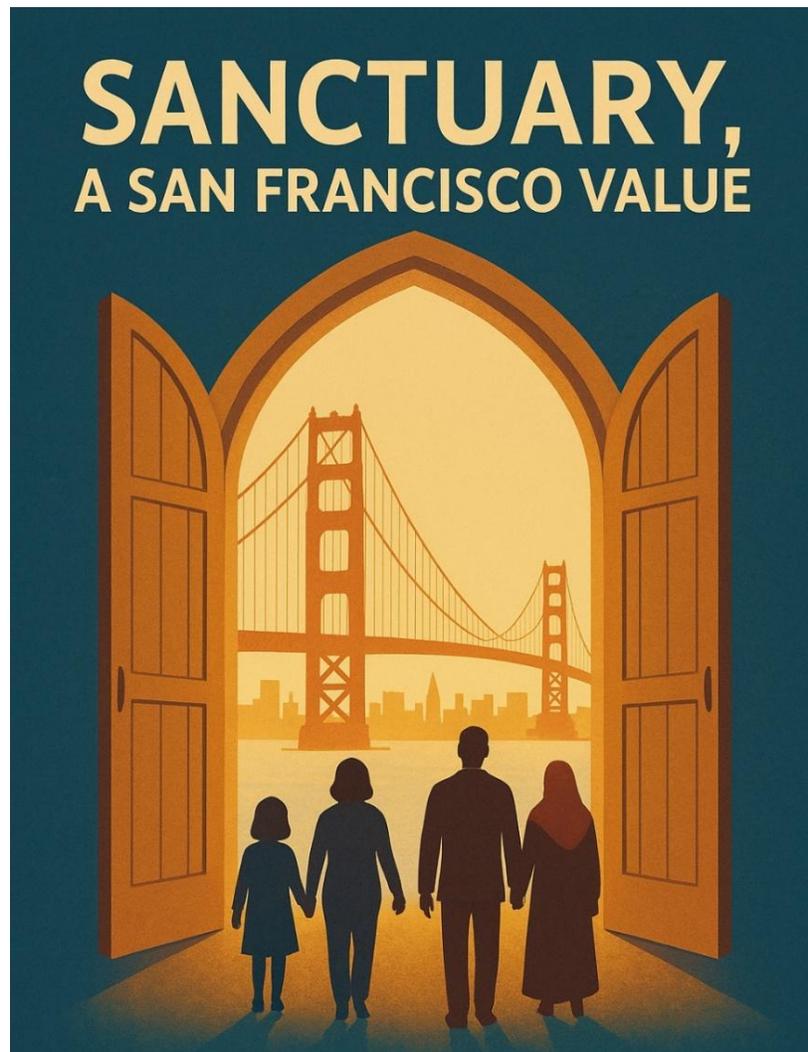


25th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast

The San Francisco Interfaith Council



Tuesday, November 25, 2025
7:00 am – 9:00 am
Hotel Kabuki, San Francisco



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**Celebrating our diverse faiths
and spiritual traditions,
the San Francisco Interfaith Council
brings people together
to build understanding
and serve our community.**

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Welcome to the 25th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast

The San Francisco Interfaith Council welcomes you to the 25th 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.

At a time when our undocumented sisters and brothers are being forced to live in fear under the threat of family separation and deportation, are unjustly detained, physically and emotionally abused, when cities are being infiltrated by masked Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and worse, National Guard troops, communities of all expressions of faith are speaking up, protesting, standing in solidarity, accompanying, and in their rich tradition, giving sanctuary to our beloved siblings. Today, we remind San Francisco that before there was a Sanctuary Ordinance there was a Sanctuary Movement, and that movement was led by people of faith. At this challenging and defining moment, the San Francisco Interfaith Council (SFIC) is party to two lawsuits, one challenging the current federal administration's threat to withhold funds because we are a Sanctuary City and the other as a plaintiff challenging the administration's rescission of the "sensitive locations" policy which prohibits immigration enforcement in houses of worship, hospitals, educational and affiliated social service agencies. This policy rescission has resulted in the fear of good and faithful people to attend worship services, receive needed medical treatment, attend classroom education and receive key services critical to their very existence. On this end the SFIC is partnering with the SF-Marine Food Bank to expand its food delivery program to those now fearful to come to the plethora of congregations that host food pantries. Additionally, the SFIC continues to collaborate with the SF Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs to disseminate important, time-sensitive immigrant rights resources to its 800 communities of faith and religious institutions and, most recently re-activated its Immigration Defense Fund to collect funds from the community as it partners with The San Francisco Foundation's Stand Together Bay Area Fund, to provide critical funding to community led organizations directly responding to the needs of our undocumented sisters and brothers at this fragile time. Most importantly, today we lift our prophetic voice to unapologetically and unashamedly call out those who dare distort and demonize that which is good and holy and declare that Sanctuary is a sacred value, not just here in San Francisco, but to all humanity.

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.

This Breakfast's 25th Anniversary!

Since November 24, 1998, the San Francisco Interfaith Council has hosted our City's annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast. These gatherings of San Francisco's most prominent faith and civic leaders shine a light on the significant contributions of our City's 800 communities of faith and religious institutions to enriching civic life and partnering to meet the challenges of the moment. From violence prevention, to feeding the hungry and caring for the homeless, to environmental leadership, to its critical roles in responding to disasters and protecting immigrants, chaplaincy, and so much more, these breakfasts tell the story of how interfaith engagement, exercising a unified prophetic voice and faith in action have contributed to making ours a signature and special City.

1998 – 2025

Date	Theme
11/24/1998	Leaves of Blessing: Prayers for the City
11/23/1999	Dawn Blessings for Our City
11/21/2000	Embracing Our Children and Our Youth
11/20/2001	Caring for the City's Children
11/26/2002	Moving On and Reaching Out to Our Children and Youth
12/02/2003	Prayers from Faith Communities in the City
11/23/2004	Healing a Troubled World
11/22/2005	Serving Our City Together
11/21/2006	Honoring Models of Hope: Creating a Peaceful City
11/20/2007	Honoring Models of Hope: Recognizing Organizations Overcoming Violence
11/25/2008	Feeding the Hungry: Honoring Congregations and the San Francisco Food Bank
11/24/2009	Honoring Congregations for Disaster Preparedness
11/23/2010	Honoring the Unsung Healers: Hospital and Hospice Chaplains
11/22/2011	Repairing the World: Honoring the Work of Rita R. Semel
11/20/2012	Going Green: Honoring Congregations and California Interfaith Power & Light for Their Environmental Leadership
11/26/2013	Honoring Veterans and the Faith Communities that Serve Them
11/25/2014	Celebrating 25 Years of Faith-Based Collaboration: Together We Can Do More!
11/24/2015	Faith and Sanctuary: There Are No Strangers
11/22/2016	The Soul of the City: Faith and Social Justice in San Francisco
11/21/2017	Communities of Faith Nurturing Education in our City
11/20/2018	30 th Anniversary Observance of Interfaith Winter Shelter
11/26/2019	Celebrating 30 Years of Interfaith Collaboration in San Francisco
2020 – 2022	Due to COVID pandemic the Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfasts were not held
11/21/2023	35 th Anniversary Observance of Interfaith Winter Shelter
11/26/2024	35 th Anniversary of the Founding of the San Francisco Interfaith Council
11/25/2025	Sanctuary, A San Francisco Value

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1 Chronicles 16:34



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