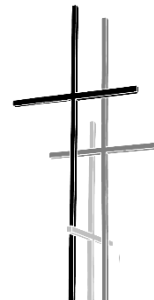


Saint Francis Journal



October 2026

A Loving Community, Serving God's Kingdom

*“Honor the Lord with your substance and with the
first fruits of all your produce.” ~ Proverbs 3:9*

We are called to ministry in a deep way. Jesus tells us to feed the hungry, lift up the lowly, heal the sick, speak up for the oppressed, and to love – everyone. We are to be the body of Christ. There are many ways that St. Francis does all these things and I am grateful to be a part of this community of faith.

As we look forward to 2027, we need to assess where we are growing in our ministries and what resources we will need to continue growing. How we personally support the church with our time, talent and treasure is something we also need to assess.

How much time do we give to the church by volunteering, attending worship and our special events and services? Do we spend time in prayer and contemplation to grow our relationship with God and His church? How can we grow this aspect of our lives?

How does God use our talents (God-given gifts) to His service? What brings us joy in our lives and how do we share that with others to bring them joy? What have we learned in our lives and how do we share our wisdom? What is God calling us to do in 2027 that may be different from what we've done in 2026?

How do we give back to God a portion of our resources to support His church? Where are we on this journey of thanksgiving for all that God has given us? In our culture discussion of money seems to make people very nervous. I don't want you to be nervous or guilty about what you can or cannot give to the church. What I do want is for you to have a deep, abiding love for our Father and to show appreciation for everything He has given you, and continues to give you, through some type of support for the ministries that we carry out together.

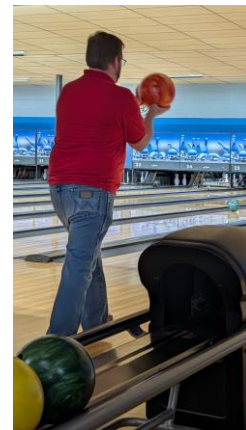
Right after I got out of Seminary our family was broke! As a newly ordained Curate in the Diocese of Texas, I felt very guilty that I could not tithe to my church. Ten percent of our income just seemed impossible. I spoke to the Rector, and he comforted me and asked me to give what I could and then set an intention to increase it every year. This made me feel good about what I could give knowing that I would eventually get to the tithe I desired to give.

Please pray about what you are called to give to your church – in time, talent and treasure. The more resources we have the more we will be able to feed the hungry, lift up the lowly, heal the sick, speak up for the oppressed, and to love – everyone.

In Peace,
Rev. Vivian+

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Bowling Party



*Conversations
Exploring
Cultural
Perspectives
Open Table Ministries*



Episcopal Health Foundation Public Health Update

Why Churches Should Care Deeply & be Concerned About SNAP Cuts

Even though churches are already providing food assistance, they cannot replace what SNAP provides. Cuts to SNAP create a ripple effect that no congregation, no matter how generous can absorb.

- SNAP Provides 90% of Food Assistance in the U.S., reaching about 1 in 8 Americans
- Churches and food banks are already stretched to their limits and are not able to feed millions of people.
- SNAP cuts strain not just families, but entire communities. Churches receive more requests for utilities, housing, etc., as families skip meals, medications, and rent to buy groceries.
- Churches are not designed to be a social safety net. They don't have the scale, storage capacity, labor force or supply chain needed for statewide food distribution.

Churches play a vital role, but SNAP does the heavy lifting

Check out the bulletin board for **THE CALL TO FEED THE HUNGRY**

Prayer of Thanksgiving for our New Rector

Heavenly Father, we thank you for bringing our new rector to this parish. May she seek you in all things and not stray from your call. Make her a godly priest, pastor and teacher; may your truth always dwell in her mind and on her lips. Refresh her daily as she ministers to our congregation and guide us all to embrace our future together with obedient and generous hearts. Amen.

****Sat. Oct 3rd****

9:00am



Breakfast for All &
Men's Group Meeting

NO Cooked Meal

(Blessing of the Animals)

Church Under a Bridge



Lunch Prep

11:00am-ish

(Ditto)

DOK Meeting



Sat. Oct. 10th * 9:00am

Adult Ed Room

****All Women Welcome****

Discussion from book

Bible Women

Daughter & Chaplain

Installation

Daughter Rededication

October 25 * 10:45a service

Mondays

2pm & 6pm

Education for
Ministry

*Conversations Exploring
Cultural Perspective*

Fri. Oct 2 * 7p to 9p

Conversations will visit
Temple Beth El to celebrate

Simchat Torah

Want to carpool?

Meet at SFEC at 6:30p

Sun. Oct. 11th * Noon

Parish Hall * Lunch Provided

Jay DeOrnellas

"Climbing Kilimanjaro"

Questions? See Rov Barron

****Two Days in Oct****

****Sat. Oct 31st****

Breakfast for All &
Men's Group Meeting

9:00am

Church Under a Bridge

Lunch Prep

10:00am

Wednesday Schedule

***Eucharist Service*12:00p**

Note: Morning Prayer: Oct 14th & 21st

Priest out -of -town

Bible Study*12:30p

****October Happenings****

Blessing of the Animals

Sat. Oct 3rd *10a

Neighborhood Night Out

Tues. Oct. 6th * 5:30p

Book Club

1st & 3rd Mondays

6:30pm in Parish Hall



Gardening Group

Just show up

Mostly Tuesdays from
7:30-10am

Out-to-Lunch Bunch
Tues. Oct 20th * 11:30am
TBD

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Gerry Kuklewicz (10/1)

Amalia Streufert (10/2)

Jewel McGraw (10/5)

Marva Gordon (10/7)

Courtney Gray (10/14)

Kevin DeOnellas (10/15)

Seth Wilson (10/18)

Charlie Hillis (10/27)

Susan Kohler (10/29)

Mona Poe (10/30)

Dale Grissom-Wright (10/31)

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Janice & Malcolm Teasdale (10/3)

Wayne & Julie Yeargain (10/3)

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WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

The Rev. Vivian Shelby, Rector

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Sunday

• 8:30 am

• 9:30 am

• 10:45 am

Nursery available on request

Rite I—No music-Morning Prayer Oct. 11th

Adult Lectionary Discussion

Children/Youth Sunday School * On Request

Rite II—Traditional Music-Morning Prayer Oct 11th

Live-Stream on FaceBook & YouTube

Monday

• 2:00p

• 6:00 pm

Education for Ministry

Education for Ministry

Wednesday

• Noon

• 12:30 pm

• 7:00 pm

Eucharist — Sanctuary”

(Morning Prayer: Oct. 14th & 21st)

Bible Study — Parish Hall

Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday

• 5:30 pm

Handbell Practice—Music Room

VESTRY

Jay DeOrnellas

Senior Warden (2026)

Dan Amy (2026)

Dominique Lucas (2027)

Gay Barron (2028)

Ann Bush (2028)

Kathy Clark (2028)

Sandra Dugan (2028)

Connie Wilson (2028)

Carol Lanthrum, Clerk

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Vivian Shelby

Rector

Dr. Cameron Rose

Director of Music

Carol Lanthrum

Parish Administrator

Susan Kohler

Treasurer

Alberto Cruz

Sexton

October Special Events

Fri. October 2, 6:30pm

Simchat Torah at Temple Beth El

Meet at SFEC to Carpool

Sat. October 3

Breakfast for All/Men's Group – 9:00am

Blessing of the Animals – 10:00am

CUB Lunch Prep – **11:00am**

Mon. October 5, 6:30pm

Book Club

Tues. October 6, 5:30pm

National Night Out

Sat. October 10, 9:00am

DOK Meeting * All Women Welcome*

Sun. October 11, 12:00pm

Conversations Exploring

Cultural Perspectives

Mon. October 19, 6:30pm

Book Club

Tues. October 20

Out-to-Lunch Bunch: 11:30am TBD

Vestry Meeting: 6:00pm

Sun. October 25, 10:45am

DOK Installation & Rededication

Sat. October 31

Breakfast for All/Men's Group – 9:00am

CUB Lunch Prep – 10:00am

