

We are continuing to collect cans and boxed items for Interfaith Ministries.

Unfortunately, the giving has been down this past year. Please help this important ministry and bring in any food items you can.

They are put in the basket at the back of the church. The basket is then brought up to the Altar along with the offering every Sunday and is blessed with our offerings.

Many, many thanks to Robert & Sharon Neller for all their faithful work bagging and bringing the donations into Interfaith Ministries.

# + Christian Symbols + Palms



When Jesus entered Jerusalem days before his death, crowds welcomed him by waving palm branches, which were common symbols of victory and rejoicing. Thus churches continue to use them in remembrance of that occasion, knowing that Jesus' crucifixion was ultimately his triumph over sin and death. As early as Leviticus 23:40, God commanded Israel to use palms in a festival of rejoicing. In Revelation 7:9-10, Christian martyrs carry palm branches as they praise the Lamb before the throne of God

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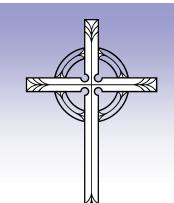
#### Answer to Kids' Page

"May your...mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!" *Proverbs 23:25, NIV* 

**Answer to Bible Quiz:** D (See Matthew 28:5-6; Mark 16:5-6; Luke 24:4-6.)

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"Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."

-Martin Luther

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#### **SCHEDULE**

- † Palm Sunday, April 13 @ 9:30 a.m.
  Blessing of the Palms
  Procession of the Palms
  Reading of the Passion and Mass

- ♣ Holy Saturday, April 19 @ 5:00 p.m. Blessing of the New Fire and Paschal Candle Vigil of Easter Readings Blessing of Baptismal Water amd Baptism First Mass of Easter and First Communion
- ★ Easter Sunday, April 20 @ 9:30 a.m.
   Day Mass of Easter
   Potluck Coffee Hour
   Easter Egg Hunt
   Bring your BELL!

#### **Volunteers Needed**

Come join us on Saturday, April 12th at 10:00 a.m nd help make palm crosses for the Jesus Our Savior church family. Fresh pastries and coffee will be provided. Please bring your scissors! If you have any questions, contact Liz Basham. We hope to see you here!



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The Rev. Woodrow Gubuan
The Rev. Canon Thomas M. Foster
The Rev. Hugh CookeDeacon
Mary Scott Secretary
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#### **Bishop's Committee**

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Rachel Allanigue	Treasurer
Mary Scott	Clerk
Joan Court	Helen Merrick
Pamela Jordan	Velmer Reeh
Gregory Matteson	

The Bishop's Committee meets the second 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.



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#### Welcome to Jesus, Our Savior

#### Aha!

I may have felt amazed when, often feeling lost in a fog of confusion, I suddenly saw my right path become clear. Or I may be more than a bit astonished when a spontaneous inner prompting offers a refreshing solution when I had thought there was none.

These "aha" moments are blessings that bring enlightenment — bright ideas, innovative methods. These seemingly unexplainable moments of inspiration are times when even for a second — I have gotten my own limited thinking out of the way. I've made room for divine ideas to flow into my mind and expressed in my life. I take a deep breath and release it in a joyful "thank you, God", for the gifts of new opportunities.

The prophet Jeremiah said to them, "very well; I am going to pray to the Lord our God as you request and whatever the Lord answers you; I will keep nothing back from you." Jeremiah 42:4

> Sincerely, Beverly Burke Welcoming Committee



Altar Flowers The 2014 Flower Chart is now ready for sign-ups for Altar flowers. The cost for flowers is \$30 per Sunday. See Liz Basham if you have any questions.



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

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#### Second Chance Computer Refurbishing Ministry

We just held a Computer Give-Away on March 22 and gave away 7 computers to students from Hanshaw School.

Curtis Legal Group in Modesto has just donated 35 computers, but unfortunately, they have no monitors. Terry Scott purchased 14 monitors from Cal Green Recycling in Turlock and has donated them to the Refurbishing Ministry program, but we still need more.

Once these computers are scrubbed and Linux software is installed, another Computer Give-Away is scheduled for Saturday, April 12th from 10:00 - 12:00 for students.

If you know of a relative, friend or business who has old computers or monitors that are no longer in use, please give us a call.

The hard drive on the computers are scrubbed and new free software (Linux) is installed. If the system is unable to be fixed, parts can still be taken from them to use. The parts that can't be used are taken in for recycle.

Please continue to help us spread the word to receive more donated computers & monitors. They will receive a technology donation receipt for tax purposes. Thanks for all your support! The students and their parents are very appreciative.

#### Dates to remember

National Day of Prayer	May 1
Christian Family Week	May 5-11
Mother's Day	May 11
Armed Forces Day	May 17
Victoria Day (Canada)	•
Memorial Day	May 26
• Ascension of the Lord	•
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#### Bible Quiz

Who told the women at the tomb that Jesus had risen?

- A. Two men in shining garments
- B. A young man in a white robe
- C. An angel
- D. All of the above, depending on which gospel you read

Answer on page 8 from the Newsletter Newsletter

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$\Rightarrow$	Kennedy R.	Kay K.
$\Rightarrow$	Janet M.	Gregory M.
$\Rightarrow$	Haley B.	Ruth G.
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<b>-</b>	Kay K.	Helen M.

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

Mary D.

Sandra B.



$\odot$	Nicky Beyers	March 1			
$\odot$	Meriam Matulac	March 3			
$\odot$	Suzana Pine	March 4			
$\odot$	Jose Rosal	March 11			
$\odot$	Angelina Pine	March 16			
$\odot$	Eufemia Gratian	March 17			
$\odot$	Sharol Terrill	March 25			
$\odot$	Thomas Carrillo	March 28			
$\odot$	Eleanor Sevo	April 6			
$\odot$	Robert Neller	April 11			
$\odot$	Miranda Sevo	April 16			
$\odot$	Bill Thomas	April 17			
$\odot$	Hugh Cooke	April 22			
$\odot$	Seth Simas	April 23			
$\odot$	Beverly Burke	April 28			
$\odot$	Isaiah Pine	April 28			
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₱ JR & Honey Rosal

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

April 17 10 years

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### The Kid's Page



For Mother's Day, add a special touch to any houseplant with this easy craft.

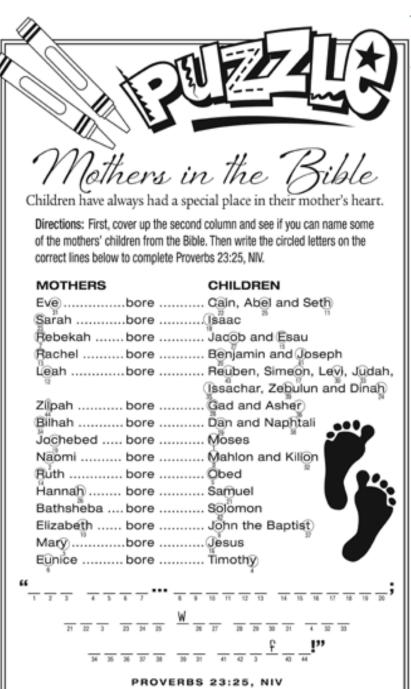


#### What you need: X

- A small houseplant with leaves
- Colorful buttons of various sizes
- Green 26-gauge floral wire
- Wire cutters

#### What you do:

- Stack three buttons from largest to smallest, with the smallest on top. Align the button holes.
- Cut 8 inches of wire.
   Thread it up through one hole of the stacked buttons and back down through another hole.
- Twist the wire just below the bottom side of the button stack to secure it.
- Insert the "flower" in the plant's soil and repeat the process.
- Present this to Mom and wish her a happy Mother's Day!



Answer on page8 from the Newsletter Newsletter

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#### FROM the VICAR

#### Easter 2014

Happy Easter! May this greeting ring in your heart, in the hearts of your loved ones and in every heart.

Christ is risen! What does this mean to us? It means that the love of God has triumphed over sin and death. It means that sin and death have no longer any power over us. It means that the love of God can transform our lives – our personal and corporate lives.

This Easter, we translated this message and this greeting into a statement of acceptance of the Risen Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. We renewed our commitment to follow him for the rest of our life.

From this Easter 2014 onwards, let us strive to go deeper into our calling as disciples in terms of renewed faithfulness:

- to Sunday worship,
- to Bible Study and Catechism,
- to fellowship and outreach.

Above all let us become agents and channels of the love of God to others especially to those in need.

Sincerely yours in the Risen Lord,





#### **Easter Lillies Donations Needed**

We are accepting donations for Easter Lillies for Easter Sunday. Please help us decorate the Church. See Liz Basham for details.

#### Congratulations!



Robert & Sharon Neller announce the engagement of their son, Jeffrey Alman Neller to Miss Gina Coleen Monaco. A September wedding is planned in South Lake Tahoe.



Although National Volunteer Week is officially observed in April, every week thousands of volunteers help people in need. As volunteers can attest, sharing one's time and talents leads to many intangible benefits.

New research shows that volunteering and giving also provide physical and emotional advantages. Givers report an improved sense of well-being, lower stress levels, better physical health, an enriched sense of purpose in life and increased happiness.

As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "It is one of the beautiful compensations of life that no man can sincerely help another without helping himself."

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### Bishop's Note: Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gracious Father, whose blessed

Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

This collect begins with the acknowledgement that God is our "Gracious Father." He is the very essence of fatherhood - we only know a good father or a wanting father due to the fact that we have a good and gracious Father in heaven.

For many in other religions, this is a very offensive concept - that God could be referred to as our Father. Within Orthodox Judaism it is still considered near blasphemy to pronounce the name of God - God is known through His word and through His creation, but is not a personable being. Within Islam, God or Allah is impersonal and unknowable. Equally within eastern religions, God is a disembodied force that one seeks to align with but cannot be known nor know you.

For Christians the title of Father implies exactly what it means - that God desires both to be known and to know us as His adopted sons and daughters. How amazing it is to know that the God of the Universe - the God who spoke the stars and planets into existence - also chose to adopt us as His children! "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God." (John 1:12-13)

As a human father desires the very best for his children, so too our Heavenly Father desires the very best for us, His adopted children. Jesus speaks directly to this when he taught the disciples: "What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:11-13)

Even beyond our Heavenly Father's desire to provide for us, He desires to be so deeply known to us that we abide in Him and He in us. Listen to this collect: "Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this

bread, that he may live in us, and we in him...." God sent his son to be the Bread of Life: "Jesus said, T am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." (John 6:35) These images of bread and water are powerful ones - they are the very stuff of life. Jesus taught us to pray: "Give us this day our daily bread...," (Luke 11:3) - give us Jesus daily, that we may live, for nothing can satisfy or delight as much as the Bread of Life.

How awesome it is for us, when we come to the altar on the Lord's day - or any day - and kneel down, make the sign of the cross, and place our hands out to receive the Bread of Life - the body of Christ. How thrilling it is to know, in the depth of our being, that Christ is present in some mystical way in that bread, and that when receiving Him we are being obedient to His command: "Take, eat, this is my body given for you...," (Matthew 26:26) and that His desire is to be with us.

As a priest and bishop, it remains my greatest honor to celebrate Holy Eucharist - to look into the eyes of a believer and, while placing the consecrated bread into their hands or upon their tongue, say, "The body of Christ, the bread of Heaven" or "The body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for thee preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life."

I pray that, as we approach the depth of Lent and the height of Easter, we will always desire: "Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him...." And to that I say... AMEN!

I pray you all a very blessed Lent! Bishop Menees

#### **Diocesan Calendar**



- 🕈 April 13 Palm Sunday April 17
- ♣ April 17 Maundy Thursday (Diocesan Office closes at Noon)
- **April 18 -** Good Friday (Diocesan Office Closed)
- **April 19** Anglican Fourth Day Event @ St. Luke's Merced
- ♣ April 19 Great Vigil of Easter, Bishop @ St. James' Cathedral - Fresno
- **April 20** Easter Sunday, Bishop @ St. James' Cathedral Fresno
- **♦** April 21-22 Diocesan Office Closed
- **April 21 25** Bishop on Vacation
- **April 28 30** Spring Clergy Retreat ECCO

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# Daughter's of the King Spring Assembly to be held!

The DOK Spring Assembly will be held at Jesus Our Savior Anglican Church on **Saturday, May 3** from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Jani Clarke will present the program "How to Recognize When God Speaks" (taken from a study by Priscilla Shirer). Registration and a light brunch will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., followed by Eucharist at 9:45 a.m. Fr. Woodrow Gubuan will be the celebrant. The Daughters of the King meeting will be conducted at 10:40 and the program will continue from 11:00 - 11:30. Lunch will be served at 11:45 followed by questions and discussion from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.

All women are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Basham at 523-9994 or Jani Clarke at 209-349-8346. To register, send \$15.00 to Sylvia Bankson, 3255 Leaf Drive, Merced 95340. (e-mail - janiclarke@att.net)





#### **Recycling Update**

Keep bringing in plastic soda bottles and aluminum soda cans. To date, our recycling efforts have brought in \$110.61.

Thank you for <u>only</u> putting aluminum soda cans and plastic soda bottles or crv juice bottles in the recycle cans. It makes the job much easier.

## Scarred — for eternity



If God raised Jesus from the dead, why didn't God fix him up? Why scars? Why the print of nails that you could feel with your fingers? Can it be that the gospel ... is saying to us in our waiting: "You will not see Jesus Christ unless you see the wounds"? Somehow we must understand that the resurrected Christ is forever the wounded Christ. Living, but never fixed up. Not bound by death, yet scarred for eternity.

The deaf have a sign for Jesus. Quickly they make this sign many times during their worship: the middle finger of each hand is placed into the palm of the other. Jesus, the one with wounded hands. And when they touch the place, they remember. They hear the name in their own flesh.

—John Vannorsdall

from the Newsletter Newsletter

## Do you have a rain spotted car?



We have Prime Shine tickets for sale at \$7.00 each. These are a great Easter gift!

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

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