

A thought for the day

‘One morning after receiving Communion, I realized this Sacrament was not my own treasured and personal connection with Christ, but that my neighbours were also my Communion. I saw that “personal holiness” is a contradiction of terms, for there is no holiness separate from others, but only in solidarity with others in Christ.’

Rosalie, a correspondent

A prayer for the week for ourselves

God our Father, you have opened heaven to us to strengthen us with the bread of life and to fill us with the Holy Spirit. Make us new and call us away from our certainties and attachments. Send us out to go forward without fear on the road of justice and peace, that we may be your beloved children together with your faithful Son, our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Walking together in faith

Sunday, 12th January 2025 **Baptism of the Lord**

The Sunday Eucharist:

10.15am **San Eugenio**, Playa de Las Américas;

12 noon **San Blas**, Golf del Sur;

6.00pm **Espíritu Santo**, Los Gigantes

Welcome to everyone to our worship. Today we celebrate the Lord's Baptism. At Christmas we celebrated the mystery of God manifested in a child, a child born to a particular family and part of a particular people. In this Epiphany season, we celebrate that this child has come to be Saviour of the whole world. Today he is manifested as the Son intensely loved by the Father, with the Spirit resting on him to guide him. Now he can begin his mission. In this Eucharist we ask our Lord to make us more aware of how we too, through baptism, are beloved sons and daughters of the Father, and how the fire of the Spirit should inflame us to be partakers in the ministry of Jesus in our own time and place.

Important information regarding the reception of Holy Communion
*Holy Communion is distributed in both kinds. If you wish, you may receive in one kind only, but to receive from the chalice, please drink (sip!) from it. Intinction (dipping the wafer bread into the chalice) is more infection risky and is not approved in this Diocese. **If you require gluten-free bread, please let us know before the service begins.***

Today's readings

Isaiah 43: 1 – 7 *By God's grace we are saved*
Through the prophet, God addresses his people in their Babylonian exile and reminds them that the great saving events of creation and exodus have committed him too deeply to them to abandon them now.

Psalm 29: 1 – 4 & 9 – 10, with the response:

The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace

Acts of the Apostles 8: 14 – 17 *The apostolic imperative*
This passage shows the importance of apostolic authority in holding together the unity and growth of the Church and the diverse ways in which its mission will be carried out in different settings.

Luke 3: 15 – 17, 21 – 22 *'You are my Son, the Beloved.'*
The one who comes to be baptized fulfils God's ancient promises. He will be the one whose fire symbolizes the arrival of the end times. In Jesus, God's Spirit dwells uniquely. His coming is that of God himself visiting his people.

Eucharistic Prayer B (pages 8 – 9) with a Preface for the Baptism of the Lord, followed by the Lord's Prayer and Holy Communion (page 21).

Church financial giving

A collection will be taken during the Offertory.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider using the Gift Aid envelope provided, or available at the back of church. It would increase your donation by 25%. Contributions at any time are also most welcome by bank transfer to either our euro or sterling accounts. For security reasons the details have had to be withdrawn from the pew sheet.

Please contact our treasurer Gwen Furmston, in church (San Eugenio) or by email to sgfurmston@gmail.com

We are a completely self-supporting Chaplaincy. Your generous giving is very important to us and much appreciated, helping us to maintain an Anglican presence and ministry in south Tenerife.

Our Charity Shop in Los Gigantes

Open this week 10.00am – 2.00pm Monday to Saturday

Every Tuesday San Blas church is open from 11.00am to 12 noon for private prayer or for someone to chat or pray with you, or just come and find peace and rest for a while. Coffee available. Open this week as usual.

Thursday, 16th January 2025

Eucharist, 10.30am at Espiritu Santo
(Readings: Hebrews 3: 7 – 14; Mark 1: 40 – 45)

Every Friday at midday. A weekly opportunity for regular St Francis church members and others to meet in a friendly and informal way at the Kiosco restaurant in San Blas commercial centre (middle square)..

Next Sunday, 19th January Epiphany 2

Eucharist: Times and locations as today

(Readings: Isaiah 62: 1 – 5; Psalm 36; 1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 11;

John 2: 1 – 11

The Epiphany season concludes with the feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple ('Candlemas') on 2nd February (which conveniently falls on a Sunday this year). The season appropriately focuses on the mission and unity of the Church, called to reveal Christ to the world.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is 18th to 25th January.