



Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church

Green Valley, Arizona

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO THE FEAST OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI

FRIAR AND DEACON, 1226

2 OCTOBER 2022

ORGAN PRELUDE

Brygg Fayre

Richard Purvis, 1913-94

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 400 stanzas 1-4

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O praise him, Alleluia!

Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Dear mother earth, you day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluia!

All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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 Job (39:1-18).

“Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them.

“Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

“Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

“The ostrich’s wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its

eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (121) *Please respond at the half-verse*

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| 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come? | 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by
day, * nor the moon by night. |
| 2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth. | 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all
evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe. |
| 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not
fall asleep. | 8 The Lord shall watch over your going
out and your coming in, * from this
time forth for evermore. |
| 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Is-
rael * shall neither slumber nor sleep; | |
| 5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right
hand, | |

THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (40:21-28a).

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, ‘My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God’? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 593

1. Lord, make us servants of your peace;
where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive;
where there is strife, may we make one.

2. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
where all is night, may we sow light;
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

3. Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts,
but look for hearts to understand.

4. May we not look for love's return,
but seek to love unselfishly,
for in our giving we receive,
and in forgiving are forgiven.

5. Dying, we live, and are reborn
through death's dark night to endless day:
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
to wake at last in heaven's light.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (11:25-30).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Canon Pam Hyde, *Canon for Creation Care*

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 the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures.

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

Gracious God: Grant that your people may have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given; for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit.
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)*

AT THE OFFERTORY

Most High, omnipotent, good Lord, to thee be ceaseless praise outpoured, and blessing without measure. From thee alone all creatures came; no one is worthy thee to name. My Lord be praised by brother sun who through the skies his course doth run, and shines in brilliant splendor: with brightness he doth fill the day, and signifies thy boundless sway. My Lord be praised by sister moon and all the stars, that with her soon will point the glittering heavens. Let wind and air and cloud and calm and weathers all, repeat the psalm. By mother earth my Lord be praised; governed by thee she hath upraised what for our life is needful. Sustained by thee, through every hour, she brings forth fruit, and herb, and flower. For death our sister, praised be, from whom no one alive can flee. Woe to the unprepared! But blest be they who do thy will and follow thy commandments still. Most High, omnipotent, good Lord, to thee be ceaseless praise outpoured, and blessing without measure. Let creatures all give thanks to thee, and serve in great humility.

*Words attr. Francis of Assisi
Tr. Howard Chandler Robbins, 1876-1952, alt.
Music by Gerald Near*

AT THE PRESENTATION

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

AT THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (B)

*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.

For the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been the chosen vessels of your grace, and the lights of the world in their generations.

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.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this
bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Francis and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
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 400 stanzas 5-7

5. All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing now: Alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, and cast on him your care:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6. And even you, most gentle death,
waiting to hush our final breath,
O praise him, Alleluia!
You lead back home the child of God,
for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7. Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Wilbur Held, 1914-2015

All creatures of our God and King

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. 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.

Seems Like Old Times

It's a pleasure to welcome The Rev. Canon Pam Hyde back to St. Francis. We all have fond memories of her time with us as Assistant to the Rector (she was also ordained a Priest here at St. Francis). The Rev. Pam now serves as Canon for Creation Care for the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona, a position for which she is uniquely qualified. She is with us this morning as Guest Preacher; we look forward to what she has to tell us about the care of God's creation. Welcome back!

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@stfrancisgvaz.org) and let him know you would like to register for the class, or stop in at the Parish Office to register.

Franciscan Activities

*Yearning for a new way will not produce it.
Only ending the old way can do that.*

*There is only one way to bring in the new.
You must make room for it.*

- Neale Donald Walsch

Francis' life was devoted to serving as the heart and hands of Christ. In so doing, he came to recognize that this could only be achieved on a new journey.

In our celebration of the month of Francis, we are also undertaking such a journey, beginning with the blessings of the animals on Saturday, October 1, and then by hosting series of Parish activities (classes, films, and a potluck dinner) throughout the month.

On Thursday, October 6, at 10:30 AM, we will view an inspiring presentation made last March for our parish by Dr. Arthur Remillard, Professor of Religious Studies at St. Francis University, on how Francis brought in and made room for the new. Following that, at the October 7 Potluck dinner, we will view *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, starring Tom Hanks. Mr. Rogers serves as an exemplar for bringing in the new as regards Franciscan compassion in the modern world.

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 next Sunday, October 9 and Sunday, October 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

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.

This Week at St. Francis

Tuesday, 9a	Men's Group, Conference Room
Tuesday, 11a	Introduction to the Episcopal Church, Parish Hall
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 11a	Stewardship, Conf Room
Thursday, 10a	Franciscan Study, Parish Hall
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Choir Loft
Friday, 5p	MR. ROGERS film, Parish Hall
Saturday, 4p	Holy Eucharist, Parish Hall
Next Sunday, 10a	Photo Directory Sessions Meeting Room 2

Music at St. Francis

The St. Francis Parish Choir has begun their fall season. If you are interested in joining the choir please get in touch with Gerald (Choir-master) via email at *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* or 520-509-5037.

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*

Great Musicals Movie Night

BROADWAY ON THE BIG SCREEN

Join us on Friday, October 28 for another 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.

Prayer Chain

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

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.

Stewardship Ministry

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The St. Francis in the Valley's 2023 Stewardship campaign, GRATITUDE IN GIVING, is gearing-up, but we need some extra help from YOU. At this time, all committee members are also members of the Vestry. We would like and need non-vestry parishioners to participate as well.

The only requirements are an interest in St. Francis in the Valley's financial health

and a desire to participate in this important ministry. Please contact me (206-259-0361 or emmymex@yahoo.com), Fr. Warren, or Julie Reppenhagen for more information or to ask a question. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 5 at 11:15 am in the Conference Room and you are invited!

Marybeth Bates

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.

Green Valley/Sahuarita Food Bank

Thank you for supporting the targeted food collections during the summer. Your generosity is amazing and valued. Though HEARTS AND HANDS is launching new projects, our community friends still need food. Please continue to bring food each Sunday.

What we need now are volunteers to pick up the food each Sunday and deliver these gifts to the Food Bank on Continental during the week. Think about signing up for just one month for this task. There are always folks to load St. Francis food gifts into your car and there is always someone at the Food Bank to unload. Please email behook@aol.com to tell me what month you would like to volunteer. *Barb Hook*

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.

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