



# The Holy Eucharist

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9:00 a.m. Sunday, February 19, 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** *Matines from Triptyque, op. 58* Louis Vierne  
1870-1937

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** Jesus came, adored by angels *Hymnal, #454*

## THE WORD OF GOD

**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.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

**T**he Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Reader      **The Word of the Lord.**

People      **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM**

Kum Ba Yah

Traditional spiritual

Come by here

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

**A**ccording to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future-- all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Reader      The Word of the Lord.

People      **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN

There's a wideness in God's mercy

*Hymnal, #469*

verses 1 – 2, before the Gospel

verse 3, after the Gospel

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

all stand

Matthew 5:38-48

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

**J**esus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

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

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

- 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 HYMN**                      God is Love, let heaven adore him                      *Hymnal, #379*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER D**                      all stand                      *BCP, page 372*

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,

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

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.

If you prefer, gluten-free wafers are available. 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

Father, we thank thee who hast planted

*Hymnal, #302*

## 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

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

O God of every nation

*Hymnal, #607*

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

*Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir*

Johann Pachelbel  
1653-1706

**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,** or 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.

### NURSERY CARE

The nursery is open today for all children whose parents would like to attend the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. services.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

There are **no** regular Sunday School classes today, Feb. 19, due to the President's Day holiday weekend. Regular classes resume next week.

*-Nancy Clark, Sunday School Director*

### YOUTH GROUP

There is no youth group tonight due to the President's Day holiday weekend.

*-Mike Stafford, Youth Minister*

### PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY

St. Mary's offices will be **closed on Monday, Feb. 20** in observance of the President's Day holiday weekend.

### MUSIC FOR THIS MORNING

Matthew's gospel very plainly tells us to love one another, even our enemies. Jesus taught us by demonstrating a life filled with love. Appropriately, our anthem "Greater Love" magnifies this command. English composer John Ireland compiled a series of texts from the scriptures, which tells us that sanctification and justification come from adopting an altruistic way of life, even to the point of laying down one's life for one's friends. *-Eric Choate, Interim Director of Music*

### MANY THANKS

Dear People of St. Mary's,  
Thank you so much for the generous and thoughtful farewell you provided to Claire and me this past Sunday. The special musical offerings at the 9 and 11 a.m., the delightful presentations by Sr. Warden Roulhac Austin, and the special sermon by Father Don were all vastly appreciated. The beautiful art will have a special place on the wall of my new office. Most especially, thank you for the gift of yourselves - your openness, humor, and love. You are the church.  
Peace and love,  
*Deb*

### PLANTING THE SEEDS AND GIVING THE GROWTH

On behalf of the people of Grace Episcopal Church, Martinez, I would like to offer my thanks for your gift of communion bread flour.

As you know, during the fall of 2016 the St. Mary's Liturgy Team introduced a trial period of the use of bread instead of wafers for Communion. In order to do so, we agreed to partner with the Rev. Elizabeth DeRuff and the Farm to Altar Table project, which uses seeds blessed by DioCal churches to plant and harvest wheat, which is then made into flour for communion bread. That relationship involved regular delivery of flour for bread-baking to St. Mary's.

Since results of a recent survey indicated that parishioners prefer wafers to bread, we are no longer using the flour but wished to honor our contract with the project. My new parish, Grace Church, Martinez, uses communion bread, so St. Mary's Liturgy Team graciously offered to donate the remaining flour to Grace for their use.

This is a wonderful example of sharing our resources with the greater Episcopal Church and an amazing metaphor for how the community of Christ works. To paraphrase last week's gospel: St. Mary's blessed the seeds, the Bishop's Ranch planted, God gave the growth, and Grace Church will flourish as a result.

Many thanks,  
*The Rev. Dr. Deb White*

### 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 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](mailto:amycebrian@gmail.com).

*-Amy Cebrian*

## 2017 LENTEN SERIES.

### LIVING THE WAY OF THE CROSS FROM THE HISTORICAL JESUS TO THE COSMIC CHRIST

Join **Bishop Marc Andrus, Fr. Jeremy Clark-King** and **Fr. Don Brown** for the **Lenten series on Wednesday evenings starting on March 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Room**. The series will continue for each Wednesday evening of Lent. The five-week series is designed for all parishioners who would like to know more about Lent, the meanings inherent in the Stations of the Cross, and the traditions that surround our observances and religious practices during Holy Week. The series is designed to challenge us to develop new practices based on ancient teachings and lean into new cosmology, the stations of the cosmic cross. The series includes a light soup supper. If you have friends who want to know more about faith practices in the Episcopal Church, please invite them to attend with you.

*-Natalie Hala*

## 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, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 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 Lay 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](mailto:dok@smvsf.org) or call **(415) 753-1973** and let Catherine Secour know.

*-Anna Sylvester*

## ADD LENT MADNESS TO YOUR PERSONAL PRACTICE

If you are hooked on hoops or just joyous with Jesus, you may want to add **Lent Madness** to your personal Lenten practice. An online outreach program of Forward Movement, which publishes the devotional Forward Day by Day, Lent Madness replicates the format of the annual NCAA basketball tournament, marketed as March Madness, in order to explore the good news of two thousand years of holy women and men. On **Ash Wednesday, March 1st**, in a veritable bacchanal of brackets, 32 saints will pair off against each other in head to head competition. Through online voting, the first round will be winnowed to the Saintly 16, then to the Elate Eight, and then the Faithful Four. The final two will then go head to head to win the coveted Golden Halo. The brackets are posted in the copy room at the church, or go to [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) to participate. Lent Madness may not make you a better Christian, but it may result in a more informed one. It is a great way to trick your mind into enriching your soul.

*-David Crosson*

## 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 meeting with them virtually each weekend in January. During February and March we will be visiting them in their home parishes. Continuing on schedule, we will then be able to discern from those visits which three 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 Reed, Diana Sullivan or anyone on the search committee at [search@smvsf.org](mailto: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](mailto:rectorsearch@smvsf.org)

The Search Committee  
[search@smvsf.org](mailto:search@smvsf.org)

## 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!

*-Deacon Tim Smith*

## 2017 ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT

Please mark your calendar for **Friday, May 19th through Sunday, May 21st** for our Annual Parish Retreat at the Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg. This much loved tradition is a time for parishioners of all ages, from all services, to come together and enjoy fun and fellowship. We can engage in hiking, eating, swimming in the saltwater pool, tasting cheese and wines, worshiping in the Ranch's lovely historic chapel, dropping into quiet contemplation, exploring the town of Healdsburg, doing crafts, playing games, eating s'mores by the campfire, and yes, enjoying some fellowship and community! Do it all or just enjoy sitting with a book, basking in the beauty of the wine country. The registration costs include comfortable lodging, all meals, crafts and other supervised activities for the kids, and entertainment for all. Registration forms will be available at [www.smvsf.org](http://www.smvsf.org) and in future bulletins. Look for more details in coming announcements. The **deadline to sign up** is **May 12th at noon**. We also need volunteers to help at the Ranch; please contact **Amy Cebrian** at [amycbrian@gmail.com](mailto:amycbrian@gmail.com) if you can help. We have loved going for years and hope to see you at the Ranch!

*-Amy Cebrian*

## ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE

### OCCASSIONAL RIDES TO SUNDAY SERVICES?

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](mailto:josiemcgann@gmail.com) or call **415 297-2202**.

## 2017 BAPTISM SCHEDULE

A principal sacrament of the Episcopal Church, "Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body, the Church." It is appropriate to be baptized at any age. Because baptism is a public service of initiation, the gathered community celebrates with, and welcomes the newly baptized within a regular Sunday worship service on Sundays in various liturgical seasons throughout the year. Please see these newly revised and expanded scheduled dates for baptisms in 2017. For further information please contact **Natalie Hala**, parish verger and liturgist at [natalie@smvsf.org](mailto:natalie@smvsf.org).  
**Sunday, April 23, 2017, Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, June 4, 2017, Day of Pentecost**  
**Sunday, July 30, 2017**  
**Sunday, September 24, 2017**  
**Sunday, November 5, 2017, All Saints Day**

*(Note that a 9:00 am rehearsal is held the Saturday before the Baptism)*

## LAY MINISTRY

**Altar Guild:** *Erika Coughlan, Jerry Lehman, Gloria Galindo, Lee Walsh*

**Eucharistic Visitors:** *Jan Bolles, Steve White, David Gibson*

**Flowers:** *Victoria Sutton, Steven Currier*

### 8:00 a.m. service

**Chalice Bearer:** *John Hayashi*

**Usher:** *Mary Hill*

### 9:00 a.m. service

**Chalice Bearers:** *Kathleen Murray, Sandy Stadtfeld, Jeff Landry*

**Lector:** *Bill McGann*

**Prayer Leader:** *Betty Hood-Gibson*

**Children's Homily:** *No CH(President's Day Holiday weekend)*

**Ushers:** *Jerry George, Rick Darwin, Wells Blaxter*

### Acolytes:

**First Crucifer:** *Catherine Silvestri*

**First Torch Bearers:** *Henry Magher, Hunter Magher*

**Second Crucifer:** *Peter Coholan*

**Second Torch Bearer:** *Isabelle Landry, Will Reed*

**Servers:** *Charlotte Toney, Eva Toney*

### 11:00 a.m. service

**Chalice Bearers:** *Ilia Smith, Alisa Fisher, Carl Zachrisson*

**Lector:** *Marian Brischle*

**Prayer Leader:** *Jan Bolles*

**Ushers:** *Peter Musto, Tom Austin, Ron Clark*

## We Pray For...

### **PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS**

Laurie, Grace, Jack &  
Edward Schlesinger  
George Dietrich  
Brian Dunn  
John Hinson  
Bob & Shirley Rause  
Paula Driscoll  
Alexa Frechette  
Carol Hughes

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### **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

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### **DISCERNMENT OF MINISTRY**

Kathleen Bean  
Nan Slavin  
Stephanie Lehman  
Stephen Ministry  
Class of 2017

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### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Jim Anderson  
Ken Waugh  
Ed Weir

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### **GLOBAL CONCERNS**

For those suffering from or  
threatened by natural  
calamities, especially those  
facing evacuation from the  
Oroville Reservoir vicinity.

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

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### **THANKSGIVING**

On this President's Day  
Weekend, we give thanks for  
the past and present leaders  
of our nation and for all that  
are called to serve the people  
of this land.

For the reverence, joy and  
spirit of St. Mary's  
communion bread bakers.

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### **TO SUBMIT PRAYER**

#### **REQUESTS**

Names may be submitted to  
our prayer request email at  
[prayfor@smvsf.org](mailto: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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