

The St. Francis Bulletin

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion

8:30 - said service

10:30 am - service with music

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Classes for all ages

Sundays 9:30 -10:15 am

Adults in the Fellowship Area

Youth upstairs

WEEK DAY SERVICES

Evening Prayer

Thursdays, 7 pm

Prayers for the Nation

1st Saturday, 10 am

From the Rector

Fr. Aaron Cappuci

As we are near the midpoint of 2024, let us take a few moments to look back on the last five or six months through the lens of our annual meeting, and in particular, our Vision and Planning for 2024. This brief article will serve as a checkup to how we are doing in becoming “**A Place to Belong**”.

The central focus for this year is for St. Francis Church to more fully become “A Place to Belong” - St. Francis Church ought to be the place where anyone can find a spiritual home to grow in Christ over a lifetime. To this end, we need to be warm and hospitable to both members and visitors. We must remain a caring parish for all ages and any who wish to grow spiritually. We must encourage and provide opportunities for regular fellowship amongst all parishioners.

How do we do this intentionally? How can we assess our growth and development as a parish in becoming *A Place to Belong*?

Below you will find an excerpt from our annual meeting and I invite you to spend some time in prayer and reflection as you review and answer these questions. Ask the Lord to help you to continue to grow in your knowledge and love of Him, that this might not be a mere checklist, but a means whereby we can be helped along by the Holy Spirit in becoming a place of belonging in this present evil age.

You will notice that the primary question is focused on your spiritual growth, this is because your spiritual health and growth is vital in St. Francis Church becoming a place to belong. If we seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, then all these things will be added unto us. If we are a kingdom oriented people, then we will increasingly become a place to belong.

The primary question is this: **Is there one way to intentionally grow in your spiritual life at St. Francis Church this year?**

For example:

- *Worship*: If you regularly come to Sunday worship 2/month, can you increase that to 3?

Hebrews 10:25 - “Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

- *Ministries*: If you have not found a ministry in which to *regularly* serve, is there one which you can offer your time and talent?

1 Peter 4:10 - “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.”

- *Catechesis*: If you do not currently attend Sunday School, could you commit to coming 2-3 times per month?

2 Timothy 3:16-17 - “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

- *Giving*: If you do not regularly give to the parish, could you start with a manageable consistent contribution?

2 Corinthians 9:7 - “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Pentecost BBQ

Men of St. Francis take note! The annual Pentecost BBQ/Smoke-fest will be Saturday, May 18 on the grounds of the church property. This is a bring your own BBQ equipment, as the church has no way to store any grills. Jim Crandell will supply lunch at around noon. This gathering of the men of St. Francis was the reason that St. Polycarp's group was formed in 2009: to gather together to smoke/BBQ/grill meat and for fellowship. The entire

congregation can enjoy the food the next day. Men who can't join the festivities are welcome to prepare the meat at home and bring it to church the next day.

On Sunday, May 19, the Day of Pentecost, plan to stay after the 10:30 service for a delicious luncheon. The St. Polycarp's Group is supplying the meat for the meal.



St. Francis Website

Did you know that an audio recording of the 10:30 service is posted to our website each week?

Webmaster Jim Crandell audio records the 10:30 am service, masters the audio file, and posts to the website - typically by Sunday evening.

Recordings of most of the sermons delivered at St. Francis are also available on the sermon page of the website.

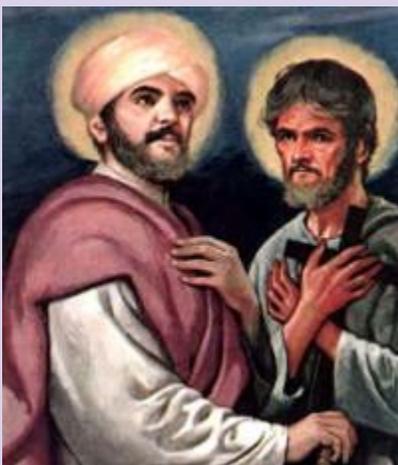
www.StFrancisAustin.org

Bishop's Visit

Bishop Ryan Reed will be at St. Francis on June 16, 3rd Sunday after Trinity, for his annual visitation and confirmation. The members of St. Clare's Guild will provide a luncheon to honor him and the confirmands. All that is needed is for you to attend the service and the luncheon!



Upcoming Midweek Special Services



Wednesday, May 1

7:00 pm

Holy Communion celebrating St. Philip and St. James Apostles.

Refreshments and fellowship afterwards

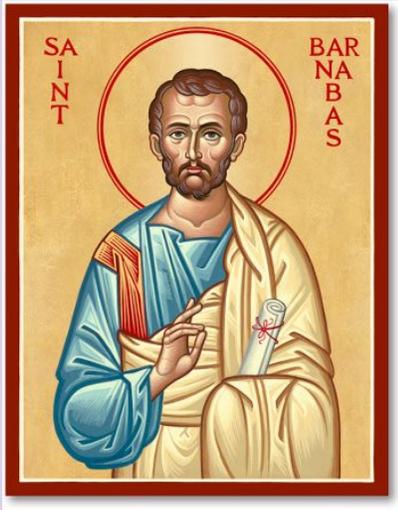


Thursday, May 9

7:00 pm

Holy Communion celebrating the Day of the Ascension.

Refreshments and fellowship afterwards.



Tuesday, June 11

7:00 pm

Holy Communion celebrating St. Barnabas the Apostle.

Refreshments and fellowship afterwards

St. Francis Adult Study/Home Groups

St. Francis has three adult study/home groups that welcome new and returning people.

Tuesdays from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. via Zoom.

Currently they are reading through the Book of Revelation. This group has about 6 participants from St. Francis as well as nonmembers. Doug Cooper is the coordinator.

2nd and 4th Fridays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Meeting at the home of Angie and Steve McCown in far south Austin in the Shady Hollow neighborhood (off of Brody Lane), this group discusses the

upcoming lectionary lessons. Currently up to 9 St. Francis members and friends attend.

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the home of Amy and Jim Crandell in the central Austin Crestview neighborhood, this group discusses the upcoming lectionary lesson. Currently 6 people attend.

If you would like to visit any of these groups, talk with the organizers or email info@stfrancisaustin.org.



National Day of Prayer



Thursday, May 2 is the National Day of Prayer. The 2024 theme is from 2 Samuel 22:29-31:

LIFT UP THE WORD - LIGHT UP THE WORLD

For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him.

National Day of Prayer Events in this area on May 2.

See complete details at: <https://ndpaustin.org/events>

- **Anderson Mill/El Salado** - 12pm-12:30pm; National Day of Prayer Gathering; El Salido Park 11500 El Salido Pkwy Austin, Texas 78750
- **Bastrop's Observance of The National Day of Prayer** - 12pm-1pm; The Courthouse Gazebo in front of the old Jail
- **Burnet, Texas** - 7am-7:45am; National Day of Prayer; ; Burnet County Courthouse- corner of S. Pierce and E. Washington, Burnet, TX
- **Capitol of Texas Prayer Event** - 12pm-1pm; Texas Capitol Rotunda, 1100 Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78701
- **Cedar Park National Day of Prayer Event** - 12 Noon-1pm; Cedar Park Police Station
- **Georgetown** 32nd Annual National Day of Prayer Event - 6:30 PM-7:30 PM; Crestview Baptist Church East Lawn, 2300 Williams Dr. Georgetown TX 78628
- **Lago Vista, Texas** National Day of Prayer Event - 6:30pm-7pm; At Grace Fellowship Church 19615 Boggy Ford Rd. Lago Vista, Texas 78645
- **Lakeway Church** - 5:30pm Great Lawn then to Sanctuary-8pm; 2203 Lakeway Blvd., Lakeway, Texas 78737
- **Leander** National Day of Prayer Event - 6:30am-8am; Leander Police Department, 705 Leander Drive Leander, TX 78641
- **Round Rock, Texas** - National Day of Prayer Event - Noon-1PM; at Texas Baptist Children's Home in the Chapel
- **Taylor** National Day of Prayer/Live Music - 7pm-8pm; Heritage Square -400 North Main St Taylor TX , 76574

If you can't attend any of the above, you are welcome to come to the Prayers for the Nations prayer group meeting on the first the first Saturday of each month at 10 am throughout the year. We pray following the model of the National Day of Prayer. Collects and extemporaneous prayers are offered in the 7 areas that affect our country: Church, Family, Education, Military, Media and Arts, Government, and Business. All are welcome to attend

Ongoing Drives



Mobile Loaves & Fishes
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The **Mobile Loaves and Fishes Food Truck** could use clothing donations. Gently used or new clothes for people of all sizes are snatched up on our monthly Food Truck run. Consider donating clothes you no longer wear or purchasing socks. Collection site is on the table in the Narthex.



Trotter House

You can easily contribute to the diaper drive for the Trotter House! Why not pick up a package of diapers each time you go to the grocery store and put on the table in the Narthex? Any little bit helps families with unexpected pregnancies.



Altar Flowers

You can make a dedication for altar flowers any Sunday of the year. Consider making a thank offering for any reason - for family, anniversary, birthday or an offering in memory of a loved one on any convenient Sunday for the flowers on the altar. Envelopes for this purpose are on the shelf on the back of the Nave.



St. Francis has an active prayer list! If you have any prayer concerns, you can add to the list by writing on a post-it sheet and placing it in the prayer box located in the back of the Nave or by emailing PrayerList@stfrancisaustin.org. The members of the St. Francis prayer group will be notified via email by Becky Hunt.



Happy Anniversary

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| 1 | Amy Crandell | | |
| 6 | Kaine Heinrich | | |
| 9 | Randy Scheer | 21 | Michael Adams & Kerry Manning |
| 10 | Michael Jones | 23 | Claude & Melissa Bernard |
| 17 | Sandy Scheer | | |
| 19 | Ikenna Ifesineke, Chimzi Eziechile | 30 | Don & Marci Brown |
| 21 | Marsha Crosby | | |
| 29 | Julie Spaulding | 31 | Thomas Sager & RobinRuth Alexander |

May Calendar

Sundays

- 8:30 a.m. Said Holy Communion. Healing prayers at the altar rail follow the service
- 9:15 a.m. Nursery is provided.
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Adults & Youth)
Last day for Sunday is May 19th
- 10:30 a.m. Choral Holy Communion. Healing prayers after the service.
- 12:00 p.m. Choir Practice

1st Saturday, May 4

- 10:00 a.m. Prayers for the Nation

2nd Monday, May 13

- 6:00 pm Vestry Meeting via Zoom

3rd Monday, May 20

- 7:00 - 8:30 pm Readers of First Things group meeting.

Tuesdays

- 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Bible Study online via Zoom. New members are welcome.

2nd and 4th Wednesdays (5/8, 5/22)

- 7 - 8:30 pm Home group at the Crandells house. New members are welcome.

Thursdays

- 7:00 pm Evening Prayer in person in the church and via Zoom. All are welcome.

2nd & 4th Fridays (5/10, 5/24)

- 7:30 - 9:00 pm Home group at the McCown's house. New members are welcome.

4th Friday - May 24

- 4:30 p.m. Mobile Loaves & Fishes Make Ready Team
- 5:30 p.m. Mobile Loaves & Fishes Truck Run

READINGS FOR APRIL

5/1 St. Philip and St. James

- James 1: 1-12
- John 14: 1-14

5/5 Rogation Sunday

- James 1:22-27
- John 16:23b-33

5/9 Ascension Day

- Acts 1:1-11
- Luke 24:49-53

5/12 Sunday after Ascension

- 1 Peter 4:7-11
- John 15:26-16:4a

5/19 Whitsunday (Pentecost)

- Acts 2:1-11
- John 14:15-31

5/26 Trinity Sunday

- Revelation 4:1-11
- John 3:1-15

Notes on the Readings:

- St. Francis follows the lectionary from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.
- The text read is from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.
- On the fourth Sunday of the month, we will use the Psalm appointed for that day in the Morning Prayer portion of the service.
- Each of the listed Sunday readings is linked to the corresponding page on <http://commonprayer>.

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