

The Franciscans

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Beside my tiny house, I have a fig tree. The tree was planted by my grandfather, many years ago. It reminds me of the prevalence of olives and figs in Biblical writing. Of course, we also can't forget "the fruit of the vine."

These three crops seemed to have really sustained the Hebrew people of long ago and even continuing into the present day! With the season of harvest approaching so quickly, it's good to wonder just how much of each crop will be harvested.

Christ tells us the rather short parable of the man having the fig tree in his vineyard ((Luke 13: 6-8). We don't know if the fig tree has volunteered or if someone had the intention of planting it among the grapes. At any rate, the man goes to look at the fig tree and sees that it has not produced any figs for three years! He tells one of his servants to "Cut it down!" He also asks, "Why should it use up the soil?" One can't blame the good fellow. If no fruit is borne, it seems that the tree is just taking up both space and soil!

Thankfully, the servant tells his master to leave it for one more year. If it bears fruit in the coming year, it will not be cut down. If it doesn't bear fruit, however, it will be cut down.

So many aspects of the lives of Christians is difficult. Christ never said, however, that they would be easy. Remember the story of the small gate and the narrow path? Christ wants us to enter through the small gate and walk along the narrow path, yet He lets us know that only a few are able to fit through the small gate and to walk along the narrow path.

The answers for following the narrow path are not easy at all! A total devotion to Christ is, or so I believe, what is required. In the ever-changing world that we find ourselves in, one could say that following Christ is becoming increasingly more difficult with each passing moment!


I like the parable that Christ shares because the master of the vineyard has a devoted servant who convinces his overseer to give the fig tree another year. Believe me, if it wasn't for the myriad "another years" I have been given, I would have been chopped down long ago! Christ, in His blessed goodness, hasn't given up on me yet.—Thanks be to God.

—*Gerald Herring*



LAY SERVER SCHEDULE — SEPTEMBER 2019

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement AND notify the church.

	Sept. 1 <i>Rev. Bill Thomas</i> Holy Eucharist	Sept. 8 <i>Rev. Gene Carpenter</i> Holy Eucharist	Sept. 15 <i>Rev. Bill Thomas</i> Holy Eucharist	Sept. 22 Morning Prayer	Sept. 29 <i>Rev. Bill Thomas</i> Holy Eucharist
	SERVICE TIME	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM
SUBDEACON	Barrett Rae	Roger Brogneaux	Stan Stedner	Barrett Rae	Stan Stedner
LECTORS	Gail Riddle Roger Riddle	Jill Brogneaux Gerald Herring	David Powell Liz Meador	Don Skinner Jill Brogneaux	Debbie Stedner Dave Meador
CRUCIFER	Stan Stedner	Roger Brogneaux	Stan Stedner	Barrett Rae	Stan Stedner
USHER(S)	Mitch Baker To Be Determined	Mitch Baker To Be Determined	Mitch Baker To Be Determined	Mitch Baker To Be Determined	Mitch Baker To Be Determined
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR	Eldica Cyrus	Jill Brogneaux	Betsy Powell	NA	Gerald Herring
ALTAR GUILD	Norma Powell Brenda Chambers	Norma Powell Brenda Chambers	Norma Powell Brenda Chambers	Norma Powell Brenda Chambers	Norma Powell Brenda Chambers
FLOWER	Kristine Wright	Kristine Wright	Kristine Wright	Kristine Wright	Kristine Wright
TELLERS	Elaine Elmore Jill Brogneaux	Elaine Elmore Jill Brogneaux	Elaine Elmore Jill Brogneaux	Elaine Elmore Jill Brogneaux	Elaine Elmore Jill Brogneaux
SOCIAL HOUR	Liz & Dave Meador	Liz & Dave Meador	Liz & Dave Meador	Liz & Dave Meador	Liz & Dave Meador

Community Blood Drive Update

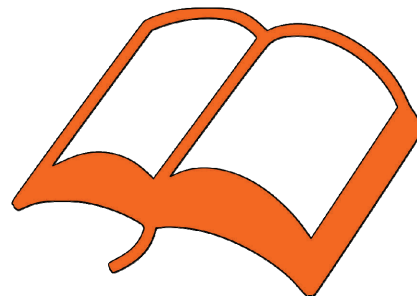
The ECW thanks all who contributed time, energy, and actual blood to the July 25 blood drive. Donors included John Koegel and Don Skinner; helpers for set up, registration, canteen, and takedown were Jane Anthony and Judy Moye, Patti Donnelly, Diana Hammond, David Powell, and Betsy Powell. Special thanks to Dave Meador for posting signs and other tasks.

We collected 15 units which the Red Cross representative Miranda Harrison thought a great response. Moreover, those who came to donate know WHERE we are and WHAT our church does for outreach. - Liz Meador

Church Periodical Club Update

Thanks to all who contributed to the Church Periodical Club fund. Barbara mailed a check for \$226.15 to the Diocese for CPC which supplies printed religious material worldwide as well as to those studying for deaconships and the priesthood. Well done, Franciscans!

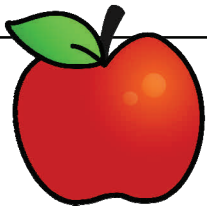
- Liz Meador



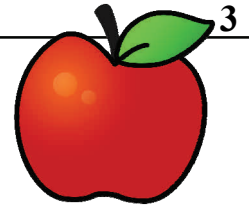
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>12 Pentecost</i> Rev. Bill Thomas HE - 9:30 AM Santa Misa 3 PM	2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Labor Day Office Closed </div>	3	4	5 Choir Rehearsal 5:45 PM	6	7 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Parish Retreat Weekend Registration Deadline Sunday, Sept. 8 </div>
8 <i>13 Pentecost</i> Rev. G. Carpenter HE - 9:30 AM Santa Misa 3 PM	9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: white;"> Fundraiser Sunday @ Texas Roadhouse Sept. 8 </div>	10	11	12 Choir Rehearsal 5:45 PM	13	14 <i>Holy Cross Day</i>
15 <i>14 Pentecost</i> Rev. Bill Thomas HE - 9:30 AM Santa Misa 3 PM	16 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; text-align: center; color: white;"> Newsletter Deadline </div>	17	18	19 Choir Rehearsal 5:45 PM	20	21 <i>St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Ember Day)</i> Worship Committee Meets 10 AM
22 <i>15 Pentecost</i> MP - 9:30 AM Santa Misa 3 PM	23	24	25 Vestry Meeting 7 PM 	26 Choir Rehearsal 5:45 PM	27 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> Parish Retreat Weekend at Trinity Center Fri., Aug. 27 - Sun., Aug. 29 </div>	28
29 <i>16 Pentecost</i> Rev. Bill Thomas HE - 9:30 AM Santa Misa 3 PM	30 <i>St. Michael and All Angels</i>					ECW = Episcopal Church Women HE = Holy Eucharist (Communion) Service MP = Morning Prayer Santa Misa = Spanish Communion service TBD = To Be Determined

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 10 AM – 1 PM
 Wednesday: 2:30 PM – 5 PM
 Friday: 10 AM – 1 PM
 (Days/Hours may vary depending on volunteers.)

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In Case of Parish Emergency contact Diana Hammond: (919) 457-7661
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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Don Skinner | 19 Cody Fitzsimmons |
| 2 Brandon Robbins | 27 Jillian Faust |
| 5 Dulce Soria | 28 Karen Shoemake |
| 6 Tom Phinizy &
Crystal Espinoza | |
| 15 Bill Hayes | |
| 16 Genevieve Miller | |



If your birthday has been omitted please notify the church office so that the birthday lists are up-to-date.

Vestry

2019

Jill Brogneaux
Don Skinner

2020

Elaine Elmore
Diana Hammond, Sr. Warden
Stan Stedner, Jr. Warden

2021

Barbara Pedersen, Bookkeeper
Elsa Maria Jorge

*Al Elmore, Treasurer
Shelley Mills, Clerk*