



**Don't Forget!
The Food Ministry
during the New Year!**

Please make an extra effort to donate at this time so many people will get a good meal at Interfaith Ministries during the cold weather and new year.

We're asking you to bring a can or a box a week for the Food Basket located at the side of the church. The basket is then brought up to the Altar along with the offering every Sunday and is blessed with our offerings.

We want to give a BIG THANK YOU to Bob & Sharon Neller for all their faithful work bagging and bringing the donations into Interfaith Ministries.

+ Christian Symbols +

Sand dollar

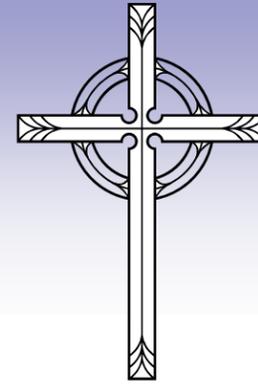


These pretty shells in shades of white, brown or purple are from sea urchins related to starfish and sea cucumbers. The shell's unique characteristics call to mind Christ's birth and death: the poinsettia- and lily-like images, holes representing the four nails and spear that pierced Jesus, small bones inside the shell resembling doves and thus symbolizing the Holy Spirit.

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Answer to Bible Quiz: C
(See Mark 10:13.)

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The Savior's Voice

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Annual Meeting Scheduled



Don't miss this important meeting scheduled for **February 8**, following the 9:30 a.m service. The agenda includes approving the 2015 budget, voting for delegates for the Diocesan Convention and the Bishop's Committee.

Please bring your favorite dish to share for the potluck!

Financial Update
by Seth Simas, Treasurer



You will receive a letter with your 2014 church offering record, along with a 2015 pledge card and offering envelopes. Please return the 2015 pledge by January 15 to help us plan the 2015 budget.

Below is a description of the breakdown of your church offerings:

Pledges & Plate Offerings

- Funds used for church's operating and payroll costs.
- Funds are assessed 10% by the Diocese every month. For example, if the church's income of pledges and plate for January is \$4,000, then the Diocese receives 10% or \$400 at the end of the month.

These are ways to support the church in addition to pledges.

Building Fund

- Funds are separated from pledges and is noted by the giver.
- Funds are used for building and maintaining the Church.
- Funds are not assessed 10% by the Diocese.

Dedicated Funds

- Funds given by parishioners to support various programs of the Church.
- These funds are strictly designated for these programs.
- These programs include Altar Guild - flowers and supplies; Out reach - Missions; Bishop's Discretionary; Families in Need (little white church); coffee hour, Daughters of the Holy Cross; and 2nd Chance Computer.
- Dedicated Funds are not assessed 10% by the Diocese.

"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

—Martin Luther King Jr.

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Bishop's Committee

Fr. Jack Faucett Vicar
 Liz Basham Bishop's Warden
 Seth Simas Jr. Warden/Treasurer
 Mary Scott Clerk

Joan Court Helen Merrick
 Pamela Jordan Jim O'Neill
 Gregory Matteson

The Bishop's Committee meets the third Sunday of every month following the Sunday service.

- ✚ Sunday School - Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
- ✚ Nursery - Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
- ✚ Church Service - Sunday at 9:30 a.m.



Altar Guild Co-Directresses

Liz Bashm & Jan Miller

Members:

Mary O'Leary Margaret Moore

Auxiliary members:

Joan Court



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Welcome to Jesus, Our Savior

Wherever I am, God is

The path to God is not long or difficult or complex. Wherever I am, whatever I am doing, I pause and bring awareness to the One Spirit that is within me.

I open my mind to the thought of one creative energy enlivening me and the world. I open my heart to the one love that is the essence of life. This love, God's love that is within us all. Whether others judge moments in my life as accomplishment or failure, I treasure most the moments I am being God's love in expression.

Spirit needs no books or rituals, wealth or architecture, to reveal itself.

It is as intimate as a touch and as vast as the infinity of space. I am at peace in the simple knowing that wherever I am, God is.

*For what can be known about God is plain.
Romans 1:19*

*With blessings and love,
Beverly Burke
Welcoming Committee*



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 15th of every month.

Please e-mail your submissions to Mary at mlscott9@pacbell.net or call 529-7606.

Church phone number (209) 551-5279
 Fr. Jack Faucett (209) 812-4146



Next scheduled Computer Give-Away

On Saturday, January 31, we are planning to give away approximately 50 desktops to junior high students from Hanshaw Middle School, LaLoma Jr. High, Mark Twain Jr. High and Roosevelt Jr. High. In addition, thanks to another generous donation of laptops from Robert Half & Associates, we hope to give at least 50 laptops to high school students from Beyer, Elliott, Gregori, Downey, Johansen and Modesto High Schools.

These students are all selected by teachers and counselors based on their high achievement and low income status. To pay it forward, these students sign a honorary agreement asking them to perform 6 hours of community service at a place of their choice.

We have a great team from the counselors, secretaries and aides who select the recipients to Richard Shahbazian, who coordinates the schools' staff to Terry Scott, who scrubs and installs the software on the computers. Seth Simas is a great help at the give-away events, along with the school staff who come.

Please help us to continue this wonderful ministry. All personal and business donations are welcomed. **2nd Chance Computers** business cards are available at the church and all donors will receive a donation receipt. Thank you!

Dates to remember

- New Year's Day January 1
- Epiphany January 6
- Baptism of the Lord January 11
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance January 19



Bible Quiz

Who rebuked people for bringing their children to Jesus?

- A. The religious leaders
- B. Jesus himself
- C. The disciples
- D. Roman soldiers

*Answer on page 8
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| ○ Karen T. | ○ Evan W. |
| ○ Gabriella | ○ John |
| ○ Betty H. | ○ Lucille |
| ○ Maxine M. | ○ Art & Jane E. |
| ○ Carlton McC. | ○ Nancy B. |
| ○ Fr. Bill & Shirley | ○ Marjorie M. |
| ○ Dave & Michelle | ○ Ruby H. |
| ○ Rob & Lori | ○ Gwen H. |
| ○ Helen M. | ○ Eva B. |
| ○ Gloria W. | ○ Jean R. |
| ○ Pamela J. | ○ Yvette C. |
| ○ Eiden | ○ JoAnne M. |
| ○ Rachel | ○ Bryce |
| ○ Wendy | ○ Molly H. |
| ○ Sam A. | ○ Corinne |
| ○ Cayden Michael | ○ Don & Ruby |
| ○ Joan C. | ○ Gillian |
| ○ Kennedy R. | ○ Conley |
| ○ Janet M. | ○ Annabelle |
| ○ Haley B. | ○ Ruth G. |
| ○ Phil R. | ○ Myles P. |
| ○ Wicher Family | ○ Genie B. |
| ○ Rashel S. | ○ Lucille |
| ○ Kay K. | ○ Beverly B. |
| ○ Sandra B. | ○ Annabelle |
| ○ Alexzander | ○ Jan M. |

If you have a name to add to the prayer list, please call the church at 551-5279.

Answers to Children's Page: Body, spirit, hoope, Lord, baptism, God, Father, repentence, fogiveness



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| Margaret Moore | January 4 |
| Pamela Jordan | January 18 |
| Nathaniel Pine | January 20 |
| Mary Scott | January 21 |
| Ruth Carrillo | January 24 |
| Luci Beyers | January 26 |

If you are not on the Birthday/Anniversary Chart, please let Mary Scott know.

The Kid's Page

"ONE" PAINTING

Ephesians 4:4-6 talks a lot about one. Create one painting that says it all.



What you need:

- Foam letters or letter stickers
- White painting canvas
- Acrylic paints
- Paintbrush or sponge
- Water

What you do:

1. Place letters on the canvas to spell out the "ones" in Ephesians 4:4-6 (one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God).
2. Paint over the letters, using various colors.
3. When the paint is dry, peel off the letters to reveal words that explain important Bible truths.
4. If desired, finish by painting some number 1's in any blank spots.

PUZZLE

One Baptism

The "one" theme of Ephesians 4:4-6 assures us that we need to be baptized only once. Yet a relationship with God involves approaching him with a humble heart each day.

Directions: Inside the 1, fill in words using the spaces as a guide. Then unscramble the circled and boxed letters to reveal John's message about baptism in Mark 1:4.

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Answer key in office



The Vicar's Voice

As we begin our new year remember, the liturgy is celebrated in and by a gathering of Christians, and the character of that gathering affects the way the celebration is done. From the force and nature of the music, to extent of the prayers and praise we give back to the Lord. Approach each and every service with awe and piety, keep your heart open and reach out to those we love and need spiritual guidance.

While in the Sanctuary be humble, and open to hear the words of the Holy Spirit lifting us up. Be mindful that the gathered community is made up of different persons with differing temperaments. Be respectful of this in all things, especially the peace. In the act of the peace we give, and receive love, we are handed respect and reconciliation from our Christian family. It prepares us in kind, as we approach the table.

Our liturgy, forms us, it shapes us not only through and with the baptismal covenant, but filling Christ's commands to love the Lord God with all our heart and to love each other in all things.

With the full blessings of our Abba Father, by Him, With Him, and in Him. Blessings to all for this new year.

Fr. Jack

Next Bishop's Committee meeting is January 18th!



Don't Miss the Next Men's Breakfast Group

The next scheduled Men's Breakfast Group is set for Saturday, January 10 at 9:00. Please come to the church and after the prayer meeting, a restaurant will be chosen by consensus.

We will select a different restaurant each month.

Come join us for prayer, reflection and a good breakfast!

A Well-Balanced Church



The owner of a new puppy got a good laugh when the little dog, out for a walk, had an itch. The trouble was that the itchy spot was accessible only to a hind leg. So, while still walking, the pup tried to scratch and tumbled over, rolling a couple of times before coming to rest.

In several places throughout Scripture, the apostle Paul writes about the church as the body of Christ, and of the importance of each member. Just as the dog needed each leg to stay balanced while walking, so the church needs all the different God-given gifts of its members: preachers and teachers, friendly visitors, generous givers, musicians and singers, wise parents and imaginative children, people to produce and distribute meals, newsletters, lesson materials, and on and on.

When we start thinking that some part of Christ's body isn't necessary, we risk taking quite a tumble!

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Deanery Meeting Set

Jesus Our Savior will host a Deanery meeting on February 10 at the church.

We will need casseroles and salads for the luncheon. Please contact Liz Basham or Luci Beyers, if you can help.



Bishop's Note

To Lead an Apostolic Community, Under Authority, That Brings People to Jesus Christ.



Bishop's Note: Christmas Day

“And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:10-11 ESV)

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Diocese of San Joaquin,

I write to you on the eve of Christmas Eve – which means that most of us are frantically rushing around trying to take care of those last minute items – for the clergy that is often getting that all important Christmas sermon written and polished as we prepare to share with our congregations the Good News of Jesus Christ!

I bid you once again to take the time to slow down and receive the message of the Angel to the shepherds in the field. “Fear not” - we have so many expectations and hopes associated with Christmas and the gathering of family and friends that too often we find ourselves fearful. Fearful that things won't go well...fearful that someone won't like our gift...or that Uncle Bud is going to have too much to drink and start running off at the mouth again.

When those fears start creeping in remember the words of the Angel - *Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.*

The Good News of God's Incarnation trumps everything! And sets everything in perspective. Ultimately what matters for Christmas is not fulfilling our expectations but fulfilling the Lord's expectations.

And what are the Lord's expectations of you this Christmas? Simply this, that you take the time to receive the Christ Child once again into your lives and homes. When we set that expectation at the top of our list everything else falls into place.

As your bishop I send along this exhortation to you all:

Take the time to enjoy your Christmas Worship. Take the time to enjoy the best parts of family and be quick to forgive the worst. Take the time to sit with Mary and Joseph in that stable and ponder on the awesome love of God for you!

*Merry Christmas!
Bishop Menees*

Diocesan Calendar



- ✠ **December 31** - Diocesan Office closes at noon
- ✠ **January 1-2** - Diocesan Office closed
- ✠ **January 2-5** - Anglican 4th Day Retreat @ ECCO
- ✠ **January 13** - Rural Deans Meeting
- ✠ **January 17** - Diocesan Council Meeting
- ✠ **January 30 - February 1** - Vestry/Bishop's Committee Retreat #1 @ ECCO
- ✠ **February 6 - February 8** - Vestry/Bishop's Committee Retreat #2 @ ECCO



Epiphany's Significance

The church season of Epiphany begins on January 6 each year. The name comes from the Greek word epiphaneia, meaning “to appear, to show or to manifest.” The ending date of the Epiphany season is determined by Ash Wednesday, which is determined by the date of Easter. Traditionally, Epiphany Day marks the arrival of the Magi, or wise men, to worship the infant Jesus. The significance of Epiphany for Christians is that it symbolizes the first recognition of Christ by Gentiles, or non-Jews. The season of Epiphany emphasizes the divine nature of Jesus, the light of the world. Symbols for the season include light, a star and the color green, which represents life, growth, hope and eternity.

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Spring Gathering

Jim Wilson will be the featured speaker at the Spring Gathering for the Daughters of the Holy Cross and Daughters of the King on **February 6** at 10:00 a.m. at Jesus Our Savior. There will be an Eucharistic service followed by a salad luncheon. See Joan Faucett for more details or call her at 209-812-4146.

Daughters of the Holy Cross by Joan Faucett, President



The next meeting of the Daughters of the Holy Cross will be Friday, **January 16** at 10:00 a.m. at the church.



Keep up the good work!

Please keep bringing in plastic soda bottles and aluminum soda cans. To date, our recycling efforts have brought in **\$234.99**.

Don't forget your used toner and ink cartridges. Office Max has changed their recycle policy and will now only take 10 cartridges per month. That is still a \$10.00 credit for office supplies and newsletter copying, which we receive at the end of the month.

To Forgive is to Love



We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.

—Martin Luther King Jr.

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Not in a partying 'MOOD'

A Sunday school teacher shared the parable of the prodigal son with his class, pointing out how resentful the older son was when the father welcomed the wayward brother home with open arms and a party.

Amid the celebration, the teacher emphasized, someone in the story failed to share in the joy. “Can you tell me who that was?” the teacher asked.

Eagerly, a little girl raised her hand. “I know, I know!” she exclaimed. “The fatted calf!”

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Prime Shine Coupons



Still available for \$7.00 each.

See Seth Simas, Mary Scott or call the church to get a coupon!