



# 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 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9 OCTOBER 2022

ORGAN PRELUDE

*Arioso*

Johann Seb. Bach, 1685-1750

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 473

### *REFRAIN*

Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore  
his sacred Name.

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *REFRAIN*

2. Each new-born servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. *REFRAIN*

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. *REFRAIN*

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory. *REFRAIN*

### 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

**L**ord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from the Second Book of Kings (5:1-3, 7-15c).

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**THE PSALM (111)** *Please respond at the half-verse*

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| <p>1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, * in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.</p> <p>2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! * they are studied by all who delight in them.</p> <p>3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, * and his righteousness endures for ever.</p> <p>4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; * the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.</p> <p>5 He gives food to those who fear him; * he is ever mindful of his covenant.</p> <p>6 He has shown his people the power of his works * in giving them the lands of the nations.</p> | <p>7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; * all his commandments are sure.</p> <p>8 They stand fast for ever and ever, * because they are done in truth and equity.</p> <p>9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and awesome is his Name.</p> <p>10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; * those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.</p> |
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## THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy (2:8-15).

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
if we endure, we will also reign with him;  
if we deny him, he will also deny us;  
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—  
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

## GRADUAL HYMN 686

1. Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace!  
Streams of mercy never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,  
mount of God's unchanging love.

2. Here I find my greatest treasure;  
hither, by thy help, I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke (17:11-19).

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**O**n the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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.*

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*

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**

*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 impas-  
sioned. Striving still to Truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.*

*Music by Johann Seb. Bach, 1685-1750*

### **AT THE PRESENTATION**

*Priest All things come of thee, O Lord,*

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

### **AT THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer 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.

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 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...  
...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 397**

1. Now thank we all our God,  
with heart, and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us!  
With ever-joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven,  
eternal, Triune God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be, evermore.

## **THE DISMISSAL**

### **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Johann Seb. Bach, 1685-1750

*Now thank we all our God*

## 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@stfranciscgvaz.org](mailto:frwarren@stfranciscgvaz.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.

### Introduction to the Episcopal Church

Fr. Warren will be teaching a one-hour introductory class on the Episcopal Church on Tuesdays from October 11 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.

### Franciscan Activities

Continuing our celebration of St. Francis during the month of October, you are invited to join us in the Parish Hall on Thursday, October 13, at 10 AM for a Zoom presentation with Dr. Arthur Remillard, Chair of the Religious Studies Deptment at St. Francis University in Loretto, PA. Dr. Remillard will discuss the connection between Francis and Mr. Rogers while relating that to the Franciscan Values our Parish has subscribed to: Compassion, Spirituality, Creation, Peace and Justice.

Dr. Remillard received enthusiastic approval among our parishioners for his first Zoom presentation in March, and his participation in the following classes. He looks forward to meeting us again. Following his presentation, he will be available for questions and comments you may wish to address to him.

### Fall Photo Sessions

Fall photo sessions have begun. Visit the sign-up table in the Parish Hall and schedule your appointment. Photos are being taken today and next 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### Prison Ministry

The Prison Ministry is so grateful for all the support you have given the women and chil-

dren who are living with incarceration. Thank you. You donated 1,648 ounces of yarn, (yarn is sold by the ounce) that equals 103 pounds! Thank you. You have sent 165 birthday cards to women in Perryville. Thank you. 56 of you are praying for the children of an incarcerated parent who get to attend Camp Genesis at Chapel Rock. Thank you. Your purchases of Perryville Notecards total \$125 so far. The proceeds go the Arizona Diocese Prison Ministry to purchase supplies for the prison art shows. Thank you.

We hope you enjoyed the coffee hour cupcakes and fruit on October 2nd. We enjoyed doing it. *Rena Robbins*

### This Week at St. Francis

Today, 10a	Photo Directory Sessions, Meeting Room 2
Tuesday, 11a	Introduction to the Episcopal Church, Parish Hall
Wednesday, 9a	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Wednesday, 9:30a	DOK, Vulliamy Room
Wednesday, 10a	Memorials Committee, St. Francis Room
Thursday, 10a	Franciscan Presentation, Parish Hall
Thursday, 2p	Parish Choir, Choir Loft
Saturday, 9a	Desert Fathers, Desert Mothers, Chapel
Next Sunday, 9a	Holy Eucharist

### 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 (Choirmaster) via email at [gerald@stfranciscvaz.org](mailto:gerald@stfranciscvaz.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.

### 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](mailto:jn-jrats@gmail.com).

### Forward Day by Day

Daily devotional booklets for November and December 2022 and January 2023 are now available in the Parish Office, Parish Hall and Narthex.

### 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](mailto:emmymex@yahoo.com)), Fr. Warren, or Julie Reppenhagen for more information or to ask a question. *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.

### Some Music Notes

Organ and choral music this morning is all by Johann Sebastian Bach. Every once in awhile some newspaper takes a poll (of whom no one knows) based on the question 'who's the greatest composer of all time?' Mozart ranks pretty high, so does Handel. But Bach always comes out on top. A well known contemporary jazz thinker puts it this way: "Next to Bach, we all suck." Not pretty, but accurate. When it came time to send a recording into outer space, on the off-chance some other civilization might come across it, Bach's *B Minor Mass* was suggested as the music to include; it was also suggested that something else might be better since the *B Minor Mass* would be tantamount to 'showing off.'

### 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.

We need 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. Email [behook@aol.com](mailto:behook@aol.com) to tell me what month you would like to volunteer. *Barb*

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