



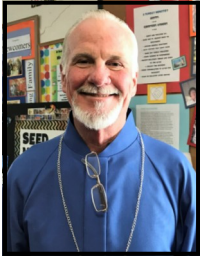
# The Franciscan



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## A New Normal...

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What an exciting time for St. Francis by the Lake! We are having many small group discussions about reopening and what that really means. Last month, your Vestry voted to approve two important items. One, the small business loan offered by our Government (which we received) and two, our Bishop's guidelines about what we need in place to assure a reopening that is as safe as we can make it.

The guidelines the Bishop and Standing Committee set forth lead us to one very important conclusion: St. Francis will not look or feel like it did before. We tend to be a hugging community for sure, but the first thing off our list is physical contact. Physical distancing will be expected from the sidewalks to the pews and back. What about our cookies, you ask? Nope. We will need to bring our own coffee, for sure. The rest of this article is about the Bishop's expectations for Phase Two of our reopening during this pandemic.

Diocesan Protocols state that our buildings must be cleaned and sanitized for the safety of our parishioners. New scientific discoveries are showing that the virus (any virus) remains active on hard surfaces for a relatively short period of time; however, the most conservative action will nevertheless include sanitizing the pews. Hand sanitizer will be readily available, and must be used, along with wipes; and our restrooms will be open for hand

washing. Sadly, I repeat, there won't be any food or drink served.

All our volunteers (especially Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, etc.) will be trained in how we must clean, sanitize, exercise appropriate hygiene, and the importance of masks. Anyone that's at risk or not feeling well will be strongly urged to stay home. Of course, any positive COVID test would require the minimum 14 day quarantine.

Once inside the nave, families may sit together, however non-family persons will maintain six feet distancing. The six foot rule is designated and marked off; alternating rows will be available for seating. The alms basins won't be passed. They will be positioned in such a way that our tithes, pledges, and offerings may be given without contact. Passing the Peace will not be physical: no hugs, no fist bumps, no high fives. Commander Spock's "live long and prosper," the "peace" sign, and ASL are all still OK!

What will receiving Holy Communion look like? Parishioners may remain in their pew and continue to have "Spiritual Communion," or you may come in single file to the crossing before the Sanctuary to receive the Host, holding your hands out for the priest to drop the Host into them. There won't be any sharing of the Cup.

Weddings and burials are allowed, but all the same guidelines apply. Masks will be a requirement for all services. We will continue to stream our worship *via* YouTube, Facebook, and our website.

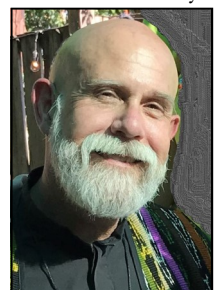
Finally, and very sadly (for me), while the choir is not addressed specifically in the protocols, the re-

strictions that apply to the rest of worshippers will apply to them, thus making singing together as a unit virtually impossible. Singing is permitted; however, all must be masked and no one can sit together. We will be as effective as we can be in this time! As extensive as this article is, it isn't 100% of everything your vestry and priests have to deal with. We're still very excited to soon be allowed to meet and worship together and actually see each other in person!



## An observation by Fr. David

There was a whole lot of hew and cry recently that caused me to think deeply about symbols and signs. The thing that most people don't understand is this: the most powerful symbol of Christianity isn't a book that can be waved... That would be *bibliolatry* (i.e., we don't worship, adore, or hold sacred a *book*. And abusing that book isn't something we would consider 'blasphemy.'). We worship a Person, about Whom that book bears witness: "**The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.**" Our faith is better represented by an empty cross before which we bow in thanks. And the Cross is itself merely a symbol of the execution of the only-begotten Son of God. It represents the innocent, peaceful Messiah, whose only "crime" was to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with His Father. The irony is He accomplished this by showing us the consequence of hubris & pride, fear & anger, insecurity & ingratitude. And these are the things He died to *take away from us*, so that we might live together in peace, harmony, and hope.





### Treasurer's report

By [Robert Amos](#)  
Email:

Greetings all,

I am hopeful that all of you are doing well and are safe during this challenging time. I pray for the illnesses and losses that many of you are experiencing. I miss seeing all of you. We know that God is looking after us and loves more than we can understand. May God bless all of us, our families, those we love, our country and the world.

As of April 30, 2020 our finances are better than planned.

#### Operations - Better than planned.

Revenues: Revenue year to date was \$91,664.73, which was better than planned by \$3,188.73.

Expenditures: Expenditures were \$94,755.60, which was slightly lower (better) than planned by \$6,249.40.

Balance (Revenue minus Expenditures): Balance had a deficit of \$3,090.87, which was better than planned by \$9,438.13.

#### Capital: Doing well.

Capital Campaign 2020 - 2022: Contributions are \$21,993.84 in 2020. Combined balance of Capital Campaign and Capital Campaign 2020 – 2022 Fund is \$90,623.80.

Debt Retirement: Contributions are \$15,920.00 in 2020. The Debt Retirement Fund contains a balance of \$57,521.62.

#### Endowment Fund - Improved but still less than year-end 2020.

The Endowment Fund improved during April. We still have a loss during 2020 of \$8,750.28. Funds balance was \$105,653.89 as of April 30, 2020.

#### Our funds as of April 30 , 2020:

General Operating	\$	13,560.27
Debt Retirement	\$	57,521.62
Capital Campaign Fund	\$	90,623.80
Endowment Fund	\$	105,653.89

#### Debt:

Frost Bank - Line of Credit:	\$	145,438.38
Crump Foundation:	\$	450,000.00

As a reminder you have the ability to contribute on-line. Go to our web site, [www.saintfrancisbythelake.org](http://www.saintfrancisbythelake.org). You will see a button for electronic giving.



When you click on the button, you will be taken to a page to enter your contribution. We are able to support secure transaction on credit card, debit card, and electronic funds transfers from your bank and/or financial institution.

Of course you can send your contributions to the church by mail.

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If you have any comments or questions, or if you would like to discuss a pledge or contribution, please feel free to contact me at [treasure@gvtc.com](mailto:treasure@gvtc.com).



## June & July birthdays

Shirley Duren	6/4
Bella Huneau	6/7
Chitt Chittenden	6/10
Josie Loria	6/15
Ken Patla	6/15
Reagan Pollock	6/17
Pennie Curry	6/23
Susan Kelch	6/27
Judy McClendon	6/27
Tatiana Hoecker	6/28
Chris Benham	6/30
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Cille Hardy	7/8
Emily Hopkins	7/8
Nancy Summers	7/9
Deborah Cason	7/14
Dorris Marlow	7/17
Tom O'Bryant	7/17
Chuck Schwakhofer	7/18
Tom Meyer	7/20
Phil Duncan	7/24
Tim Ellwood	7/27
Lynn Zimmermann	7/27
Bob Amos	7/28

## June & July anniversaries

Ward and Peggy Kelsey	6/10
John and Ginger Rose	6/17
Kevin and Valeska McHugh	6/18
Phil and Emily Hopkins	6/27
Don and Kay Stackhouse	6/30
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Robbie and Natalie White	7/1
Ken and Lynda Leadford	7/2
Hollie Malone & Diane Thovson	7/10
Bernie and Judy Frey	7/14
Dwain and Gloria Glass	7/14
J. P. and Cindy Smith	7/17
Burnham Jones & Betty Colley	7/18

### Guidelines for Reopening We've received a green light!!

The diocese has given us permission to begin *limited* public worship Sunday, June 21: The protocol was accepted by the vestry, and then the diocese.

Here are some of the most important points for us all to be aware:

\* Maintain physical distance: there will be 6 ft. of distance between family units and individuals beginning at the edge of the parking lot, up the sidewalks, and into the nave.

\* Masks shall be required: Upon entering the narthex (if not done before) all persons entering worship shall wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth. If they do not have a mask of their own, a mask shall be provided.

\* Physical contact is strongly discouraged: this is not limited to shaking hands, hugging, fist-bumping, high-fiving, etc., and includes any sort of greeting/receiving line after worship.

\* Even if you wish to attend worship in person, you don't have to do anything during the liturgy. If you wish to attend, but are concerned about touching things, or sharing the Peace, or receiving Holy Communion, etc., you are welcome to come but remain in your seat.

Copies of the entire protocol are available [here](#) for you to read. They shall also be made available before people enter the narthex, and then easily accessible in various places. And (perhaps) finally, due to seating capacity limitations, we shall provide a way to reserve seating for our public worship services.

Next Sunday, June 14: An email will be sent on Saturday with information for you to participate online.

We continue to conduct worship on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Parishioners and friends are invited to join online. We're streaming on YouTube. You can access current and previous

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## Needs for the CRRC food pantry

As of today, CRRC's food pantry is in need of:

**Cereals:** all kinds:

big boxes & single serving.

**Jam and jelly.**

**Children's healthy snacks:**

e.g., granola bars, jerky, nuts, fruit snacks, crackers, maybe pudding cups.

**Toilet paper.**

**Diapers:**

infant sizes 2, 3, 4, & 5  
adult sizes (disposable & cloth.)

*All contributions are appreciated.*



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Reaching out...  
Growing Something  
Eternal!**

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Pentecost window

## St. Francis Windows

By [Betty Morris](#)

The Pentecost window was given by The Rev. Don Hungerford in thanksgiving for his wife, Edie (Edith Rose Humphrey.) She was a cheerleader and the valedictorian in high school, raised four children, and became a registered nurse.

Fr. Don, a native of Connecticut, attended Berkeley Divinity School at Yale and served parishes in Connecticut before becoming canonically resident in the Diocese of Northwest Texas, where he served parishes in Snyder, Colorado City, Big Spring, and Odessa. During a sabbatical he studied at Oxford and was an exchange rector in Pt. Pirie, South Australia. After “retirement,” he served as Interim Rector in Missouri; Abilene, Tx, where he was Headmaster at the school there; St. John’s, New Braunfels; and St. George, San Antonio. He was Interim Rector at St. Francis, December 2000 to January 2002.

In addition to supporting her husband’s ordained ministry and their many moves, while they were in Odessa, Edie’s ministry included being Head Nurse and Head of Infection Control at the hospital there. She was also a member of Daugh-

ters of the King.

Fr. Don died in 2005 and Edie died in 2016. They are both interred in our Columbarium.

*Error: Regretfully, in the earlier issue of the Franciscan about the Pentecost window, I attributed it to the Cour-Palais family. It was only the Advent window which they donated, and the Pentecost window is for Edie Hungerford. Betty Morris.*



Edie Hungerford



Fr. Don Hungerford

## To Remember & Honor

By [Betty Morris](#)

Recently we have had a number of deaths in our community at St. Francis and, especially during this time, there have been no funerals or flowers. Those people who died have been remembered with gifts that support the ministries at St. Francis.

Sometimes it is nice to let someone who has done something thoughtful or a little out of the ordinary know how much we appreciate what they have done, or perhaps celebrate with them a birthday or anniversary. A gift in their honor also supports our many ministries.

Each month, in *The Franciscan*, I plan to share those names with you so that all of us can remember and honor them.

*In memory of:* Jim Bell, *Fr. David’s stepfather*; Dale Calvert; Gene Flesher; Dave LaCombe; & Michael Weaver.

*In honor of:* Julie Chalk.

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### [Guidelines](#) *(Cont’d from page 3)*

services on our [YouTube channel](#), or the link on our [website](#), or on our [Facebook page](#).

Wednesday morning Bible Study and Noon Prayers continue to be held online. Participating is easy. Here’s the Zoom Address to log in: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8309643820>; Meeting ID: (830) 964-3820; and there’s **NOT** supposed to be a password.)

In order to combat isolation, loneliness, and other maladies caused by the present unpleasantness in our world, we’re encouraging all ministry leaders to schedule, organize, and initiate conference calls or online internet meetings. Ask Fr. David--see above--for further information and about scheduling.

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