



St. Francis
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

9220 Georgetown Pike
Great Falls, Virginia 22066
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The Weekly Franciscan

Thursday, February 20, 2025

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany Sunday, February 23rd, 2025

You are welcome to the

8:00 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist Rite I with
the Rev. E. Weston Mathews, Celebrant and Preacher
and

10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist Rite II with
the Rev. E. Weston Mathews, Celebrant and Preacher,
with the St. Francis Choir

Children's Chapel is offered during the Sermon
Coffee Hour Follows Each Service in Millen Hall

[The 10:00 a.m. Service is also live-streamed on YouTube](#)

[View this Sunday's Worship Bulletin](#)

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading | [Genesis 45:3-11, 15](#)

The Response | [Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42](#)

The Second Reading | [1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50](#)

The Gospel Reading | [Luke 6:27-38](#)

Parish Prayer List

We pray especially for Betty, Dana, Luke, David, Martin, Janet, Barbara & Bill, Terri, Jeff Sr., Hugh Sr., Cathy, Lawrence, David, Jon, Jessica, Paula, Clara Sue, Grace, Sofia & Larry, Debra, Taylor, Kelly & Alex, Nick & Hilary, and Dut.

We give thanks for the birth of Charlotte Bowden, daughter of Mattie & Duncan Bowden.

We pray for Mel Diaz & Lillian Moring as they prepare for Holy Matrimony.

We pray also for all Franciscans who are currently preparing for Holy Baptism, Confirmation, Reception into The Episcopal Church, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows.



Black-Tie Dinner & Auction

Two Auction Items of Special Interest!!

Choose the hymns for a Lessons & Carols Service on the Sunday following
Christmas, 2025

And

Create your own service theme for a mutually agreed upon Sunday!
Sample ideas are Celtic, Appalachia, Eastern European, Medieval, Etc., Etc.

[Click here](#) to buy a ticket. (\$95.)

Can't come? Be involved ... Be a *Sponsor!!* This is an event for ALL
Franciscans. Be there with us in spirit if not in person...

[Click here](#) to become a sponsor.

(Any amount is *very* appreciated and *very* important.)

'Getting To Know You' Invitation From The Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is inviting you to attend a gathering on **Saturday, February 22nd, 10:00 am, in the Narthex and Sanctuary.** We will be explaining what we do at St. Francis, answer your questions and most importantly share fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

If you have any questions, please email Candy Burt, candice.burt@gmail.com

**You are invited to attend the
Outreach/Ezo Committee Meeting
on Sunday, February 23rd
after the 10 a.m. service**

The Outreach/Ezo Committee will meet this Sunday, February 23 after the 10 a.m. service in the Millen Hall alcove. We'll discuss Ezo Sunday, the 2025 Outreach Budget, plans for our 2025 Christmas parties, the Rise Against Hunger meal-packing event on March 28, and other topics. Everyone is welcome! If you have questions, please contact Jack Mathias (jackmathi@aol.com).

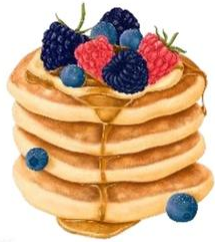


Ezo Sunday is Coming!

St. Francis Outreach Committee chair, Jack Mathias and Priest-in-Charge, Weston Mathews invite you to a special service celebrating our relationship with the Diocese of Ezo on **Sunday, March 2 at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.**

At the 10:00 a.m. service we are glad to welcome the **AFRECS (American Friends of the Episcopal Church of the Sudans) Ambassador, [Dane Smith](#) and the [Rev. Richard Jones](#) of AFRECS and the Virginia Theological Seminary.** The Rev. Richard Jones will co-celebrate with our Priest-in-Charge Weston Mathews.

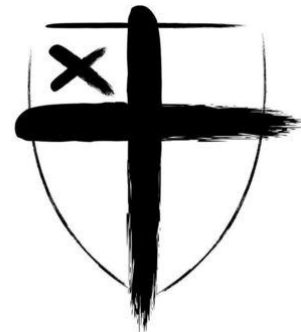
If you would like to learn more about Ezo or how you can support our ministry with them in South Sudan, please contact Jack Mathias at jackmathi@aol.com



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on
Tuesday, March 4th
at 6:00 p.m. in Millen Hall**

Come and enjoy this special tradition before Lent begins.

**Ash Wednesday services will be offered at
St. Francis
on March 5th at 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
with St. Francis Choir**





**Second Sunday Contemplative Worship Series continues
on Sunday, March 9th, at 6:30 p.m.
(a one-time change from the regular 5:00 p.m. start time)
in the Sanctuary**

Through candlelit prayer, contemplative silence, poetry, beautiful music, and Holy Communion from the Iona Celtic tradition, this service is different from what we offer on Sunday morning. A brief reflection on spiritual journey will also be offered by a member of St. Francis.

This worship series will be held on the second Sunday night of each month (except for August.) If you are looking for a new or different way to worship and a space to find your sacred center in the midst of a busy, distracted life, this may be the service for you.



Special Lenten Guest Preacher

Riley K. Temple

Sunday, March 16 at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. services

Riley K. Temple is a teacher and preacher on Art and Theology. He is the author of *Aunt Ester's Children Redeemed: Journeys to Freedom in August Wilson's Ten Plays of Twentieth-Century Black America* (Cascade, Eugene) 2017. He is currently exploring theologian Howard Thurman's Christian mysticism in contrast to the African mysticism that courses through August Wilson's cultural and theatrical landscape.

He practiced telecommunications law in Washington, DC for over 40 years, representing large telecommunications conglomerates and media companies,

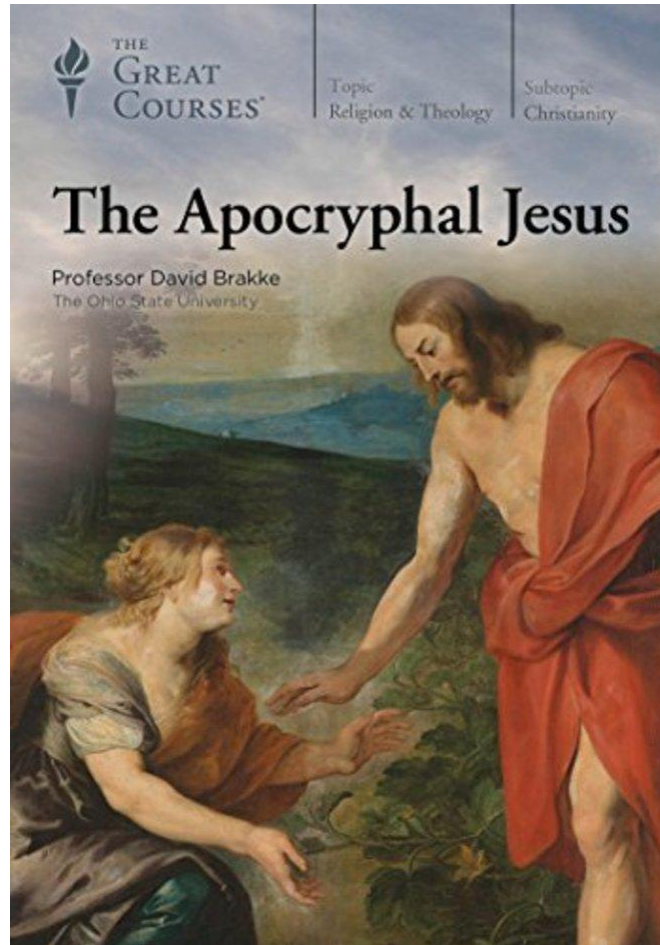
including the former Bell companies and their descendants. His public service included terms as communications counsel to the US Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

He has served on several Boards, including a term as Senior Warden of the vestry at St. John's Lafayette Square. Currently he is a trustee of WETA, the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation, and the Campaign Legal Center. Prior Board service includes the National Archives Foundation, the Trust for the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation.

His honors and awards have included: The Mildred Claypoole Community Service Award; the Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington's Individual Arts Patron Award; inclusion in the Library of Congress' HistoryMakers African American Oral History Archive; from Lafayette College, the Joseph S. Bell Award for Distinguished Service, the Doctor of Laws degree Honoris Causa (2009), and the naming of the Riley K. Temple Art Gallery (2011). He is a proud co-founder with Tony Award winner Kenny Leon of the Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company.

Temple holds the AB degree from Lafayette College (1971), the JD degree from Georgetown University (1974), and the Master of Theological Studies degree, cum laude from the Virginia Theological Seminary (2014).

Most recently, he is the curator of the African American Episcopal Historical Collection (AAEHC), a partnership of the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church and the Bishop Payne Library at the Virginia Theological Seminary. The AAEHC chronicles the history of Black Episcopalians.



**Sunday Evening Lenten Series on
"The Apocryphal Jesus"**

**March 16, 23, 30, & April 6*, Fellowship and Simple Supper begins
at 6:00 p.m.;**

30-minute Great Courses film begins at 6:30 p.m.

***April 6 will meet at 11:30 a.m. after the 10:00 a.m. service.**

Gain a new perspective on early Christian life and history through non-canonical Christian literature, led by Dr. David Brakke of The Ohio State University. Sessions will include these topics:

- o Jesus and Mary in the Proto-Gospel of James,
- o Young Jesus and the Infancy Gospel of Thomas,
- o Sayings of Jesus from the Gospel of Thomas, and
- o The Gospel of Judas's Gnostic Vision



Via Crucis Concert at St. Francis

Saturday, March 22nd, at 7:00 p.m.

Plan now to attend a very special Lenten concert that will feature our organist/pianist **Sasha Beresovsky**, and the St. Francis Choir and soloists under the direction of Larry Vote. The concert, a performance of the rarely heard **Via**

Crucis (Stations of the Cross) by Franz Liszt, will take place on **Saturday, March 22nd, 7 p.m.** at **St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, Virginia.** **The concert is free and open to the public.**

Via Crucis is a set of musical meditations on the Stations of the Cross which prominently features the piano supported by choral and solo vocal movements with texts appropriate to the subject. The performance will be further enhanced by the showing of slides of paintings by Renaissance painters who visually interpreted each of the 14 Stations of the Cross. This presentation is an excellent opportunity to immerse oneself in an example of music that dramatizes the Passion of Jesus Christ.





Rise Against Hunger Family Event at St. Francis

Save the Date: Friday evening March 28, 2025

Volunteers are needed to help at the 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. shift.

To volunteer, please sign-up here: <https://tinyurl.com/rahgf2025>



Creche Happenings



It was so wonderful to have the parents back for our Valentine's Day parties! The children enjoyed exchanging valentines, playing games, and making crafts and cookies.

Thank you to our wonderful parents!

~ Cristi Leslie, Creche Director

THE COMMUNITY & ST. FRANCIS

DARK HORSE AND UTP PRESENT

Improv for The Ages!



Featuring:

(The) Unruly Theatre Project

Calamity

In a battle of wits and ages!

03.08.2025

Show at 7:30, Doors at 7:00
St. Francis Episcopal Church
9220 VA-193, Great Falls, VA



TICKET PRICE

\$15.00

(\$20 at the door)

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Amadeus  Concerts



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**Washington Saxophone Quartet:
Sounds of the City
Sunday, March 9, 2025 at 4 PM,
followed by Reception in Millen Hall
St. Francis Episcopal Church, Great Falls**

If you've listened to National Public Radio's All Things Considered, you've heard the WSaxQ in the transition music. Now they have a chance to stretch out in a program that captures city energy and the search for peace. The unique timbre and blend of the WSaxQ have brought them from their hometown to worldwide acclaim.

[Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

ONGOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST. FRANCIS

Morning Prayer offered MON-FRI, at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom.

All are invited to immerse themselves in this supportive offering from St. Francis Church where we regularly pray for one another and our mission in the world.

[Click here to connect to Morning Prayer via Zoom.](#)

Zoom ID: 968 1679 4908; Passcode: church

Contemplative Prayer: Mondays at 7:30-8:30 p.m.

We hope you can join us via Zoom videoconference.

For more information and any questions, please contact the coordinator for the program: Kathy Anderson, 703-476-9065 or kquinnanderson@gmail.com.

[Click here to connect to Contemplative Prayer via Zoom.](#)

Zoom ID: 998 1159 6134; Passcode: church

Men's Group: Wednesdays 8:35 a.m.

Reading and Discussing CS Lewis's "Mere Christianity", beginning this WED and the first assignment is the Preface, Ch 1 and Ch 2. Join us every WED morning: All are welcome.

Questions? Contact Stu Edwards elchivogoat@cs.com

[Click here to connect to the Men's Group via Zoom.](#)

Zoom ID: 922 8116 0056; Passcode: church

St. Francis Social Hour meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for casual conversation. Grab your favorite beverage and let's reconnect!

[Click here to connect to the St. Francis Social Hour.](#)

Zoom ID: 935 2210 0835; Passcode: church

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study at 5:00 p.m.

Meetings take place via Zoom on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join and participate in interesting discussions. Current study: "Blessed are you: The beatitudes of Jesus in scripture and in life"

<https://kerygma.com/collections/kerygma-resources/products/blessed-are-you>

For further information contact Amelia Logan at ameliavinteriors@gmail.com

[Click here to connect to the Thursday Afternoon Bible Study.](#)

Zoom ID: 836 1505 5434; Passcode: TABS24

Women's Group Coffee on Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to NOON at Starbucks in Great Falls

The St. Francis Women's Group has an open invitation to meet at the Starbucks in Great Falls every Friday morning. Please join us.

Second Story Dinners: Sundays at 5:15 p.m.

Needed: Volunteers to prepare and deliver Sunday dinners to the Second Story Teen Crisis Center on Gallows Road. Volunteers work solo or in pairs, according to their wishes.

Dinners are made on the first, third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of the month. The count for a meal typically ranges from five to eight persons. It has been as many as twelve. Volunteers receive reminders when their Sundays are coming up.

Please contact Jennifer Murphy at jenniferomurphy@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer for this ministry or if you have any questions.

**Learn more about our life at
St. Francis**

through our
website stfrancisgreatfalls.org:



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- worship services including daily Morning Prayer
- community concerts
- pastoral care
- Creche preschool ministries
- local and international outreach events
- fellowship opportunities
- Bible studies and small group opportunities including Contemplative Prayer

Emergency Pastoral Number: 703.759.2082 x 102

Do you have a news item you would like to share through the Weekly Franciscan? Or do you have a photo from life at St. Francis you would like to submit? We welcome and rely on your participation.

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Clergy and Staff

The Rev. E. Weston Mathews, Priest-in-Charge

Mr. Larry Vote, Music Director

Mr. Sasha Beresovsky, Organist

Ms. Cristi Leslie, Creche Preschool Director

Ms. Shannon Kegley, Bookkeeper

Mr. Dominic Pelegrin, Sexton

Ms. Rita Arteaga, Nursery Attendant

Ms. Lynn Fallon, Parish Administrator

2025 Vestry Members

Lynda Davis, Senior Warden

(Junior Warden TBD)

Molly Reynolds, Treasurer

Cathryn Lee, Register

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Elizabeth Kim Jessica Maxson

Larry Pratt Steve Riihimaki

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