

# WOLF WATCH

— WEEKLY E-NEWS —

## News for the Week of January 1

### All School

#### **Upper School Is Seeking Parent Mentor Volunteers**

The Upper School is looking for parent mentor volunteers for the Post-Secondary Success Program. Would you be willing to allow a senior to shadow you for a few days in May to gain exposure to a potential career? There is no commitment required to join the mentor database, just a willingness to serve as a potential resource should a senior desire more information about your field. To sign up as a potential mentor, and/or for more information about the Post-Secondary Success Program, please [email Tracey Addington](#).

#### **Explore and Extend: Primary II Classes Added + Spring Start Dates**

##### **CLASSES ADDED FOR PRIMARY II AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT**

We will be adding two new classes to the Primary II After-School Enrichment program. Registration for these classes will open tomorrow—Monday, January 2—at 10:00 a.m.

#### **Spring Fling STEAM Fun (Primary II)**

- Wednesdays, 2:30-3:15 p.m.
- Cost: \$400
- Join us this spring as we build with LEGOs and many other building sets; hold electricity in our hands and light up colorful lights; code our favorite robot, Botz; paint; and cook! Get ready to spark your imagination and ignite your science mind.

#### **Get Set to Be a Vet! (Primary II)**

- Wednesdays, 2:30–3:15 p.m.
- Cost: \$400

- Get ready to explore the life of a veterinarian. Discover how to take care of pets and make dog treats. Learn safe behavior around dogs, examine real animal X-rays, and learn dog-walking etiquette. Each camper will be given a stuffed animal at the beginning of the class to take care of during the semester and will create a first-aid kit to take home later.

## **AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES AND SCHOOL OF MUSIC LESSONS START SOON**

Just a reminder that **Spring After-School Enrichment and School of Music lessons begin the week of January 9, with the exception of Cooking Basics and Woodworking**, which have later start dates. Letters will go out with reminders about the beginning of the semester ahead of these start dates.

### **Friends of Fine Arts (FOFA) News**

Thanks again to ALL who have helped make this a remarkable school year for Fine Arts! Please mark your calendar for two upcoming events:

- Our Upper School Visual Arts department invites you to an evening reception in the new Student Life Building on Friday, January 13, to showcase student creations. More details will be available next week.
- FOFA's first 2023 meeting will be Tuesday, January 17, at 8:30 a.m. in the 9000 Westheimer building.

### **St. Francis Connections: Join Us January 11**

What's happening in higher education? Where are the trends leading your children? How should you navigate these tricky and changing waters? This presentation will explain what's happening, where things are heading, and how to get there.

**RSVP here** to join us for coffee and light bites on Wednesday, January 11, at 8:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center. If you have specific questions you would like us to address, please **email them to this address** by this Friday, January 6.

## St. Francis Connections

S P E A K E R   S E R I E S



**STEVEN SCALES**

*Director of College Counseling  
St. Francis Episcopal School*

and

**TRACEY ADDINGTON**

*Director of Post-Secondary Success  
St. Francis Episcopal School*

*“From Kids to College: What You Need to Know and Why You Should Care”*

**Wednesday, January 11, 2023 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM**

FINE ARTS CENTER | PINEY POINT CAMPUS

## **Donate Gently Used St. Francis–Branded Items for Uniform Resale**

Trying to clean out those closets? We're here to help! Donate any St. Francis–branded items or uniform clothing that is clean and in good used condition for resale to other school families. Accepted clothing includes regular and dress uniform items, plus St. Francis–branded hats, athletics shirts and shorts, hoodies, hair accessories, etc.—basically anything another pack member might enjoy!

- We will have bins at morning carpools on both campuses (all four divisions) on January 9–13. Please plan to quickly hand your donation through your car window to ensure the carpool runs smoothly.
- After January 13, you may drop off your donation at the Piney Point Campus front office.

## **Primary School**

### **From the Assistant Head of School**

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### **Tuesday, January 3**

- *Classes Resume*
  - *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend
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### **Wednesday, January 4**

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend
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### **Monday, January 9**

- *Open Library:* 3:15 p.m.
  - *Explore and Extend Spring Classes Begin*
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### **Tuesday, January 10**

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend
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### **Wednesday, January 11**

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend

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**Monday, January 16**

- *Martin Luther King Jr. Day:* School closed

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**Tuesday, January 17**

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend
- *Pajama Ingathering Starts*

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**Wednesday, January 18**

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend

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**Friday, January 20**

- *PS Pajamarama (Students Only)*
- *Pajama Ingathering Ends*

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**Monday, January 23**

- *Open Library:* 3:15 p.m.

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**Tuesday, January 24**

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend

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**Wednesday, January 25**

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend
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## Friday, January 27

- *Pre-Primary Fathers and Friends:* 8:15 a.m.
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## Monday, January 30

- *Open Library:* 3:15 p.m.
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## Tuesday, January 31

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary II parents may attend
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## Wednesday, February 1

- *Chapel:* 9:30 a.m.; Primary I parents may attend

## Lower School

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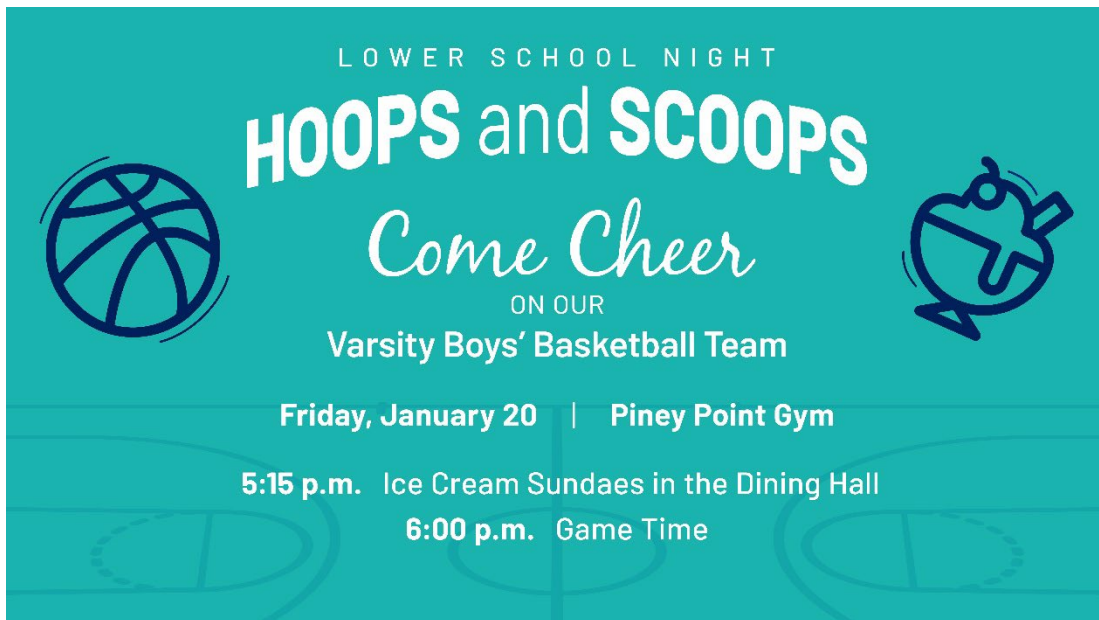
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### **Save the Date: Hoops and Scoops Is January 20**

Lower School families are invited to cheer on our Varsity Boys’ Basketball team on Friday, January 20, in the Piney Point Gym. Join us for ice cream sundaes before the game and for a fun halftime performance. See the invitation below for details.



### **Mark Your Calendar**

**Monday, January 2**

- *Christmas Break:* School closed
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## Tuesday, January 3

- *Classes Resume*
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## Thursday, January 5

- *Lower School Chapel for Grades K–4*
  - 8:20 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
  - Please be advised that there are limited parking spots in front of the school.

## **Middle School**

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### **Middle School Athletics: Spring Sports Update**

Spring sports will begin on Monday, January 30. Please [click here](#) for important details.

### **Join Us for Middle School Night This Friday!**

Middle School families are invited to cheer on our Varsity Boys' Basketball team this Friday, January 6, in the Crum Gym. Join us in the brand-new Student Life Center for nachos before the game, and enjoy a special shout-out to our Middle School athletes at halftime. See the invitation below for details, and [click here](#) to RSVP.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT**



Come Cheer

ON OUR


**Varsity Boys' Basketball Team**

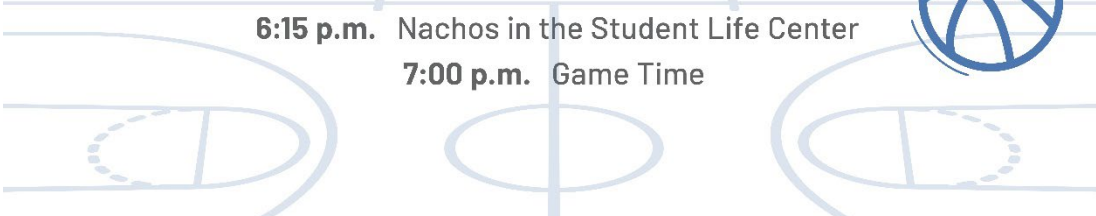
**Friday, January 6 | Crum Gym**

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**6:15 p.m.** Nachos in the Student Life Center

**7:00 p.m.** Game Time





### **Mark Your Calendar**

#### **Monday, January 2**

- *Christmas Break:* School closed
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## Tuesday, January 3

- *Regular Uniform*
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## Wednesday, January 4

- *Regular Uniform*
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## Thursday, January 5

- *Dress Uniform*
  - *Middle School Epiphany Eucharist Chapel:* 9:35 a.m. in the St. Francis Episcopal Church Sanctuary
  - *Eighth-Grade Bible Study:* 12:25 p.m. in Mrs. Flores's room (boys' Bible study) and Mrs. Gutierrez's room (girls' Bible study); both rooms are right off of Crum Library
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## Friday, January 6

- *St. Francis Spirit Dress:* Wear SFES Spirit shirts with jeans or uniform bottoms

## Upper School

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### **Late Start This Tuesday: Blessing of the Student Life Center**

We will have a late start on the first day back after the break, January 3. Students will gather in the Crum Gym at 9:30 a.m. for an assembly before entering the new Student Life Center.

### **Upper School Athletics: Spring Sports Update**

Spring sports will begin shortly. Please [click here](#) for important information.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

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#### **Tuesday, January 3**

- *Classes Resume for Students*
- *Upper School Late-Start Day:* Students begin in the Crum Gym at 9:30 a.m.
- *“A” Day*
- *Regular Uniform*

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**Wednesday, January 4**

- *“B” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
  - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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**Thursday, January 5**

- *“A” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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**Friday, January 6**

- *“B” Day*
  - *St. Francis Spirit Dress: Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms*
  - *Upper School Chapel: 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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**Monday, January 9**

- *“A” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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**Tuesday, January 10**

- *“B” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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**Wednesday, January 11**

- *“A” Day*
  - *Dress Uniform*
  - *Upper School Epiphany Eucharist: 10:00–10:45 a.m. in Crum Gym*
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## Thursday, January 12

- *“B” Day*
  - *Regular Uniform*
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## Friday, January 13

- *“A” Day*
  - *St. Francis Spirit Dress:* Wear a St. Francis Spirit shirt with full-length jeans or uniform bottoms
  - *Upper School Chapel:* 10:00–10:30 a.m. in Crum Gym
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## Saturday, January 14

- *Winter Social:* More details will be provided soon
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## Saturday, April 22

- *Save the Date for Prom:* Juniors, seniors, and their dates; more details will be provided closer to the event

## Church

### **Baptisms Will Be Held on January 8**

Principal feast days are especially appropriate for the Sacrament of Baptism. The next baptism date is January 8, 2023 (Baptism of our Lord). Family baptisms may also be scheduled on available Saturdays, if necessary. [Email Sally Jo Flores](mailto:SallyJoFlores@stfrancis.org) or call the church office at 713.782.1720 to schedule a date or get more information.

### **The Men of St. Francis: Next Meeting Is January 10**

The Men of St. Francis continue their study on the Life of Abraham, with discussion led by Fr. Bates. The group meets at 8:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. **The next meeting will be held January 10.** The group meets at The Corner Bakery at 9311 Katy Freeway (in the Echo Lane Shopping Center), and breakfast is provided.

Please [email Sally Jo Flores](mailto:SallyJoFlores@stfrancis.org) to be added to the email distribution for future notices.

### **Weekly Worship Schedule**

The Holy Eucharist is offered at 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. We also offer an evening Eucharist on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. We look

forward to seeing all those who are ready to return. For those who are not comfortable returning to in-person worship, we will continue to livestream our worship service on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Access the livestream via our church [website](#), [YouTube channel](#), or [Facebook page](#). Instructions for livestreaming are included at the bottom of this section.

## **Pre-K to High School: Sunday Morning Programs**

### **LET IT SHINE! CHILDREN'S BIBLE LESSON**

Join Mrs. Devlin each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for Let It Shine! Children's Bible Breakout. All children from Pre-K to middle school are invited to participate in Let It Shine! during the adult sermon.

### **LIGHTHOUSE EXPRESSIONS IN ART**

Each Sunday after the Family Worship Service, children are invited to join other children in the People Place (across from the Dining Hall) to create an art project based on that day's Let It Shine! lesson.

### **G.L.O.W. FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS—VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

We need our middle school students to serve as volunteers each week at Lighthouse Expressions in Art after the Family Worship Service. Come help younger children make the craft project of the week! Contact Allison Devlin via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725 to sign up and receive service hours.

### **HIGH SCHOOL REVIVAL**

High school students are invited to come to the People Place (across from the Dining Hall) after the Family Worship Service. Join other students each week for fellowship, learning, and a question of the day. REVIVAL is led by Nichole Hilgert. For more information, [email her](#) or call 713.468.3996.

## **Be Still Yoga Meets Every Other Thursday**

Join other women for an hour of yoga and meditative prayer every other Thursday. In stillness, God speaks to our hearts and fills us with the refreshing presence of His Spirit.

- Bring a yoga mat if you have one!
- Refreshments to follow.
- The group meets at 11:30 a.m. every other Thursday in CE212.
- For more information or to RSVP, please contact Allison Devlin via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

## **Mom's Bible Study Resumes This Month**

The **SFES Moms' Bible Study** group has finished its study for the year. A new class will begin this month. For more information, please contact **Allison Devlin** via [email](#) or at 713.882.0725.

### Help Meet MAM's Updated Supply Needs

Memorial Assistance Ministries has an urgent plea from the pantry team. Demand for pantry products has again peaked, and they are running very low on several items. Here is their latest list of needs:

- **Meals to Go**
  - Individually wrapped cheese/peanut butter crackers
  - Fruit strips
  - Trail mix
  - Vienna sausage
- **Hygiene Items**
  - Size 6 diapers
  - Baby wipes
  - Tissues
  - House cleaner
  - Deodorant for men and women
  - Lotion
  - Shaving cream

Many families continue to need help with the basics. Please keep the pantry in mind if any of your classes, youth groups, or other groups are looking for a project. For additional information, contact the church's director of outreach, [Heather Burkhart](#).

### Fair Haven Food Pantry Needs Volunteers/Donations

The Fair Haven Food Pantry has been providing food to help people in the Spring Branch/Memorial area since 1975.

- Now operating under a client-choice model, **the pantry needs friendly volunteers** to help clients shop for their families, restock shelves, and assist with registration. Feeding the needy is part of serving one another, and as we serve others, we are serving Christ.
- Thank you for not donating any glass containers or expired items.
- For additional information, email [Jessica Antel](#). To volunteer, [click here](#).

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### Share Your Prayer Requests Online

Share your prayer requests with us using the "Prayer Requests" link on the [St. Francis Episcopal Church home page](#). Please feel free to submit prayer requests for yourself or for someone you know. All prayer requests are confidential and will not be added to the spoken prayer list, but will be prayed for by our staff and Pastoral Care Council over two months.

### **Wednesday Night Eucharist, Program, and Dinner**

On Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., join Fr. David Price for Eucharist in St. Clare Chapel, followed by a program and dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Hogan Board Room.

- The cost of dinner is \$10 per person at the door.
- Contact [Fr. Price](#) for more information.

### **Bible Studies at St. Francis**

St. Francis is hosting the following Bible studies, either in-person, via Zoom, or both. To join a Zoom call, use the event link listed below. Regarding those Bible studies that are on holiday break, forward your contact information to the meeting leader to be informed when the next session begins or to get additional information as it becomes available.

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES**

- Wednesdays at 9:00–10:00 a.m. (**Resumes this month**)
  - **Study:** TBD
  - **Contact:** [Louise Richman](#)

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES**

- Tuesdays at 7:00–8:00 a.m.
  - **Contact:** [Martin O'Malley](#)
  - **Location:** La Madeleine (weekly, except for second Tuesday of the month); The Corner Bakery (second Tuesday of each month)
- Second Tuesday of Each Month at 8:00–9:30 a.m. (**Next meeting is January 10.**)
  - **Meeting:** The Men of St. Francis Breakfast and Bible Study
  - **Study:** The Life of Abraham
  - **Location:** The Corner Bakery (9311 Katy Fwy.)
  - **Includes Breakfast**
- Thursdays at 6:30–8:00 a.m.
  - **Study:** Romans
  - **Contact:** [The Rev. Stuart Bates](#)
  - **Zoom Meeting Link:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84206856514>
    - **Meeting ID:** 842 0685 6514
    - **Passcode:** Bi6Ga0

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

- Sundays at 10:00–11:00 a.m.
  - **Study:** The Gospel of Luke and Paul's Letter to the Romans
  - **Location:** Hogan Board Room
  - **Contact:** [George Hippard](#)



## **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AND PRAYER**

- Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.
  - **Meeting:** Christian Meditation
  - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
  - **Location:** The Bride's Room
  - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/203726298>
    - **Meeting ID:** 203 726 298
    - **Passcode:** 05741 7
- Thursdays at 7:00 a.m.
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  - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
  - **Location:** The Bride's Room
  - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/203726298>
    - **Meeting ID:** 203 726 298
    - **Passcode:** 057417
- Thursdays at 6:15–6:45 a.m.
  - **Meeting:** Prayer Session (We read Scripture and go through a prayer cycle of praise, confession, thanksgiving, and intercession.)
  - **Contact:** [Heather Burkhart](#)
  - **Zoom Meeting Link:** <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79725936159>
    - **Meeting ID:** 797 2593 6159
    - **Passcode:** 678123
- Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
  - **Meeting:** Spiritual Enrichment
  - **Contact:** [Fr. David Price](#)
  - **Location:** The Bride's Room

### **How to Watch Sunday Service Via Livestream**

If you would like to join St. Francis Episcopal Church's 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Sunday service via livestream, here's how to watch:

1. Open an Internet browser on your computer, laptop, or phone. Type in the St. Francis website—[sfch.org](http://sfch.org).
2. Click on the "Watch Live Stream Worship Services" button. Either the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service will be available. If you prefer to watch from Facebook or YouTube, click on the links to go to those streaming servers.

Prelude music will begin on the livestream 10 minutes before the service to allow time for your connection and your inspiration. If you miss the live video, a recording of the service will also be available on [St. Francis's YouTube channel](#).