



Animal Blessing Ceremony Sunday, October 4

This Sunday, as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis and his deep love for all of creation, we will begin creating a beautiful new place in our Outdoor Sacred Spaces to honor and remember our beloved animal companions who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

Together, we will create a Rainbow Bridge—an ornamental bridge designed not to walk across, but to pause, reflect, remember, and celebrate the love we shared with our animal companions.

The frame of the bridge is already in place, and now it is time for us to bring the bridge to life. You are invited to take ownership of one of the 23 boards, paint it in the designated rainbow color, and add the name of the beloved animal you are remembering. A numbered color chart will make it easy for everyone to participate.

We will also have white stones available for you to paint or inscribe with the name of a beloved pet. Together, we will walk to this sacred space, bless the site, honor the lives and memories of our animal companions, and place the stones in their special resting place.

Once the painted boards have dried, we will complete the Rainbow Bridge and install it behind the memorial stones—creating a lasting place of love, remembrance, and gratitude.

We invite you to join us for this tender, joyful, and meaningful ceremony as we celebrate the animals who have touched our lives and remind us that love continues to connect us, always.