



# SAINTS ALIVE!

## October 2017

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**All-Parish  
Autumn Work Day  
is Saturday,  
October 14th  
from 8:30—11:00 am.  
Join us for a fun and  
quick sprucing up  
around the church!**



## Convention Support Needed

Diocesan Convention is October 27th and 28th. As a parish in the “hosting” region of our diocese, we have been asked to assemble a Convention Support Team. While the ways we will serve haven’t been set just yet, if you’re willing to help out that weekend, talk to Kitty, who’s coordinating the support team.  
[kittvash2@msn.com](mailto:kittvash2@msn.com). Thank you!

## **October Birthdays**

Jennalee G.	October 2
Remington S.	October 3
Clare I.	October 6
Martha S.	October 8
Dick W.	October 9
Darlene S.	October 10
Derick S.	October 12
Sharon M.	October 17
Sheridan C.	October 19
Ruth L.	October 20
Nico P.	October 24



## October Anniversaries:

Ion & Sharon

October 5

## Fr. Joe's Morning Ride: St. Francis Re-Booted

October 4th is always an amazing day for me. In the Episcopal Liturgical Calendar it is the day we celebrate our beloved mystic friar St. Francis of Assisi. As a bit of a mystic myself, I have always been called to those who see the Spirit World differently...up close and personally. Those who have an intimate, immanent, and extraordinarily personal union with the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sacred Spirit. St. Francis, George Fox (founder of the Religious Society of Friends - Quakers); Grandfather Frank Fools Crow, Lakota Elder Louise Olimagehsig Fisher, Ojibwe Spirit Woman and member of the Midewin Society, Darren Bearshield Melton; the Reverend Jane Smith...all these and other mystics have helped shape my Spirit Journey and helped to convince me that I wasn't going crazy.

I was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests in the Episcopal Church on October 8, 2002. This was the closest day available to St. Francis Day for my ordination. This year we celebrate our beloved Francis on the 15th anniversary of my ordination. I couldn't be happier. I took my vows into the Society of St Francis on March 17, 2002. Vows are serious business, and I have done my best to live up to them as best as I could. I have not always been perfect in my "vow-keeping." Some days I am not even marginally successful. But, my Franciscan vows; my Franciscan Rule of Life; and my knotted cincture continue to shape and guide my Spirit Journey intimately. They are a large piece of the spiritual lens through which I view both the physical and spiritual world.

All that being said of my beloved Francis with great admiration and respect, Saint Francis is in need of a "re-boot." We are really in need of St. Francis 2.0! So, what is going on?

We are rapidly losing the radical and life-changing essence of St. Francis' message and are replacing it with a feel-good parody evidenced by our annual "Blessing of the Animals." Stand by folks but St. Francis Day is as much about animal blessings as Easter is about bunnies. It is so easy once a year to snuggle up to Francis, and we pray to have him bless our dog, cat, pig, goat, hamster, snake, horse or ant collection. And then we move on...move back into a world so "un-Francis" that it should make his and our collective heads spin.

The Message and Legacy of St Francis is more -- much more than a one day remembrance and a cuddly blessing for Fluffy. Francis is a radical testimony of simplicity in life; peace; gentleness; of radical and intimate "in-touch-ness" with the Creator and the Spirit Word, and the Physical World; seeing "that of God in everyone" and in everything. We are in need of a Franciscan "re-boot." We are in desperate need of the release of Francis 2.0. Trust me, the animals are safe for this year without a blessing. We, on the other hand, are in desperate need of one.

Blessed Ones, St. Francis is about connecting and connectivity. Francis connected intimately and fiercely with the Holy One, through prayer and works, so seamlessly that there was no break between where prayer left off and 'living" began. Francis "was always in prayer" and in that way, he mirrors many of the Spirit Journeys of our First Nations Elders. His message of radical simplicity, gifting, and selflessness is indeed in need of dramatic and urgent refreshment in our world. Francis' message was delivered by the Saint and his beloved Clare

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with kindness, peace, dignity and a loving spirit. We need Francis and Clare now more than ever.

So what should replace our trite and tidy "Blessing of the Animals?" How do we transition our annual Francis fix to something more real, more permanent, more authentically Franciscan? I believe that it starts with the sanctification and blessing -- not of our pets -- but of our "devices." Yes folks, I am talking about cell phones, tablets, computers. They need a good blessing, a good Smudging as our First Nations Elders say....and now!

So what do I propose? What does it mean when we *bless, consecrate, or sanctify?* For me, it means to take a common object, secular in nature and through prayer and sacred ceremony "ordain it to a holy purpose" So what does that mean then if we bring our devices forward for blessing, for consecration, for sanctification? It means that in the true Spirit of St. Francis' radical spirituality, we will use those devices for good and *only for good.* When we use our devices, we promise to "be a blessing" ...ankuntewakan as our First Nations Elders speak of it.

We will speak the truth; speak it gently; kindly; lovingly and with dignity and honor. Our devices have become Sacred Tools; Blessing Tools. The Prayer of St. Francis says it all:

Lord, make THIS and make ME an instrument of your Peace	
Where there is hatred	Let me sow love
Where there is injury	Pardon
Where there is discord	Union
Where there is doubt	Faith
Where there is darkness	Light
Where there is sadness	Joy
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled	As to console
To Be Understood	As to understand
To Be Loved	As to love
For it is in the giving	That we receive
It is in the pardoning	That we are pardoned

As our polarized world of social media draws us in tighter and tighter, we spend so much time looking down that we forget to look around. Our online-world is increasingly becoming a world of "us and them." Francis' world is a world of "we." Sacred Cousins, each made in the image and likeness of the Blessed One, each and every one walking through and breathing in the beauty of the physical world all around us, respecting the Dignity of Every Living Thing. "That of God in everyone, and everything."

This St. Francis Day...step up...be a radical and step forward. "This is a Francis Phone!"

Blessings and Enjoy the Ride,    Father Joe



## **Winter Hospitality Overflow – WHO**

Winter Hospitality Overflow is a local organization devoted to helping those in need during winter's coldest months. It provides safe shelter during the winter months to families and individuals experiencing homelessness. WHO guests are offered not only a warm place to sleep, but a hot shower, meal, and the welcome and warmth of a caring community working to address the most basic of human needs.

- St. Andrew has a bed capacity of 42 for single women, couples and families, plus 8 additional emergency family spots, for a total of 50 beds.
- St. Paul has a bed capacity of 24 for single men.
- Each WHO shelter is staffed every evening with professional Share case managers who help guests work toward self-sufficiency.
- More than 50 faith congregations and community organizations have donated time and talent to ensure each WHO site is open for five full months!

### **OUR DATES THIS YEAR:**

**Nov. 28-30 – 7 shifts at St. Andrew's. Dec. 29-30 – 3 shifts at St. Paul's.**

### **WHO Guest Success Stories**

Frank\* and his partner Sara\* left the Washington, D.C. area after Frank lost his job; prospects in Seattle weren't much better. After moving to Vancouver, Frank and Sara began attending church together. A member of their congregation would pick them up from the bus stop and drive them to services, then drive them back again. Another person from their church told them about the WHO Program, and they were cleared to enter shelter together on November 1. Frank was always respectful, offering to help other guests and eager to express his gratitude for both the compassionate WHO volunteers and the program's zero tolerance policy for drugs and alcohol. Sara struggles with a long-term mental health disability, and Frank has become her dedicated advocate. He goes with her to doctor's appointments at Community Health, and worked with her to find a medication regimen that truly helped her. Through the first four months of the season the two of them saved every cent, and were finally able to put down a deposit on an apartment. Frank talked excitedly about the place they would be moving in to, of buying quilts and groceries and starting to cook again. He has been actively seeking work, looking forward to re-establishing good rental history and perhaps in a year or so moving into an apartment in a nicer part of town.

Trevor\* was much younger than the other gentlemen at St. Paul, and felt quite withdrawn and alone when he first arrived at the shelter. The other guests immediately took him under their wing, showing him the ropes with chores and shelter rules, and in general helping him to open up. It didn't take too long before Trevor adjusted to his new surroundings, and began working in earnest on his plan for self-sufficiency. Stories like this aren't uncommon at St. Paul. In another example of cooperation and camaraderie among the guests, Steve\*, Drew\* and Carlos\* met in shelter, pooled their resources and were able to move into an apartment together.

# All Saints Ministry Schedule — October 2017

SCRIPTURES	Pentecost 17 October 1	Pentecost 18 October 8	Pentecost 19 October 15	Pentecost 20 October 22	Pentecost 21 October 29
<b>1st LESSON</b>	<a href="#">Exodus 17:1-7</a>	<a href="#">Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20</a>	<a href="#">Exodus 32:1-14</a>	<a href="#">Exodus 33:12-23</a>	<a href="#">Deuteronomy 34:1-12</a>
<b>PSALM</b>	<a href="#">Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 19</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 99</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17</a>
<b>2ND LESSON</b>	<a href="#">Philippians 2:1-13</a>	<a href="#">Philippians 3:4b-14</a>	<a href="#">Philippians 4:1-9</a>	<a href="#">1 Thessalonians 1:1-10</a>	<a href="#">1 Thessalonians 2:1-8</a>
<b>GOSPEL</b>	<a href="#">Matthew 21:23-32</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 21:33-46</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 22:1-14</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 22:15-22</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 22:34-46</a>
<b>SUNDAYS</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>				
Altar Setup	Pat	Martha	Sharon M	Fiona	Sheridan
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Fiona/Rob	Sheridan/Jon	Sheryl/Mona	Fiona/Rob	Jon/Alice
First Lesson/ Psalm	Dee Ann	Matt	Carol B	Tom	Dick W
Second Lesson	Suzanne	Sharon M	Linda E	Alice	Elizabeth
Ushers	Vicki	Alice	Rob	Tom	Alice
Greeters	Pat	Elizabeth	Alice	Emilie	Martha
	Potluck today				
Coffee Hour/ Potluck Team	Kitty/Rob/ Jennalee/Vicki	Martha/John Carol S/Judy	Carol B/Linda Ann H/Darlene Terry B	Susan/Alice/ Tom/Verna	Kitty/Rob/ Mona/Jennalee/ Vicki
Lay Eucharist Visitor on duty	Kitty & Rob				

Unable to do your assignment?? Find a sub and leave a message for the church office, either voice mail or email: [admin@allsaints-vancouver.org](mailto:admin@allsaints-vancouver.org). Thank you!

Wed. 6:30 pm: Worship/Prayer time with discussion of book, *Braiding Sweetgrass*. Traveling Day Soc. Music practice follows at 7:30 p.m.  
Worship Leaders: Rob Ash, Suzanne Philbrook, Martha Stephenson, Father Joe Scheeler

If you have special requests for scheduling, please email Pat Stephens by the 15th of the month prior.  
 Thank you!  
[Pat.stephens@msn.com](mailto:Pat.stephens@msn.com) or 574-2428

# October 2017

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b> Holy Eucharist 9 am Potluck	<b>2</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 8:30 pm	<b>3</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 7 - 9 pm	<b>4</b>  6:30 pm Worship & Study 7:30 pm Traveling Day Society AA: 11:30 - 1:30	<b>5</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 5 - 9 pm	<b>6</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30-8:30 pm	<b>7</b> Soccer Fields In Use  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 9:30 pm
<b>8</b> Holy Eucharist 9 am Coffee Hour Bishop's Committee Mtg. 10:45 am	<b>9</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 8:30 pm	<b>10</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 7 - 9 pm	<b>11</b>  6:30 pm Worship & Study 7:30 pm Traveling Day Society AA: 11:30 - 1:30	<b>12</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 5 - 9 pm	<b>13</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30-8:30 pm	<b>14</b> Parish Work Day 8:30-11am Soccer Fields In Use  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 5:30 - 9:30 pm
<b>15</b> Holy Eucharist 9 am Coffee Hour  Saints' Alive! Deadline	<b>16</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 8:30 pm	<b>17</b> The Women at the Well 1:00-3:00pm  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 7 - 9 pm	<b>18</b>  6:30 pm Worship & Study 7:30 pm Traveling Day Society AA: 11:30 - 1:30	<b>19</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 5 - 9 pm	<b>20</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30-8:30 pm	<b>21</b> Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Soccer Fields In Use  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 9:30 pm
<b>22</b> Holy Eucharist 9 am Coffee Hour	<b>23</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 8:30 pm	<b>24</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 7 - 9 pm	<b>25</b>  6:30 pm Worship & Study 7:30 pm Traveling Day Society AA: 11:30 - 1:30	<b>26</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 5 - 9 pm	<b>27</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30-8:30 pm	<b>28</b> Soccer Fields In Use  AA 6:30 - 9:30 pm
<b>29</b> Holy Eucharist 9 am Coffee Hour	<b>30</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 6:30 - 8:30 pm	<b>31</b>  AA: 11:30 - 1:30 7 - 9 pm				