

The Holy Eucharist

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 a.m. Sunday, March 5, 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.*



*During the season of Lent we will be observing
a period of silence before our services in lieu of a prelude.
Please use this time to transition from the outside world to the liturgy
by kneeling in prayer or sitting in quiet reflection.*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE GREAT LITANY

The people kneel as the procession enters

I.

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,



Have mer - cy on us.

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

Have mercy on us.

II.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,



Sav - ior de - liv - er us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of
heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

Savior deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and
the devil,

Savior deliver us.

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying
unprepared,

Savior deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death
and at the day of judgment,

Savior deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood
and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

Savior deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of
power; by the preaching of your reign,

Savior deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your
precious death and burial,

Savior deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by
your sending of the Holy Spirit,

Savior deliver us.

III.

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.



Hear us, O Christ.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth;
and grant it that unity which is your will.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to
make disciples of all the nations.

Hear us, O Christ.

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons
with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and
their lives they may proclaim your word.

Hear us, O Christ.

IV.

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give your wisdom and strength to the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, and the Mayor of this city that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bless and keep all your people,

Hear us, O Christ.

V.

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

Hear us, O Christ.

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

Hear us, O Christ.

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

Hear us, O Christ.

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

Hear us, O Christ.

Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

Hear us, O Christ.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

Hear us, O Christ.

Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

Hear us, O Christ.

VI.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.



Ho-ly God, Ho-ly and might-y, Ho-ly Im-mor-tal One, Have mer-cy on us.

A PENITENTIAL ORDER: RITE I

The Book of Common Prayer, page 319

Celebrant Blessed the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People **God's mercy endureth for ever. Amen.**

KYRIE

all stand

Hymnal, S-91

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan; Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee 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**

THE FIRST LESSON seated Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM Forty Days and Nights Michael Bedford

Forty days and nights he stayed,
forty days and nights he prayed,
all alone, yet unafraid,
Jesus in the wilderness.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

standing

Matthew 4:1-11

Response after the introduction to the Gospel **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Response at the end of the Gospel reading **Praise be to thee, O 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.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

standing

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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord, who throughout these forty days

Hymnal, #142

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II standing

BCP, page 340

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

The celebrant continues...

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

SANCTUS

Hymnal, #S-114

Stand or kneel as able, as the Celebrant continues...

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, page 336

**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

BCP, page 337

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

AGNUS DEI

Hymnal, #S-158

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

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 AIR

Communion” from *Triptyque*

Louis Vierne
1870-1937

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

standing

BCP, page 339

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. 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

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CHURCH SCHOOL RECESSIONAL

Now let us all with one accord

Hymnal, #460

verses 1 -4

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

THE SERMON

seated

The Very Rev. Dr. Donald G. Brown

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Now let us all with one accord

Hymnal, #147

verse 5

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Herzlich tut mich verlangen
from op. 122

Johannes Brahms
1833-1897

**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.

MUSIC FOR THIS MORNING

The choir will sing a setting of Tantum Ergo by French composer, Déodat de Séverac, who was a contemporary of Debussy, but maintained a style of composition grounded traditional practices. Tantum Ergo is an incipit of a lengthy Eucharistic Hymn by St. Thomas Aquinas, which glorifies the presence of Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

-Eric Choate, Interim Director of Music

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bread, Power, Wealth--if you're not sure how those things relate to Sunday School today be sure to ask the children. They'll have the answers and they'll also be full of insights about temptation, Lent and Prayer Rocks. As has been our first Sunday of Lent tradition at St Mary's, we'll launch our Heifer International outreach project and create a take-home Prayer Rock. Operating instructions will be included. PARENTS, you're part of the process. You'll need to encourage your children to say daily mini prayers on the theme of WOW (praise for the wonders of Creation) HELP (guidance is needed) and THANKS (self explanatory)

-Nancy Clark, Sunday School Director

THE COLOR PURPLE

You may wonder why purple draping is used during Lent. Purple, of course, is the liturgical color of Lent and when we walk into church and notice a purple altar frontal, purple vestments and purple shrouding, we immediately know that something is different. These symbols are forceful reminders to us to "get ready" while evoking a heightened sense of eager anticipation for the first Alleluias of Easter. The undraping, unveiling and casting away of the liturgical purple color for white that will take place on Easter is a powerful reminder of our own life on earth. It is through our own death that the coverings are lifted and we are able to see the beauty of life on this earth and the heavenly kingdom of the next.

THE GREAT LITANY

TODAY we begin our service with The Great Litany, an intercessory prayer including various petitions that are said or sung by a leader, with fixed responses by the congregation. It is a long standing tradition in the Anglican and Episcopal churches to incorporate this prayer into the liturgy during Lent. Authors of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer titled the Litany "The Great Litany" to distinguish it from other litanies in the Prayer Book. The Great Litany we are using today is from a supplemental, authorized resource entitled *Enriching our Worship* that expands upon the language, images and metaphors used in the Book of Common Prayer. The Great Litany, published in 1544, was the first English language rite prepared by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, the author of the first Book of Common Prayer. Cranmer modified an earlier litany form by consolidating certain groups of petitions into single prayers with response. The Litany's use in church processions was ordered by Henry VIII when England was at war with Scotland and France and a continuous onslaught of plagues were ravishing England's population. This prayer of penitence and supplication is both timely and timeless, especially in moments of unrest and turmoil.

-Natalie Hala

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*

RAPHAEL HOUSE KITCHEN PATROL

On Monday, March 6 at 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., and/or 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. join the group of St. Mary's volunteers who prepare food for the residents of Raphael House on the first Monday of every month. The mission of Raphael House is to help at-risk families achieve stable housing and financial independence while strengthening family bonds and personal dignity. They boast an outstanding success rate of 85 percent in finding long-term, stable housing for homeless families. St. Mary's supports Raphael House in two ways, with funds from an Outreach Grant, and with volunteers in their kitchen on the first Monday of every month. You can read more about this wonderful organization in the current issue of the Cow Hollow Church News. To find out more about volunteering, contact Alisa Quint Fisher at alisaquint@me.com.

LENTEN CARBON FAST

With the season of Lent quickly approaching, Bishop Marc Andrus is inviting all members of the Diocese of California to join him in a Lenten 'carbon fast' — a prayerful effort to reduce daily actions that damage God's creation. For example, Bishop Marc plans to walk or bike to work each day, one staff member of the Diocese will be giving up morning ride-share to take public transit, and another is committing to a 'carbon tithe' to offset the cost of planting new trees in hurricane-ravaged parts of Haiti. You can find many inspirational resources and ideas for your carbon fast through **Interfaith Power & Light**, the **Episcopal Church Foundation**, and the **Anglican Communion Environmental Network**.

-Natalie Hala (adapted from Diobytes 2.14.17)

SF NIGHT MINISTRY BENEFIT CONCERT

Vocalists including some members of the San Francisco Opera Chorus will invoke "A Touch of the Irish," raising their voices to benefit the work of the San Francisco Night Ministry in an afternoon concert followed by a champagne and chocolate reception. One of St. Mary's Outreach Grant recipients, the Night Ministry has been offering aid and comfort to people on the streets and by telephone, in the

middle of the night, for over 50 years. Join the fun at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 111 O'Farrell Street, on **Sunday, March 12th at 3:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$25 at the door; \$20 for seniors and students. For more information, go to www.sfnightministry.org.

- Sandra Gary and Marian Brischle

YOUTH GROUP ADVENTURE NIGHT

North Beach Scavenger Hunt! All 6th-12th graders are invited to **meet at the church at 5:30 p.m.**, head over to **North Beach** for fun and food, and then **return to church by 7:30 p.m.** Bring some spending money for snacks in North Beach. We might also need a couple of parents who are willing to ferry us to and from the Hunt; contact Mike Stafford if you might be willing!

-Mike Stafford, Youth Minister

MISSION TRIP

Signups for the Mission Trip to Arkansas have begun! Follow the link below to register for the trip, and feel free to pass it on to others who might not be on our email list. **Registration ends March 15**, and is open to all graduating 8th graders through graduating seniors. Any questions about the trip can be directed to Mike Stafford. Here is the link to register:

<https://goo.gl/forms/WKRpBQWRUn1ZJmcm2>

-Mike Stafford, Youth Minister

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JIM ANDERSON

A memorial service for Jim Anderson will be held on **Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 p.m.** here at St. Mary's. Jim was a longtime member of the congregation and was actively involved as a chalice bearer, belonged to the Cursillo community and served as liaison to AA meetings held on our church campus. Reception will follow after the service.

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 or call 415 297-2202.

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, worshipping 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 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 amycebrian@gmail.com if you can help. We have loved going for years and hope to see you at the Ranch!

-Amy Cebrian

ASHES AND THE DIVINE SPIRIT

A "Last Saturday found me between storms, on a bench before a flaming cauldron in St. Mary's courtyard. I got a new perspective on the central ritual of Ash Wednesday. "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust" – a few solemn words and a swipe of grime across the forehead 40 days before Easter mark the beginning of Lent, the reflective season when we Christians are supposed to quit our whining and preening and remember that we are nothing – nothing -- apart from God. That's what I thought I understood. Then I tried to make ashes. Every year or so, the Altar Guild gathers up some of the palm fronds waved on Palm Sunday, and puts the bundle on a high shelf in the sacristy to dry. We burn them the following winter to create the ashes for Ash Wednesday -- the start of Lent. Circle of Life. Great idea! Except, this year I couldn't get them to burn..."

-Deborah Franklin

This is the beginning of a timely essay by Altar Guild Chair Deborah Franklin. To read all of her inspiration on finding the divine spark, go to the Spiritual Formation page of St. Mary's website: <http://smvsf.org/adult-formation/>.

LAY MINISTRY

Altar Guild: *Jan Bolles, Yaromil Ralph, Landra Miles, Jane Standing, Valerie Mayer*
Eucharistic Visitors: *Sandy Briggs, Alexandra Grover, David Crosson*

Flowers:

8:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearer: *Georgene Keeler*

Usher: *John Addeo*

9:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearers: *Kathleen Murray, Jim Griffith, Debbie Veatch*

Lector: *Phil Woodworth*

Prayer Leader:

Children's Homily: *Ginny Woodworth*

Ushers: *Phil Albert, Arthur Perkins, Geoff Tuller*

Acolytes:

First Crucifer: *Isabella Albert*

First Torch Bearers: *Leila Dahlem, Charlotte Wyman*

Second Crucifer: *George Sutton*

Second Torch Bearer: *Chase Mack, Johnny Perkins*

Servers: *Bo Darwin, Ryan Darwin*

11:00 a.m. service

Chalice Bearers: *Roulhac Austin, Tom Austin, Bob Bledsoe*

Lector: *Marian Brischle*

Prayer Leader:

Ushers: *Carl Zachrisson, Sheila Santangelo*

We Pray For...

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS

George Dietrich
Paula Driscoll
Alexa Frechette
Carol Hughes
Canon Stefani Schatz
Robin Bryan
Ron Larson
Cammy Bryan
Emily

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
Dolores Cook

DISCERNMENT OF MINISTRY

Kathleen Bean
Nan Slavin
Stephanie Lehman
Stephen Ministry
Class of 2017

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jim Anderson
Ed Weir
Eleanor Dickenson
Grant Carey
Anna Kwock

GLOBAL CONCERNS

For those suffering from
famine, especially in Nigeria,
Somalia, Yemen and South
Sudan.

For the protection of human
rights and the preservation
of dignity for all people.

For those suffering from the
aftermath of excessive rain
and flooding.

THANKSGIVING

For those who packaged
food during the Stop Hunger
Now event.

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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