



The Holy Eucharist

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9:00 a.m. Sunday, February 12, 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.

PRELUDE

Prelude, fugue

Diderik Buxtehude
1637-1707

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O God, Beyond all Praising



1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day and
 2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring, that



sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can not re - pay; for we can on - ly
 we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our king; and wheth - er our to -



won - der at ev - ery gift you send, at bles - sings with - out
 mor - rows be filled with good or ill, we'll tri - umph through our



num - ber and mer - cies with - out end: we lift our hearts be - fore you and
 sor - rows and rise to bless you still: to mar - vel at your beau - ty and



wait up-on your word, we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and migh - ty Lord.
 glo - ry in your ways, and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Music: Gustav Holst
 Text: Michael A. Perry

THAXED

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Celebrants 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

Celebrants The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrants Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE INTERIM TIME

all say together

Almighty God, we pray for the people of St. Mary's during this time of transition. May we be genuine in our self-reflection, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, imaginative about our future, and daring in our faith. As we seek to find, instill in us trust in your loving guidance. As we seek to challenge, unite us in our commitment to serve and to know Christ in each other and the world; As we seek to inspire, fill us with your bountiful spirit. All this we pray, empowered by the love of Christ our Lord. Amen

FIRST READING

all sit

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said, “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

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

CHILDREN’S CHOIR ANTHEM

Lead me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

1810-1876

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

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

GRADUAL HYMN

Just as I am, without one plea
verses 1, 2 & 4 before the Gospel
verse 5 & 6 after the Gospel

Hymnal, #693

THE HOLY GOSPEL

all stand

Matthew 5:21-37

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

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. “Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

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

THE CHILDREN'S HOMILY

THE DOXOLOGY

all stand

After the Doxology, the Pre-School class processes out for programs in the nursery.

**Praise God from whom all blessings all flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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 Manifest God, lead us to your glory by the light of faith, as we pray to you.

Brief silence to collect prayers.

Leader We pray for the world. Help us to see beyond this moment to embrace your whole creation.

People **May we make your Good News known among the nations.**

Leader We pray that we as a people may be united in spirit and purpose.

People **May your ageless wisdom guide us.**

Leader We pray for the faith to trust you in every circumstance, knowing that you are bringing about healing and reconciliation.

People **May your presence be felt in the lives of those closely linked with ours and beyond.**

Leader We pray that those who have died may find peace and joy in the communion of saints.

People **Mercifully grant that all who know you now by faith may come to the full contemplation of your majesty.**

Leader We pray for those, known and unknown, who cry to you for help and solace.

Prayers and thanksgivings are offered from the St. Mary's Prayer List
and the congregation is invited to add theirs.

Deacon Holy God, lead us forward on our own journeys: guide us by your teaching and imbue us with your compassion. These prayers and hopes we offer with gratitude for your love and presence among us, through the power of God made manifest. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrants 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.**

Celebrants 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

Celebrants The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

Come thou font of every blessing

Hymnal, #686

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER D

all stand

BCP, page 372

Celebrants The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrants Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrants Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrants 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 Celebrants 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.

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

The Celebrants 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

All those who wish to are invited to hold hands during this prayer.

**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

Celebrants 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

I, the Lord of sea and sky

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
 life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have
 heard you call-ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____
 _____ if you lead me, _____ I will hold your peo - ple in my
 1. 2. _____ 3. _____
 heart. _____ heart. _____

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 *

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.**

* when needed

THE BLESSING

CHURCH SCHOOL RECESSIONAL Love divine, all loves excelling *Hymnal, # 657*
verses 1 - 2

During the recessional, Kindergarten through Confirmation classes process out for Sunday School

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Dr. Donald G. Brown

RECESSIONAL HYMN Love divine, all loves excelling *Hymnal, # 657*
verse 3

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Chaconne

Buxtehude

**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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are given in thanksgiving for the engagement of Andrew McGann, son of Bill & Josie McGann to Susannah Groh.

MUSIC FOR THIS MORNING

Here again this week, our pattern of readings is one that helps us look inwardly and encourages us to follow the commandments. Our anthem this morning is a famous setting by Renaissance composer Thomas Tallis, called "If ye love me." It echoes Jesus' plea to follow him and do just things. Because it is their last Sunday, Deb and Claire helped to choose today's hymns, which reflect their personal sense of ministry and commitment to following God's call wherever it may lead.

-Eric Choate, Interim Director of Music

ATTENTION ALL NEWS-MAKERS!

You may have noticed that we have made some changes in our communication style. The Sunday morning announcements have been incorporated into the Sunday bulletins and our online newsletter, Highlights, is a bit longer. If you would like your announcement to run in both the printed and online news, we are asking that you send your information to Natalie Hala at natalie@smvsf.org. The deadline is still **12:00 p.m. on Tuesdays**. Thank you for your cooperation with this change.

- Rev. Deb White

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Generally during the second semester of Sunday School, lessons center on the life and teachings of Jesus and highlight many of the Gospel readings. Today, we'll do a quick detour to the Old Testament and focus on Moses receiving the 10 Commandments. We'll have mini discussions about the commandments and the reason why we need to have rules. The teachers will then segue to Jesus' summary of the law aka the Great Commandment: "Love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself." If that sounds too weighty, don't worry. We'll work in some Valentines, too.

-Nancy Clark, Sunday School Director

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: Middle School Youth Group is meeting tonight from **5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.** in the Great Room. The topic of conversation will be prayer, and we will have our usual dinner, games, and hijinks. Friends are always welcome!

-Mike Stafford, Youth Minister

MISSION TRIP

We are very excited to announce that our Youth Mission Trip will be to Marvell, Arkansas! The anticipated dates are **June 21-30**, and the trip is **open to all graduating 8th graders - graduating 12th graders**. We will be working again with YouthWorks, the service organization that we worked with in Wind River and Bayou La Batre. Registration will begin very soon; watch your email for more information on signups. Feel free to contact Mike Stafford with any questions.

-Mike Stafford, Youth Minister

SAVE THE DATE - SHROVE TUESDAY

It's hard to believe but Lent is almost upon us, which means we'll be gathering for one more evening of fun and fellowship before entering into this contemplative and self-reflective season. Everyone is welcome to a festive and family-friendly Shrove Tuesday supper on **Tuesday, February 28th** in the **Great Room**. Supper begins at **6:30 p.m.** We need volunteers to help with set-up, cooking, and clean-up. Please contact Amy Cebrian if you'd like to sign up or have any questions

amycebrian@gmail.com.

-Amy Cebrian

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! Registration has begun. Please register at <http://events.stophungernow.org/episcopalchurchofstmarythevirgin3/4/17>. Please register early because we must limit the number of participants. Family, friends, and neighbors are welcome!

- Rev. Tim Smith, Deacon

PRAYER REQUEST CARD REVISED

The "Request for Prayer" cards have been slightly revised. Individuals submitting prayer requests now need to indicate they have secured the permission of the person (or that person's family) to place the individual on the prayer list. In addition, the person submitting the request must legibly print his/her name and contact phone or email. The new prayer cards are printed on yellow paper. These changes are being made to protect the privacy of those for whom prayers are being offered. There have been issues recently with individuals being placed on the prayer list who would rather keep their situation or concern private. Hopefully by making these adjustments to the Prayer Request Cards, we will avoid future misunderstandings. The pastoral staff realizes that those submitting prayer requests for others have the best intentions. However we want to ensure that those intentions are affirmed by the person or persons for whom the prayers are being sought. If you have any questions about these changes, please speak with any of the clergy. Thank you.

-Rev. Don Brown, Interim Rector

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, 12 p.m. 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. All are welcome. Please send your **RSVP** to: dok@smvsf.org or call **(415) 753-1973** and let Catherine know.

-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,
Search Committee
search@smvsf.org

2017 ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT

It's not too early to save the date for St. Mary's Annual Parish Retreat, scheduled for **Friday, May 19 - Sunday, May 21, 2017**, at The Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg, CA! Mark your calendars now for this wonderful opportunity to rest, pray, and play together in a beautiful setting. Families and children are most welcome! More details and information on registration will be coming soon.

ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE OCCASSIONAL RIDES TO SUNDAY SERVICES?

The Pastoral care committee members fulfill a variety of needs for parishioners, such as phone calls, personal notes, meal delivery, transportation and some personal visits if deemed necessary by the Clergy. We provide an online tool for easy sign-ups to help with occasional rides for Sunday services or meal preparation and delivery. Please consider joining our dedicated group of volunteers whom we call on for meals and transportation. Most of the time, you are only needed for one meal or one ride. For more information or to join us, contact Josie McGann: josiemcgann@gmail.com or call **415 297-2202**.

-Josie McGann

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE

A SPECIAL EXPERIENCE

Deacon Tim has arranged for a block of 20 tickets for parishioners and friends to attend the play *The Christians* by 37-year-old Lucas Hnath at the **San Francisco Playhouse** on **Tuesday, February 21, at 7:00 PM.** Originally on Broadway it is a powerful, provocative play with a live choir about Christian faith, the tensions that divergent interpretations of Christian dogma and personalities create in a faith community, clergy/parishioner conflict, and the struggle to reconcile and heal. It promises to be an enriching evening and an opportunity for us at St. Mary's, sisters and brothers in Christ, to reflect on our parish's story and our ministry of healing and reconciliation. Tickets are \$45 apiece. Playhouse management will seat us where possible in the premium seats. **Please RSVP to tim@smvsf.org or 415-921-3665, ext. 352, by Monday noon, February 13.**

-Deacon Tim Smith

LAY MINISTRY

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

Eucharistic Visitors: *Alexandra Grover, David Crosson, Anna Sylvester*

Flowers: *Joan Toney, May Van Zomeren*

8:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearer: *Steven Currier*

Usher: *Leslie Hughes*

9:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearers: *David Gibson, Russell Fudge, Debbie Veatch*

Lector: *Sandy Briggs*

Prayer Leader: *Deborah Franklin*

Children's Homily: *Bob Scavullo*

Ushers: *Dan Herling, Ron Clark*

Acolytes:

First Crucifer: *Ellie Boyden*

First Torch Bearers: *Jake Boyden, Lily Peta*

Second Crucifer: *Gunnar Bachmann*

Second Torch Bearer: *Chase Mack, Johnny Perkins*

Servers: *Kitt Bachmann, Ben Boyden*

11:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearers: *David Crosson, Ilia Smith, Bruce McClatchy*

Lector: *Carl Zachrisson*

Prayer Leader: *Sandra Gary*

Ushers: *John Walsham, Guy Kornblum*

We Pray For...

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS

Gladys Vail
Barbara Stafford
Peter Musto
Laurie, Grace, Jack &
Edward Schlesinger
George Dietrich
Brian Dunn
John Hinson
Bob & Shirley Rause

CONTINUING CONCERNS

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

DISCERNMENT OF MINISTRY

Kathleen Bean
Nan Slavin
Stephanie Lehman
Stephen Ministry
Class of 2017

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bob
Cynthia Ringe
Bob McKulla
Frank Sinnott
Jim Anderson
Ken Waugh

GLOBAL CONCERNS

For those who flee their
homeland due to persecution
and violence.

For those who seek truth
through knowledge and an
equal access to education.

THANKSGIVING

For the ministries of The
Rev. Claire Dietrich Ranna
and The Rev. Dr. Deb White
as they enter the next phase
of their spiritual journey.

For Faith in Action and those
who strive to uphold the
dignity of all God's people.

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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