in at the Parish Office to register.

### Prayer Chain

For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, at [jn-jrats@gmail.com](mailto:jn-jrats@gmail.com).

### Hearts and Hands

Books for Classrooms works with middle/high school Gay, Straight Alliance Clubs, inviting students to review and select books for their club libraries and provides books for the club to donate to the school library. These books are critical supports for a population that is often bullied and has little access to group history, heroes, and role models at school. Any questions or comments please see Joyce Davison: she will answer it or find the answer. The web site is [www.BooksforClassrooms.org](http://www.BooksforClassrooms.org).

### More From Hearts & Hands

If you enjoy shopping then you will love the October HEARTS AND HANDS project. The Hearts and Hands team is collaborating with the GV Fire Department to fill gift bags for our neighbors who are confined to their homes. On Sunday, October 2, and on all the Sundays in October, team members will help you sign up for a bag. You can use your imagination but when you pick up your bag you will also get a list of items that have been requested and that we know our friends are not usually able to purchase. Bring your filled bags to church and we'll take them to the Fire Department for delivery. Our goal is 75 bags this year.

### TeleCare Ministry

TeleCare Ministry is looking for a volunteer to make phone calls to parishioners on a quarterly basis. This great ministry enables parishioners to remain in contact with the church. If you would like to help, please contact Deacon Becky at 480-204-0022 to discuss this valuable ministry.

### Kino Border Initiative

Just recently 462 people were provided a hot meal at KBI's EL COMEDOR. Recipients line up early in the day in anticipation of what might be their only meal of the day. Plastic containers continue to be in great demand, since many of the recipients do not have access to facilities. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### Amazon Smile

If you purchase goods from Amazon.com (and who doesn't?), a percentage of the price can be sent to your favorite charity (or church - hint, hint) as a donation. All you have to do is sign up for Amazon Smile. Talk about easy money! Try it.

### Relief for Ukrainian Refugees

Episcopal Relief and Development is working with The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, the Diocese of Europe, the Anglican Alliance and United Society Partners in the Gospel as the churches prepare to mobilize on potential immediate and long-term responses to assist Ukrainian refugees in Poland, Romania, Hungary and other parts of Europe. Donations to Episcopal Relief and Development's Ukraine Crisis Response Fund (<https://support.episcopal-relief.org/ukraineresponse>) will help the organization and its partners continue to provide assistance to people displaced by the crisis in Ukraine.

## Altar Flowers

Would you like the flowers on the altar to be given in thanksgiving or in remembrance of someone or something you cherish? We would like to restart this tradition here at St. Francis. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please call Carol Berg at 520-373-5770 with your request. If she is not at home, leave your name and number and she will get back to you. Flower donation is \$35.

## Cruzando Fronteras

Our parishioners have been most generous in their response to requests for winter needs. Although Vicks and Chapstick are no longer needed, baby diapers are always welcome. The families at La Casa de la Misericordia are most grateful. Thanks to all of you for your generosity.

## Friends of the Library

As you may know, a concerted effort is being made to make the St. Francis Parish Library THE place to go for exciting reads on all kinds of subjects (at least those appropriate for a church library; you'll have to go elsewhere for romance novels). Joyce Davison and an active Library Committee have put in many hours getting things going, but there's much more to do. Some of it requires money. There's not at present a budget for our Library and, until there is (and perhaps long after), we invite you to join the FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY. Your donations of cash and books (preferably new) will be most welcome and greatly appreciated. (There are some rules and regs involved, so please don't just dump a pile of books at the Library door.) More information will be forthcoming so please stay tuned.

## Exploring the Life and Thought of C.S. Lewis

Our next class on the life and thought of the great Christian apologist C.S. Lewis will focus on Lewis' essay *TRANSPPOSITION*, one of his greatest. The essay is included in the collection *THE WEIGHT OF GLORY and Other Addresses*, available through Amazon Prime (used copies are also available through Amazon) or your favorite book seller. The date for the October meeting is yet to be determined, so please stay tuned. If you are interested in the class, contact Gerald via email at [gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org](mailto:gerald@stfrancisgvaz.org) and he will get more information to you. You are invited to attend even if you haven't done your homework.

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