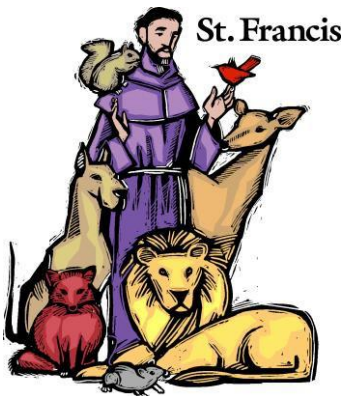




TAC Times – October 2020



The Blessing of the Animals



On **Saturday, October 3rd at 10:00 a.m.**, we will remember **Saint Francis of Assisi**, an Italian friar, deacon, and preacher whose **feast day is October 4th**, by coming together for a **Blessing of the Animals**. St. Francis was born in 1182, the son of a prosperous merchant. His conscience was stirred by encounters with beggars and lepers. As a result, he totally renounced all material values and devoted himself to serving the poor. Founding the Order of Friars Minor with an ideal of strict and absolute poverty, he lived his life to reflect the poverty and suffering of Christ as he served “the least of these”.

Francis also became known as the patron saint of animals and the natural environment, so we will bring our precious animals (under our control by leash or carrier) for a special time of prayer and thanksgiving. We will gather in the far corner of the parking lot away from the garden.

On **Sunday, October 4th**, we will remember St. Francis in our services, with readings and the wearing of white vestments. The **Collect** for this day is:

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Fr. Bob's Monthly Zoom Prayer Meeting

On **Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m.**, Fr. Bob will be available on Zoom for a **time of prayer**. This Monthly Zoom Prayer Meeting will be more informal than the prayer services offered this past summer. People will be able to share thanksgivings and needs as they pray together.



Join Zoom Meeting:

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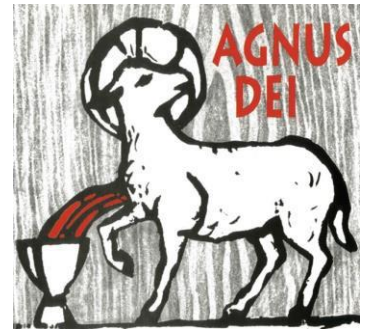
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Instructed Eucharist on October 11, 2020

Join us at **either service on Sunday, October 11th** to experience an **Instructed Eucharist**, a real-time worship teaching which sheds light on various elements of our service. The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word *eucharistia*, which means “thanksgiving.” For this reason, the Prayer Book also calls the Eucharistic Prayer by the label “The Great Thanksgiving.” The service of Holy Communion is our great act of thanksgiving to God. This instructed experience helps us all **better understand the chief and central act of Christian worship.**



Update from our Advisors

“Dear TAC Family –

We are excited to finally be moving forward again! We held our first ever “virtual” vacation bible school and it was a success! We are working on getting playground equipment for the children. Our children’s ministries have always been very important to us but it’s hard to portray that to others when our

playground area looks so sad. Hopefully the equipment will help to attract younger families with children.

We are also moving forward in our new rector search. Fr. Christopher Richardson and his wife Robyn were very well received by everyone. Please keep this process in your prayers that the Lord provides for the new rector that He would have to lead us.

However, one area that hasn't been moving forward is our finances. September will be the fourth month straight that we will end in a negative position with income versus expenses. Even though many things were put on hold because of COVID these past months, there are some items that were not – mortgage payments, insurance, payroll, utilities, etc. Most of us are already giving sacrificially. Some of us have experienced job losses or cutbacks in income. Please pray about your giving, pray God's blessings on those who have experienced hardships, and pray that the Lord send us new families to fill the gap. But whatever you do, please PRAY. God is good and gracious to us always!

Blessings –

Your Advisor Team – Rick Maneval, Tom Ryan and Sharon Figueroa, Senior Advisor”

Austin Street Center Ministry News

by Sharon Parker

***And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in
the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.***

Isaiah 58:10



Thank you, Folks, for all of the assistance you have given to Austin Street Center; all the cupcakes and cookies, all the sandwich making, and all the love you show to God's children. We are not quite sure when things will become more normal and people will not be getting sick with the Coronavirus, so we don't know at what point we will be allowed to go back in and serve the people at Austin Street. But for now, we will do it the way we have for the last few months and take the casseroles, etc. Some of you asked about making cookies and that was a good idea. Cookies work better than cupcakes right now because of packaging. Susan Maupin reported that people really came through with homemade cookies this past Wednesday and they were well-received by the Center.

God Bless You All. Stay well and safe. Love, Sharon

Order of St. Luke

Please be reminded that we have reopened the live OSL Prayer Ministry at both of our worship services. Following the church's masking and social-distancing protocols, a prayer team will be available at the end of each service in the Transformation Room. A doorkeeper will be available for assistance.

The next monthly meeting of the Order of St. Luke will be **Saturday, October 17th at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall**. Please remember to reserve a spot with Sharon Parker due to social distancing limitations.



Videos from Trinity School for Ministry



We wanted to let you know about a wonderful free resource available to us through Trinity School for Ministry. The Rev. Dr. Kenneth E. Bailey spent over 40 years researching, teaching, and writing in the Middle East prior to his death in 2016. He recorded (8) 30-minute videos at the school on the topic of the Good Shepherd which are available on Trinity's YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/EZq5V94L-M8> and also on the main website: www.tsm.edu as a TSM podcast under Media & Resources.

St. Jean Baptiste – Haiti Partnership: Education = Hope

from Susan Meeder



Dear friends,
Access to quality education is an issue that is very important to me! That is why I'm raising funds for "Education Equals Hope", and I definitely need your support. September 30th was a special 'Day of Giving Hope', but our efforts are always ongoing. Education = Hope provides for the education of students living in desperate and difficult situations in multiple countries. That's a big task in 2020! You know how hard this year has been; even in our own communities, access to education has become a challenge. But with your help, we can continue to provide quality education and meals

for all 500 students at St. Jean Baptiste – our partner school – located in an extremely poor rural setting in southwestern Haiti.

Will you please join me in donating to provide HOPE through education in the months and years ahead? You can make a tax-deductible gift as part of your contributions to TAC. If using an envelope, you can mark 'Other' and write in 'Haiti E=H' with the amount you want to designate as part of your total check to Transformation. If giving online, there is a separate Haiti fund to use to designate help for E = H. Contact me or Anne in the church office with any questions.

Many thanks for your support! With gratitude, Susan

A Message from Archbishop Foley Beach

Greetings to you in the Name of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."* (Phil 1:3-6)

The Lord is faithful to keep His promises to us, and we constantly need to remind ourselves of His promises. A central one to the Bible's message is this: *"Behold, the tabernacle of God is among the people, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them."* (Rev 21:3)

No matter what may come our way, our Lord is faithful and is with us. I write to remind you of this great promise today. As Jesus said in Matthew 28:19, He is with his followers until the end of the age, and as Hebrews 13:5 says: *"I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

It seems trite and overused to say we are living in 'unprecedented times.' But the reality is that we are. These times are still 'unprecedented.' But they are not unique. The history of the Church is full of the changes and chances of life and the followers of Jesus continued on with His ministry and His message. So, in the midst of these times, we press on towards Christ and His purposes for us. We go forward. Always Forward. Everywhere Forward! In 2008, as I sat in the midst of clergy, laity, bishops, and leaders, I couldn't help but get caught up in the GAFCON moment and the Gafcon movement. The GAFCON moment for me happened so fast. And it was so spectacular.

Followers of Jesus from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation praising God and crying out for mercy, for repentance, for clarity. At the time I was a priest leading a church plant near Atlanta, Georgia. I had come to know and experience firsthand the crisis of leadership and faith in the Anglican Communion. This crisis is well documented and has been well discussed. But in just a brief moment that GAFCON experience launched me to a greater trajectory: the Gafcon Movement – a call to repentance, to renewal, and to the reformation in the Anglican Communion while taking the saving message of Jesus to the ends of the earth.

We are a movement of faithful Anglican followers of Jesus who not only see the ecclesiastical deficit in the Anglican Communion, but who also see a tremendous Gospel deficit. The Gafcon movement is restoring biblical integrity to the Anglican Communion and giving its time and energy to that Gospel deficit in the world. We are seeking to proclaim Christ faithfully to the nations. There are billions of people in this world who have not heard the good news of the Gospel. There are billions of people who have not even met another “living and breathing” Christian friend or acquaintance. I am passionately excited about Gafcon’s efforts to share the Gospel of Jesus, not only in our own provinces, but to the unreached peoples all around the world. Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life, and no one comes to the Father except through him (John 14:6).



Recently, I was on a call with leaders of Christian mission agencies committed to assisting our Anglican leaders around the world with good deeds and good news, so that we may be equipped to see more people come to know Christ. What an interesting, chaotic, and exciting time we are living in due to the COVID-19 pandemic. When the world went on lockdown, the Gospel

did not. It still goes forward. It is as Jesus said when the Pharisees asked him to rebuke his disciples, “I tell you,” he said, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out” (Luke 19:39-40). The Gospel is unstoppable. Those who have believed it can’t help but share it – to faithfully proclaim Christ to the Nations.

I ask you to continue to pray for the Gafcon archbishops and bishops. In the

midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, under the leadership of Archbishop Ben Kwashi, our General Secretary, these archbishops and bishops are committed to the Gafcon movement seeking to make decisions and planning based upon the Bible and not the latest cultural fads. And all this, whilst serving God's people and their own nations, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic challenges we face as a result.

God has not given us the New Testament to keep on our shelves as a history book, but to apply its teachings in His mission to the world. While many Anglican leaders seek to discard the plain teaching of the Bible, we seek to apply it under and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord bless and keep you and make his face shine upon you and grant you His peace!

In Christ Jesus,

The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach

Gafcon Chairman

P.S. To sign up to hear Archbishop Beach's one-minute daily message, go to AwordfromtheLord.org



Propers for Sundays in October 2020

Oct. 4: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 121; Galatians 6:14-18; Matthew 11:25-30

Oct. 11: Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philipians 4:4-13; Matthew 22:1-14

Oct. 18: Malachi 3:6-12; Psalm 96; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Oct. 25: Exodus 22:21-27 Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

Acolyte Schedule for October 2020

Oct. 4

8:30am - Pete Howk AA1

11:00am - Pete Howk AA1

Oct. 11

8:30am - Brandon Wallace AA1

11:00am - Brandon Wallace AA1

Oct. 18

8:30am - Don Lennert AA1

11:00am - Don Lennert AA1

Oct. 25

8:30am - June Hines AA1

11:00am - June Hines AA1

OSL Prayer Teams for October 2020

Oct. 4

8:30 - TBA & Sue Griffin

11:00 - Mickey & Val Atkins

Oct. 11

8:30 - Debbie Pendergrass & Mary Kadane

11:00 - John & Barbara Shaver

Oct. 18

8:30 - Sharon Parker & Mona Dolly

11:00 - Linda Celaya & Sharon Barnett

Oct. 25

8:30 - Elaine Abbott & Debbie Pendergrass

11:00 - Larry & Susan Maupin

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 A – Don & Pat Lennert	2 A – Richard & Deline Mathews	3 7:30 am Men's Bible Fellowship 10:00 am Blessing of the Animals
4 St. Francis 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Christian Education 11:00 am Worship B – Tonia Lawler	5 10:30 am Women's Bible Study	6	7	8 B – Marie Thomas	9	10 7:30 am Men's Bible Fellowship 10:00 am Saturday Sisters (Study Group)
11 Instructed Eucharist 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Christian Education 11:00 am Worship B – Daniel Mathews	12 10:30 am Women's Bible Study	13	14	15	16	17 7:30 am Men's Bible Fellowship 10:00 am Order of St. Luke
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