

The Holy Eucharist

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

11:00 a.m. Sunday, January 29, 2017

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.
May you leave here with a heart prepared to serve.*



*If this is your first time here, or your first time back in a while,
we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card found in your pew
and put it in the offering plate.*

**Our worship time together begins with a musical prelude.
Thank you for listening in silence and for respecting the needs of worshippers
for a quiet time of prayer and meditation.**

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE *Christus, der ist mein Leben* Johann Gottfried Walther
1684-1748

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Holy God, we praise thy name *Hymnal, #366*
verses 1 - 4

OPENING ACCLAMATION *The Book of Common Prayer, page 355*

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY all say together

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. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE All glory be to God on high *Hymnal, #421*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.” “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

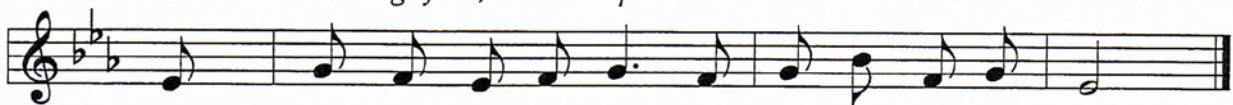
Reader The Word of the Lord.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 15

Domine, quis habitabit?

setting by Michael Secour

sung by all

ANTIPHON *Cantor sings first, then all repeat*

The right - eous shall a - bide up - on God's ho - ly hill.



- ¹ Lord, who may dwell in your /tabernacle? *
 who may abide upon your /holy hill?
- ² Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is /right, *
 who speaks the truth /from his heart. **Antiphon**
- ³ There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his /friend; *
 he does not heap contempt up- /on his neighbor.
- ⁴ In his sight the wicked is re- /jected, *
 but he honors those who /fear the Lord. **Antiphon**

⁵ He has sworn to do no /wrong *
and does not take /back his word.

⁶ He does not give his money in hope of /gain, *
nor does he take a bribe a-/gainst the innocent.

⁷ Whoever does these /things *
shall never be /overthrown.

Antiphon

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

Blest are the pure in heart
verses 1 – 2, before the Gospel
verses 3 – 4, after the Gospel

Hymnal, #656

Response after the Deacon introduces the Gospel **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

- “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
 “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil
 against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in
 heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Response at the end of the Gospel reading **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Deborah White

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 worshiped 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

Leader Almighty God, giver of all good things, we thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

People **Heal us.**

Leader We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

People **Forgive us.**

Leader We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

People **Inspire us.**

Leader We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people here from every nation, though we have often hidden its light.

People **Enlighten us.**

Leader We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

People **Renew us.**

Leader We pray for those who have invited our concern ...

The Deacon offers prayers and thanksgivings from the St. Mary's Prayer List and invites the congregation to add theirs.

Deacon As we begin a new national administration, we pray especially for our president, Donald Trump. O Lord our Governor, the whole world is filled with your authority: we commend this nation to your merciful care, that we may follow your guidance and live in your peace. Give to the President of the United States, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them always remember that they are called to serve this nation in the fear of your righteous judgements.

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices, in one united chorus, will glorify your holy name. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Beati Quorum Via

Charles Villers Stanford

St. Mary's Parish Choir

1852-1924

*Beati quorum via integra est,
qui ambulant in lege Domini.*

English translation

Blessed are the undefiled in the way,
who walk in the law of the Lord

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Earth has many a noble city

Hymnal, #127

verses 1, 4, 5

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

"A Community Mass"
 Richard Proulx

After the Sanctus, the people kneel or stand. The Celebrant continues....

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People **We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues.....

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **Amen**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

remain standing

BCP, page 364

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Music: Richard Proulx

THE INVITATION

All who desire to know God are invited to receive the consecrated Bread and Wine.

Bread and wafers are both available. If you have a preference, please let the clergy know.

You may also receive a blessing instead of bread and wine by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

Hymnal, #306

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

all say 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.

SENDING OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR *

* when needed

Celebrant N., in the name of this parish family, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to _____. Together we share in the body and blood of Christ.

People **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Rejoice, ye pure in heart
verses 1 - 5

Hymnal, #556

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Postlude on “Darwall”

Healey Willan
1880-1968

**As a courtesy to those who wish to continue in prayer or listen to the postlude,
please exit quietly and join in fellowship in the courtyard.
We request that there be no applause after the postlude.
Thank you.**

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Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS

We are delighted that you chose to worship with us. We hope to be in an on-going and holy relationship with you in the days and years to come. Let us know how we can be of service to you. May God bless you and all whom you love.

Please fill out a welcome card and put it in the offering plate, give it to one of the ushers or clergy. We are happy to add you to our email list so you can keep up with the programs, activities, and news of St. Mary's.

MUSIC FOR THIS MORNING

Stanford's Beati Quorum Via is a gorgeous meditation on a portion of Psalm 119. It also echoes the list of Beatitudes from this morning's Gospel, saying "Blessed are the undefiled who walk in the law of the Lord." Composed by Charles Villiers Stanford, it's slow triple meter with constant moving quarter notes suggest a musical depiction of one walking in the way of the Lord.

-Eric Choate, Interim Director of Music

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

"Equipping the Beloved Community," a Diocesan-sponsored ministry development day consisting of topical workshops, will be held at Grace Cathedral, 1100 California St., San Francisco on Saturday, Feb. 11. Included among the day's offerings are sessions for lay discernment committees, and church communications committees. Also included are training sessions for Lay Eucharistic Ministers and for Lay Eucharistic Visitors that provide the foundation for participation in these ministries at St. Mary's. All workshops are intended to empower lay leadership with the knowledge and skills to serve in their roles with confidence. Communal worship, fellowship with others from throughout the Diocese, and a keynote luncheon round out the day. More information on all of the sessions can be found at www.diocal.org/equipping-beloved-community or pre-register at <https://diocal.wufoo.com/forms/z1f5x6m20g7tep6/>.

-Natalie Hala, Verger & Liturgist

CONTEMPLATING WAYS ST. MARY'S

CAN BE MORE ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY

A group of parishioners is starting to work with Faith in Action Bay Area, a "network of faith communities committed to ensuring that the dignity of all members of our community is upheld," to discern how St. Mary's could become involved with their work and with the broader community.

TODAY at 10:00 a.m., several members of St. James Episcopal Church on California Street will tell us about their congregation's journey with Faith in Action and what they have been doing.

We hope to see you all there! If you have any questions, email Margaret Stafford at mpstafford@gmail.com.

-Margaret Stafford, Outreach

SUBSCRIBE TO HIGHLIGHTS

Don't miss out on any St. Mary's news or ministry opportunities! Subscribe to our online weekly announcements, "Highlights." You will be the first to receive important information about all of the happenings at St. Mary's, including special services, personnel changes, events, and more. You can even transfer calendar dates from Highlights right to your calendar application, so you'll never miss a rehearsal again. If you would like to be on the recipient list for "Highlights," simply email Carla at office@smvsf.org.

Carla Ocfemia, Parish Administrator

YOUTH GROUP

TONIGHT: High School YG will meet from **5:30-7:30 p.m.** for food, games, and conversation about some of the essential aspects of our Christian faith. See you there!

-Mike Stafford, Youth Minister

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School lessons during Epiphany will channel the Gospel readings though a week or two out of sync. Today for instance we'll present the story of Jesus' baptism by his cousin John ---the Gospel several weeks ago---and then follow up with activities and discussions about baptism now. **Be prepared to answer your children's questions about where you were baptized, where and when they were baptized, and who the collective godparents are.** You're also likely to see a dove or two. Hmm, we associate the dove with the story of Noah and with Mary's visit by the Angel Gabriel. What does have a dove have to do with the baptism story? Ask a little person.

-Nancy Clark, Sunday School Director

SUNDAY SCHOOL

REVERSE ADVENT PROJECT A SUCCESS!

Success! Many, many thanks to all the church families that participated in the Reverse Advent Calendar food drive and also to the 5th and 6th graders for sorting the food and labeling the packing boxes. We collected 10 very full boxes of food and 4 boxes of toiletries, household goods and school supplies. Our collection

was donated to the Piedmont Community Church (PCC) to be given to a refugee family they are sponsoring. The Piedmont church was seeking donated items from the wider community, so our supplies were perfect! Here are brief details with regard to the family. This family of two parents, two sons (ages 8 and 10) and a daughter (age 5) will be arriving soon from Afghanistan and moving into their new home here in the Bay Area. The family's father speaks English, and the others speak Dari, a Persian dialect spoken in Afghanistan. We are certain that PCC and the newly arrived family will be grateful for our efforts!

-Lisa Reynolds

COMMUNION BREAD FEEDBACK REQUEST

Last September, St. Mary's began experimenting with using fresh bread in addition to wafers for holy communion. At that time we partnered with Community Supported Agriculture, a project of the Episcopal Church which invites community participation in the planting, harvesting, threshing, winnowing, and milling of heirloom wheat at The Bishop's Ranch which is then used to bake communion bread in parishes across the Diocese. When the bread was introduced, the Liturgy Ministry Team agreed to try this for a few months and then reevaluate how people experienced the bread. We are now inviting everyone to share their thoughts through the survey at: <http://smvsf.org/worship/> so that we can best assess how to move forward.

-Rev. Claire Ranna

REPORT ON THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

Approximately 150 parishioners gathered in the nave of St. Mary's Church for the January, 2017, Annual Meeting of the parish. Retiring Senior Warden Jim Griffith presided.

Four new vestry members were unanimously elected: Deborah Franklin, Allan Jergesen, Georgene Keeler, and Debbie Veatch.

New Deanery/Diocesan Delegates were elected to represent St. Mary's in the group of several local Episcopal congregations that meets to deal with diocesan issues and to work together on collaborative projects. The delegates also represent our parish at the annual Diocesan Convention: Roulhac Austin, David Crosson, Seven Currier, Gretchen Lintner, Fred Martin, Alisa Quint, and Carl Zacchrisson.

Betty Hood-Gibson, Treasurer, and Jeff Landry, Finance Chair, presented the 2016 financial report that indicated the parish ended the year \$2,692 to the good. The 2017 budget was reduced due to lower than needed pledge income. The budget reflects a deficit of \$102,845.

Hopefully some of that will be met by new or renewed pledges. The shortfall will have to be covered by a loan from the parish endowment.

Allan Jergesen, Chair of the Stewardship Committee, reported on the current status of the pledge commitments for 2017.

Creighton Reed and Diana Sullivan, Co-Chairs of the Search Committee enthusiastically reported on the progress of their work in finding a new rector for St. Mary's. The final three names of candidates should be ready to give to the Vestry in the spring and a new rector should be in place by fall.

Retiring vestry members Jane Cook, Jim Griffith, Liz Paxton, and Creighton Reed were thanked for their service.

Jim Griffith gave the Senior Warden's report and Fr. Don Brown gave the Interim Rector's report. Fr. Brown announced that Roulhac Austin is the Senior Warden for 2017.

Following the meeting, parishioners gathered in Fowler Hall for a lovely parish potluck organized by Nancy Svensen with special help from Anna Sylvester. During the potluck, the new Vestry announced they had elected Ron Clark to be the Junior Warden for 2017.

Copies of the 2016 Annual Report are available in then narthex of the church or you can visit our website at www.smvsf.org.

-Fr. Don Brown

FASTING AND FEASTING DURING LENT

Quiet Day—Presented by The Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King invite you to experience our annual "Quiet Day" on **Saturday, February 25, Noon to 5 p.m.** We set aside this day to prepare ourselves for Lent, and we use our entire beautiful church campus for spiritual inspiration. This year, the Licensed Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs) have agreed to partner with the Daughters for this event. Ruah Bull, Ph.d., Spiritual Director, will lead us through Lecto Divina, Visio Divina, and Art Journaling. To learn more about Ruah, please visit her blog at <http://ruahbullspiritualdirector.blogspot.com/> If you have never been to the "Quiet Day", you are in for a spiritual treat. For more information, please talk to any of the Daughters: Catherine Secour, Gloria Powell, Alisa Quint Fisher, Betty Hood-Gibson, Malaney Johnides, Anna Sylvester, Jan Bolles

-Anna Sylvester

**ST. MARY'S IS EXCITED TO WELCOME YOU TO
OUR RECTOR SEARCH PAGE!**

The search committee is conducting our initial interviews with a very strong group of candidates after having read through all of their application documents in December and deciding who continued in the process. We are excited to be meeting them virtually each weekend this January, and then will discern who we move forward with in February. At that time we will start scheduling visits in their home parishes during February and March. Continuing on schedule, we will then be able to discern from those visits which 3 or so we move forward to the vestry for their consideration and interviewing. We will prepare information booklets for each candidate in April and forward those to the vestry by May, so they can start their discernment and final interview visits in May/June. We have a report that has been published in the Annual Report.

If you are a parishioner with any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Creighton, Diana or anyone on the search committee on search@smvsf.org or in the courtyard.

If you are a candidate with any questions, please feel free to email us at the candidate address, rectorsearch@smvsf.org.

In Christ,
Creighton Reed and Diana Sullivan
Co-chairs, Profile & Search Committee
search@smvsf.org

LAY MINISTRY

Altar Guild: *Kim Regan, Nancy Clothier, Gloria Powell, Gretchen Lintner*

Eucharistic Visitors: *Russell Fudge, Alexandra Grover, David Gibson*

Flowers: *Barbara Addeo, Mary Van Zomeran,*

8:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearer: *Georgene Keeler*

Usher: *Leslie Hughes*

9:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearers: *Jeff Landry, Fran Hegeler, Betty Hood-Gibson*

Lector: *Alexandra Grover*

Prayer Leader: *Betty Hood-Gibson*

Children's Homily: *Bob Scavullo*

Ushers: *Chris Ball, Jerry George, David Sullivan*

Acolytes:

First Crucifer: *James Sutton*

First Torch Bearers: *Charlotte Wyman, Lily Peta*

Second Crucifer: *Ainsley Ball*

Second Torch Bearer: *Henry Magher, Hunter Magher*

Servers: *Ryan Darwin, Ginny Woodworth*

11:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearers: *Linda Sharp, Roulhac Austin, Bob Bledsoe*

Lector: *Jan Bolles*

Prayer Leader: *Sheila Santangelo*

Ushers: *Steve White, David Sullivan, Creighton Reed*

SAVE THE DATE

Stop Hunger Now! On **Saturday, March 4, 2017** we will gather in the Great Room from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. to package meals for hungry people. This is a parish-wide event to which all members of the community are invited! Additional information coming soon!

- *Rev. Tim Smith, Deacon*

ST. MARY'S CALENDAR

Sunday, January 29

8:00 am.....Holy Eucharist (Church)

9:00 am.....Holy Eucharist w/ Sunday School (Church)

10:00 am.....Faith in Action (Great Rm)

11:00 am.....Holy Eucharist (Church)

Monday, January 30

4:00 pm.....Lacuna Arts (Church)

6:00 pm.....Study in use

6:00 pm.....Vestry in use

Tuesday, January 31

7:00 pmAA (Great Rm)

Wednesday, February 1

7:00 am.....Holy Eucharist (Church)

11:00 am...Staff Mtg (Copy Rm)

3:30 pm....Children/Youth Choir (Choir Rm)

5:00pm.....Cursillo Monthly Mtg (Vestry Rm)

6:30pmHandbell Choir (Choir Rm)

8:00 pm....AA Mtg (Great Rm)

Thursday, February 2

9:00 amFood Bank Ministry (Courtyard)

7:00 pm.....Parish Choir (Choir Rm)

Friday, February 3

8:00 pmAA Mtg (Great Rm)

8:00 pmAlanon Mtg (Vestry Rm)

Saturday, February 4

6:30 pmAA Mtg (Vestry Rm)

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We Pray For...

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Jim Anderson
Brian Bean
Ottilie Bulakites
Dolores Cook
Maura Cregan
Michael Donaldson
Skeet family
Family and friends of
Lawrence Elsener
The family of Bill Rusher

CONTINUING CONCERNS

Roy Brichard
Mason Brown
Mitch Graham
Bob Mittelstadt
Pat Okimoto
Joan Toto
Lisa Vance
Rebecca Wardell
The Community at the
Heritage
The Community of St.
Francis
The Presidio Gate residents
The CASA foster children

DISCERNMENT OF MINISTRY

Kathleen Bean
Nan Slavin
Stephanie Lehman
Stephen Ministry
Class of 2017

RECENTLY DECEASED

Robert Spenik
Thomas Henwood
Jan Willis
Bill Rusher
Carol Anderson
Lawrence Elsener
Uncle Harry Wolf
Cheryl Muntwyler Johnson
Debbie Muntwyler Roser
Judy Eastwood
Bob

GLOBAL CONCERNS

For all who are working to
stem the threat of climate
change in the world.

THANKSGIVING

For our choirs and musicians
who enrich our weekly
worships.

TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS

Names may be submitted to
our prayer request email at
prayfor@smvsf.org or by
filling out a **YELLOW** prayer
card and placing it in the
offering plate. Names will
remain on the prayer list for
two weeks and may be re-
submitted.

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