

*23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast*

## **35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance of Interfaith Winter Shelter**



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# *Welcome to the*

## *23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast*

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The San Francisco Interfaith Council welcomes you to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast. The Council exists to serve and give voice to our City's 800 congregations, their respective judicatories, and the faith-based social service agencies that provide the safety net for San Francisco's most vulnerable residents.

The Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast is our major event of the year, when representatives of the faith community, civic leaders and residents come together to give thanks for the gifts bestowed on our City and to pray for the well being of all of our residents.

Each year at this breakfast, we shine the spotlight on the important contributions the religious community makes to the life of San Francisco. This year we observe the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Interfaith Winter Shelter and recognize those who provide critically needed safe and welcoming respite as well as lovingly cooked meals.

We are grateful for your presence here today and hope that this experience will inspire you to participate in the many important activities of the San Francisco Interfaith Council.



A moment of light and hope that broke all records! 200 walkers (mostly students) raised \$30,000 for the San Francisco Interfaith Council's Interfaith Winter Shelter on October 15, 2023!

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At the outset of his term as Mayor, Art Agnos appealed to religious leaders to come to the aid of the City in addressing our homeless crisis. What began as a one-year Emergency Winter Shelter, this year enters into its 35<sup>th</sup> year. Under the auspices of the San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, sponsored by the San Francisco Interfaith Council, operated by Episcopal Community Services, generously supported by four host sites, and over 50 meal providing religious and other organizations, the Interfaith Winter Shelter provides critically needed safe and welcoming respite, as well as lovingly cooked meals, for up to 80 homeless guests from the Monday before Thanksgiving until the end of March. Today we mark this milestone of service and express appreciation to those whose inspired vision, volunteerism and commitment has made this valued program possible.

## **Cooking and Serving at the Interfaith Winter Shelter**



*Special Recognition of Interfaith Winter Shelter  
Host Sites and Meal Providers*

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1988 – 2023

**Host Sites**

Calvary Presbyterian Church \*

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption #

Episcopal Community Services' Canon Kip Senior Center #

First Congregational Church

First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco \* #

Grace Cathedral \*

Old First Presbyterian Church \*

Old St. Mary's Cathedral \*

St. Boniface Catholic Church

St. Paulus Lutheran Church

St. Mark's Lutheran Church #

Trinity+St. Peter's Episcopal Church

(\* First Interfaith Winter Shelter Site)  
(# Current Interfaith Winter Shelter Site)

## **Interfaith Winter Shelter Meal Providers**

(2022 – 2023 Season)

Bethany United Methodist Church  
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Congregation Beth Shalom  
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San Francisco Zen Center  
Seventh Avenue Presbyterian Church  
St. Francis Episcopal Church  
St. Ignatius Parish  
St. John Armenian Apostolic Church  
St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church  
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St. Teresa of Avila Church  
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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34

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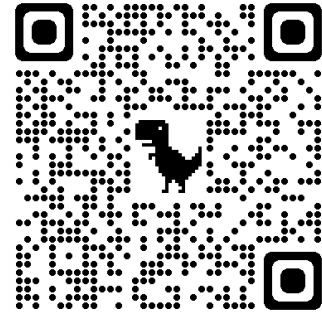


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Congregation Beth Sholom  
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## Convening, Communicating, and Advocacy

The San Francisco Interfaith Council’s work centers on civil rights, homelessness, housing affordability, and disaster preparedness. The SFIC convenes and amplifies the voice of our city’s faith-based community on these important issues.

**WHO WE SERVE:** We count as our constituents the 800 congregations in the City of San Francisco, their respective judicatories, sectarian educational and healthcare institutions, and the faith-based social service agencies that provide the social safety net for our most vulnerable residents.

**OUR WORK:** During this time of social change in San Francisco, civic leaders and the public view the SFIC as the “go-to” organization for mobilizing our City’s religious communities. Congregations and faith-based agencies turn to us for resources, referral and representation. Our robust relationships and communications network allow the SFIC to bring together and mobilize San Francisco’s faith-based community to create an effective, combined force for service and issues of public policy, so that we may accomplish together what no single congregation can alone.

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