



A Can a Week!

Don't forget to keep bringing your canned goods and boxes for the needy this holiday season.

Please put your donations in 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 thank Bob and Sharon Neller for all their hard work and dedication with this important ministry. *Thanks for all your faithful giving.*

+ Christian Symbols +



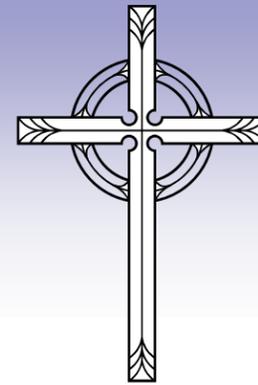
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This Latin word for peace is frequently seen in Christmas art and decorations, reminding us that Jesus came as the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). After announcing the Savior's birth to the shepherds, the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace ..." (Luke 2:14, NKJV).

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Answer to Bible Quiz: A and C
(See Luke 2:1-2.)

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"The earth has grown old with its burden of care, but at Christmas it always is young."

—Phillips Brooks

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Christmas Eve Service - 4:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Service - 10:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting Set



The Bishop's Committee has set the 2016 Annual Meeting for **January 10, 2016** following the service. Four new members will be voted onto the Bishop's Committee and we will also vote for our Diocesan delegates to the Convention. The annual meeting will follow a Potluck lunch.

Don't miss this important meeting!



Change of Sunday Service Times!

Beginning **January 3, 2016**, Sunday services will begin at 10:00 a.m. In the fall, our parishioners were surveyed and the 10:00 time slot won!



The Most Rev. Foley Beach, Archbishop, ACNA
 The Rt. Rev Dr. Eric Menees Bishop
Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin
 The Rev. Jack Faucett Vicar
 The Rev. Canon Thomas M. Foster...
 Vicar Emeritus
 Mary Scott..... Secretary
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Bishop's Committee

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 Seth Simas Jr. Warden/Treasurer
 Mary Scott..... Secretary

Liz Basham Pamela Jordan
 Beverly Burke Gregory Matteson
 Joan Court Helen Merrick

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.

 **Altar Guild Co-Directresses**
 Liz Bashm & Jan Miller

Members:

Mary O'Leary Margaret Moore



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Welcome to Jesus, Our Savior

I am uplifted by the grace of God.

The early followers of Jesus set an example of how to move through the world with infinite grace. When I am in a tense or stressful situation, I call upon the Christ within me to help me respond with grace and understanding. In doing so, I experience the delight of graceful expression.

When I remain in a peaceful state, my heart opens wide and I create a forcefield of loving energy. Acting from the Christ within, I allow others to be where they are without judging them, or myself.

I am inspired to be more gracious and accepting, to love myself and others fully and completely. By allowing the grace of Spirit to move through me freely, I help create a world that is loving, kind and compassionate.

"Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people." Acts 6:8

*With blessings and love,
Beverly Burke
Welcoming Committee*

Beverly is working on a scrapbook for Jesus Our Savior. If you have any old pictures or information you think would be appropriate, please contact Beverly.

 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** 20th of every month.

Please e-mail your submissions to Mary at mscott9@pacbell.net or call 529-7606.

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2nd Chance Computer Update

The third computer Give-Away of the school year was held on December 6th. Fifty-six computers were given out to students from Burbank, Garrison, Hanshaw, LaLoma, Mark Twain, James Marshall and Roosevelt Junior High Schools and Beyer, Downey, Elliott, Enochs, Johansen, Modesto High and Valley Charter High Schools. Twelve computers were not picked up by students and were brought to the school sites by Terry Scott.

We have received donations from the Anglican Diocese, Escalon School District, Modesto City Schools and Robert Half & Associates, which enables at least 5 student computers per school site each month. If you know of a business that might be interested in donating to our program, please let us know.

The January Computer Give-Away is scheduled for January 30, 2016.

Please continue to keep 2nd Chance Computer Refurbishing in your prayers for a successful school year and as always, we welcome your old computer donations!

Dates to remember

- Second Sunday of Advent December 6
- Third Sunday of Advent December 13
- Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20
- First Day of Winter December 21
- Christmas Eve December 24
- Christmas Day December 25
- New Year's Eve/Watch Night December 31

Bible Quiz

When Jesus was born, which two earthly rulers were in power?

- A. Quirinius
- B. Pontius Pilate
- C. Caesar Augustus
- D. King Herod

*Answer on page 8
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| ☺ Karen T. | ☺ Jan L. |
| ☺ Maxine M. | ☺ Margie M. |
| ☺ Shirley E. | ☺ Eva B. |
| ☺ Lori & family | ☺ Genie B. |
| ☺ Art | ☺ Corinne G. |
| ☺ Don & Ruby | ☺ Bob T. |
| ☺ Wicher Family | ☺ Myles P. |
| ☺ JoAnne & Neal M. | ☺ Deanna H. |
| ☺ Jean & Velmer R. | ☺ Sandra B. |
| ☺ Owen R. Jr. | ☺ Mary Lee |
| ☺ Gail T. | ☺ Jay Marie |
| ☺ Janet M. | ☺ Vicki H. |
| ☺ Hal I. | ☺ Ann L. |
| ☺ Darlene | ☺ Beryl |
| ☺ Susan T. | |

If you have a name to add to the prayer list, please fill out a Prayer Request card, located at the entrance table and also on the parish hall table.

Answers to Kid's Page

"When they saw the star, they were overjoyed." Matthew 2:10 NIV



- ❖ Helen Merrick December 3
- ❖ Gregory Matteson December 9
- ❖ June Simas December 21
- ❖ Neal Mitchell December 22
- ❖ Claude Knighten December 23
- ✚ Nathaniel & Sarah Pine December .. 13 years

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



Bishop's Note

December , 2015

Gifts of the Holy Spirit –Apostles

As we approach the end of the year, we also approach the end of this series of Bishop's Notes on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. In the early church, God the Holy Spirit equipped individuals for ministry in building up the Body of Christ – The Church – through the advancement of the Good News of Jesus Christ. He is still doing so today!

St. Paul in his letter to the Church in Ephesus speaks of certain groups of people whom God has gifted through the Holy Spirit: "And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes." (Ephesians 4:11-14 ESV)

The first on this list were the Apostles. The Apostles were those men specifically called by Jesus who lived, worked, prayed, and suffered with our Lord. Most importantly, these are the men to whom Jesus chose to reveal himself, and who he chose to empower through the Holy Spirit in order to establish and govern the whole church. These men had the authority to speak the words of the Son of God, which were and are - in every way - equal to the power and authority of the Old Testament Scriptures.

"The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed

him." (Matthew 10:2-4 ESV) Judas, the betrayer, was replaced by Matthias in Acts 1:26. Soon afterwards, Saul met the risen Lord on the road to Damascus and became the 13th and last Apostle.

Thank God for the Apostles, whom He used to govern the church in her infancy. They were the ones who were entrusted with the Gospel, and who were given the right and charged with the responsibility to share, protect, and defend the faith. This meant that the Apostles were required to raise up, train, and ordain new ministers, and to exercise discipline in the church.

As a bishop, I am humbled, honored, and blessed to have been raised up and equipped by God to be a successor to the Apostles in the Diocese of San Joaquin.

I pray you a blessed Second Sunday of Advent!

Bishop Menees

Diocesan Calendar



- ❖ **December 8** - Rural Deans' Meeting
- ❖ **December 16** - Installation of Fr. Noah Lawson at St. Alban's as Vicar - Los Banos
- ❖ **December 17** - Installation of Fr. Noah Lawson at St. Augustine as Vicar - Hollister
- ❖ **December 23** - Diocesan Office Closes at Noon
- ❖ **December 24-25** - Diocesan Office Closed for Christmas
- ❖ **December 24-25** - Bishop at Cathedral for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
- ❖ **December 26-January 2** - Bishop on Vacation



Small Packages, Big Things

Remember that candy commercial declaring, "Big things come in small packages"? The prophet's message to tiny Bethlehem is similar: "Though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel" (Micah 5:2, NIV).

We've all felt too small for a certain role: too little to play with the big kids ... too skinny to make the football team ... short on the skills needed for a choice assignment. Perhaps we fear our gift of money is too little to make a difference, or the small amount of time we can volunteer isn't even worth it.

But God brings big things out of "small packages." From a newborn baby — merely six to eight pounds of helplessness — God brought salvation for the whole world. Rest assured, he'll do big things through you, too.

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Breathless Anticipation



In Whistling in the Dark (HarperOne), Frederick Buechner compares Advent to the moments right before a symphony conductor raises the baton to begin a much-anticipated performance. "You hold your breath to listen," he writes. "You are aware of the beating of your heart. The extraordinary thing that is about to happen is matched only by the extraordinary moment just before it happens. Advent is the name of that moment."

During December, silence can seem elusive, Buechner admits. But "if you concentrate just for an instant, far off in the deeps somewhere you can feel the beating of your heart. For all its madness and lostness, not to mention your own, you can hear the world holding its breath."

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More-Involved Givers



According to a "Future of Philanthropy" report conducted by the Monitor Group, the nature of giving is changing. Thanks to the influence of Millennials, born between 1980 and 1996, a new wave of philanthropists:

- gives throughout their lives,
- donates to local and global causes,
- becomes highly engaged with the recipients of their gifts,
- considers their gifts to be investments,
- tries to assess the impact of their giving and
- shares what they learn with others.

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Thank You!



Keep the aluminum soda cans and plastic soda bottles coming! To date, our recycling efforts have brought in \$404.05 and we would like to continue recycling.

Don't forget your used toner and ink cartridges. Office Max takes 10 cartridges per month, which is a \$10.00 credit for office supplies and newsletter copying.

Thanks for all your help with your donations of acceptable recycle items!