



2017 is the beginning of a new year and a time to reflect on all your blessings. Please bring a can or box every Sunday to help those less fortunate.

The Food Basket is brought up to the altar with the offering every Sunday to be blessed.

We are so lucky to have Bob and Sharon Neller who faithfully bag up the cans and boxes every week and bring them into Interfaith Ministry.

Please keep supporting this important ministry!

+ Christian Symbols + Three Chests

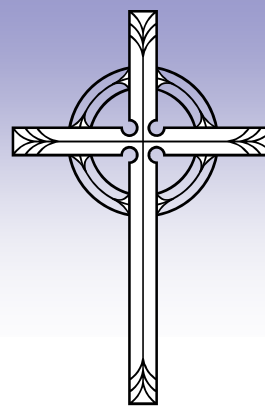


Sometimes called “three arks,” this image represents the gifts the Magi brought to the child Jesus: gold, frankincense and myrrh (Matthew 2:11). Because Scripture lists three gifts, the legend arose that there were three wise men. But the biblical account doesn’t say how many travelers visited the Holy Family.

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Answer to Bible Quiz: G
(See Matthew 13:24-51.)

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*“This is the day that
the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it”*

Psalm 118:24



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Annual Meeting Set

The annual meeting is set for **Sunday, January 15** following the church service. The agenda will include Jesus Our Savior's goals and budget for 2017. We will also vote for the Diocesan Convention delegates.

A potluck is planned to follow the meeting. See Linda York if you have any questions. Don't miss this important meeting!

The Meaning of Epiphany

Epiphany, which comes from the Greek word epiphaneia, means “an appearance” or “a revealing.” Centuries ago, the church set aside January 6, the 12th day after Christmas, to mark the revealing of Jesus as Christ to the wise men, who were Gentiles. Jesus' first followers were Jewish, so the revelation of the divine Christ to the non-Jewish magi reminds us that Jesus came to earth to save the whole world.

Symbols of Epiphany include light, a star, a crown (or three crowns) and a globe or stylized portrayal of the world. The color of Epiphany is green to symbolize life, growth, hope and eternity.

On the church calendar, the Epiphany season lasts until Ash Wednesday, which is determined by the date of Easter.

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Bishop's Committee

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 Joan Court Linda York
 Teri Jebb

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

- ✚ Sunday School - Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
- ✚ Nursery - Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
- ✚ Church Service - Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

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*Welcome to Jesus,
 Our Savior*

LOVE

I am transformed by the harmonizing and expansive power of God's love.

Joining family, friends and my community in this season of love, I feel a generosity of spirit. Divine love connects us to one another. It encourages cooperation. As we share God's love from within, we express appreciation and respect for each other.

I love and accept myself and I love and accept others. Love brings forgiveness to strained relationships and healing to old hurts or misunderstandings. Love transforms conflict into harmony.

When I see with the eyes of love, I see possibilities for good in all people and circumstances. The more love I give, the more love grows in me. I am filled with joy as I express love with a happy heart.

*"So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God and God abides in them."
 1 John 4:16*

*with blessings and love,
 Beverly Burke
 Welcoming Committee*

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

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2nd Chance Computer Update

January 28 is the next scheduled Give-Away. We will be contacting the school personnel with the number of computers for their school site and requesting their list of recipients, when they return to school from the Christmas break.

During the break, Terry has been working on setting up more computers for the Give-Away. We have been fortunate to receive a steady supply of donated computers from Modesto City Schools.

If you would like to help by donating money to purchase adapters or other parts, please contact the church or you can put your donation in the offering plate with a notation that it is for the Computer Ministry.

We appreciate your continued support and prayers for this wonderful ministry. To donate, call Terry at 402-8586 or the church at 551-5279. Thanks for all your help!

Dates to remember

- New Year's DayJanuary 1
- EpiphanyJanuary 6
- Baptism of the LordJanuary 8
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance January 16
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25

Bible Quiz

In Matthew 13, to what does Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven?

- A. A farmer sowing seed
- B. A mustard seed
- C. Yeast
- D. Hidden treasure
- E. A merchant who finds a pearl
- F. A fishing net
- G. All of the above



*Answer on page 8
 from the Newsletter Newsletter*



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| Tom D. | Margie M. |
| Maxine M. | Corrie |
| Shirley E. | Tatum |
| Art E. | Myles P. |
| Ruby & family | Sandra B. |
| JoAnne & Neal M. | Mary Lee |
| Jean & Velmer R. | Jude |
| Janet M. | Tom K. |
| Genie B. | Rita |
| Eva B. | Isaac S. |
| Faye B. | Lois |
| Fr. Tom | Carol G. |
| Richard & Margaret | Cayden |
| Bunny & Mark | Alexzander |
| Margaret M. | Preston |
| Claude K. | |

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 and give to Fr. Jack.



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| ◆ Margaret Moore | January 4 |
| ◆ Pamela Jordan | January 18 |
| ◆ Nathanael Pine | January 20 |
| ◆ Mazekale Duncan | January 21 |
| ◆ Mary Scott | January 21 |
| ◆ Ruth Carrillo | January 24 |
| ◆ Luci Beyers | January 26 |

If you are not on the Birthday & Anniversary chart located on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall, please let Mary Scott know.

The Kid's Page

MASON JAR nightLIGHT

Because Jesus is the light of the world, his followers don't need to fear darkness or life's dark times. Make this nightlight to remind you of Jesus' light and presence.



What you need:

- Work area with good ventilation
- Mason jar
- Clear glue that works on glass
- Paintbrush
- Glass stones
- Tealight candle
- Lighter
- Adult supervision

What you do:

1. Starting at the top of the jar, brush glue on a small section.
2. Press glass stones onto the glue in rows. Let dry.
3. Continue gluing stones, in small sections, until the entire jar is covered.
4. When dry, place a candle inside. Light with adult help.



Light OF THE World

In a world full of sin and darkness, how can we find our way?
Discover Jesus' answer in John 8:12, NIV.

Directions: Use the key to fill in the missing vowels.
Then read the completed Bible verse.

KEY: A E I O

" _ _ M TH _ L _ GHT _ F
TH _ W _ RLD. WH _ _ V _ R
F _ LL _ WS M _ W _ LL N _ V _ R
W _ LK _ N D _ RKN _ SS."
J _ H N 8:12, NIV

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The Vicar's Voice by Fr. Jack Devotions to Our Lord In the Blessed Sacrament

Since our Lord is Really and Objectively Present after a spiritual and supernatural manner in the Holy Gifts which He instituted, the faithful will ever wish to have that Presence continued by the perpetual Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament, realizing Our Lord's promise: "Lo, I am with you always." Thus, not only may the sick ever be able to receive the Holy Communion but also the well may have the privilege of kneeling in the Sacramental Presence.

When the Blessed Sacrament is Reserved, worship and adoration of our Lord tabernacle there follow as a necessity. And surely, He who graciously accepted and blessed the homage of Saint Mary when she poured the precious ointment upon His Sacred Feet must gladly welcome the love and devotion of the faithful as they venerate Him in these Holy Mysteries.

Benediction, Exposition and Processions of the Blessed Sacrament are but the more formal expressions of this love and devotion. They are the natural development of the Church's belief in the Church's belief in the Real Presence. We believe; we love; we worship. To limit the expression of that belief and love in worship is to curtail one's rightful privilege. And these Special services are most simple, for they are summed up: in the singing of a Hymn, the recital of a Psalm, the saying of a Prayer, the bending before the Altar, the walking with Jesus and a Sacramental Blessing. The faithful but offer to Our Blessed Lord enthroned in the Sacrament which He instituted, the praise, worship and adoration due to Him as their God and Savior.

It is a devout practice and one which should bring great joy and peace to "visit" Our Lord, in the Blessed Sacrament and spend some time in adoration, meditation or intercession before the Throne of Grace.

The Holy Hour With Our Lord

"Canst thou not come and watch an hour with Me where on My altar-throne I wait for thee? Canst thou not take one hour from earthly care, and spend it here with Me in holy prayer? While others slight My love, My name revile, wilt thou not come and watch with Me awhile? Bowed down with anguish in Gethsemane, I prayed alone, not one watched there with Me. My flesh for thee was scourged and bruised and torn, My brow was pierced with many a cruel thorn. The cross, for thee, to Calvary I bore. Canst thou not bear one hour to watch, adore! Three hours I hung upon the saving wood; Near by the Cross, My Mother, weeping, stood, Transfixed with grief, she shared My Agony, heard the last sign that set My Spirit free. My Heart was opened, see, the wound is wide. Wilt thou not enter It, herein abide? Disciples laid My Body

in the tomb, My Mother watching, mid the deep'ning gloom. And thou not moved to tender sympathy? Wilt thou not watch one hour with her and Me? Come, soul most dear, brought with price of woe, Come, watch, that I may bless thee as you go."

In the quiet Church, in the atmosphere of religion, before the Blessed Sacrament, many a soul finds that "peace past understanding" and goes forth strengthened for the journey of life.

Benediction

(This is a beautiful devotional service in which we worship and adore Our Blessed Lord and receive His Blessing in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar.)

The celebrant having exposed the Host in a Monstrance in a place above the Tabernacle called the throne, then kneels and censers the Blessed Sacrament as the following Hymn is sung:

O Salutaris Hosita

O Saving Victim opening wide
The gate of Heaven to man below,
Our foes press on from every side,
Thine aid supply, Thy strength
bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, Blest One in Three:

O grant us life that shall not end
In our true native land with Thee.

The celebrant again censers the Blessed Sacrament at the second verse of the Hymn which follows:

Therefore we before Him bending
This great Sacrament revere;

Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer Rite is here;
Faith our outward sense befriending
Makes our inward vision clear.

Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son,

Honor, might and praise addressing
While eternal ages run,

Ever too His Love confession
Who from Both with Both is One.

Thou gavest them Bread from
Heaven. (Alleluia!)

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Bishop's Note
December 15, 2016

In Praise of Saints' Days



"Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith." (Hebrews 13:7 ESV)

As I write this week's Bishop's Note (December 12th), I am flying to Dallas to participate in the Requiem Mass for the Rt. Rev. Royal Grote who died suddenly on Thanksgiving Day. I am also cognisant of the fact that today is the Feast Day for Our Lady of Guadalupe, and tomorrow is the Feast Day for St. Lucy.

If you are of Hispanic or Italian origin, there is no need to explain what these two feast days celebrate. But if you are generically North American, like me, or of another nationality, you might wonder what all the commotion is about. Today, in our largest congregation, nearly a thousand people will gather to remember God's love for the poor and oppressed in the appearance of St. Mary, the Mother of our Lord, to a poor indigenous boy by the name of Juan Diego, in Mexico. It is nearly impossible to calculate how important this event was for the people of Mexico and all of the Americas. This was a concrete reminder of God's love and tender care for those who are not wealthy, well educated, or well connected.

Saint Lucy was a young woman from Syracuse, Italy, who at a very early age committed her life to Christ following a call of love, prayer, and service to the poor. Lucy resisted her wealthy parents' urgings to marry a wealthy young man, and eventually prevailed in convincing her parents to allow her to dedicate her life to God and to give her dowry to the poor. St. Lucy was martyred under the Diocletian persecutions.

I suppose for many people the question is: why celebrate Saints Days? We're Anglicans, not Roman Catholics. The answer is, because scripture asks us to follow the examples of

those who have gone before. In the time of Jesus they read the prophets and studied their lives. So too, we should read about the lives of the saints and - more importantly - seek to follow their example of following Christ. This is in no way a replacement for Christ or His Word; it is in addition to the bible that we read the lives of the saints.

Since the establishment of the church calendar, the seasons, Holy Days, and Saints' Days have been a regular part of our worship life. These are placed in the calendar to so that we may worship the Lord and, in doing so, be formed as Saints of God ourselves.

May the Lord bless you all this week!
Bishop Menees

Legal Fund



Since April, Jesus Our Savior has contributed \$841.32 to the Diocesan Legal Fund. The monthly amount is based on 2% of the monthly pledges and open plate offerings.

The Bishop has requested that all churches continue contributing to this fund at this time, as they negotiate with TEC for the turnover of the properties.

Diocesan Calendar

- † **January 2** - Office closed
- † **January 10** - Rural Deans
- † **January 21** - Diocesan Council Meeting
- † **February 3-5** - First Vestry Retreat
- † **March 3-5** - Second Vestry Retreat

New Diocesan Address

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 Phone remains the same (559) 244-4828

<http://www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net>

The San Joaquin Anglican newsletter is now available at the church.

Devotions to the Lord (cont. from page 3)

*Containing in Itself all Sweetness. (Alleluia!)
 The Celebrant standing says the following:*

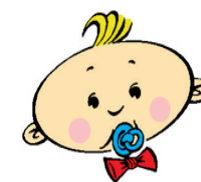
O Lord, who under a wonderful Sacrament has left us a Memorial of Thy Passion; Grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the Sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood that we may perpetually find in ourselves the fruit of Thy Redemption; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The celebrant, assuming the Humeral Veil, goes to the Altar and with the Monstrance containing the Host, signs the Cross over the people (who bend low and cross themselves) as the Thurifer censes the Sacrament and the Server rings the Bell. The Celebrant then places the Sacrament on the Altar and again kneeling on the Altar Step says the following, the people repeating each of the Praises:

The Divine Praises

- Blessed be God
- Blessed be His Holy Name
- Blessed be Jesus Christ, Very God and Very Man.
- Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
- Blessed be the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- Blessed be Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
- Blessed be the Holy Ghost the Lord and Giver of Life.
- Blessed be the Mother of God, the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Blessed be the Name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
- Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

The Celebrant now places the Sacrament in the Tabernacle, returns to the Altar Step, the Veil is taken off and Service ends with the Psalm, sometimes followed by a Hymn.



Needed: A Baby Picture of You!

Please bring a baby picture of yourself and we will post it on a posterboard. The board will be posted at the Annual Meeting and the person who guesses the most parishioners correctly will win a prize.

QUOTES
for the New Year

contributed by Linda York

"You simply will not be the same person two months from now after consciously giving thanks each day for the abundance that exists in your life. And you will have set in motion an ancient spiritual law: the more you have and are grateful for, the more will be given you."

Sarah Ban Breathnach

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"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."

Albert Schweitzer

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"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."

Albert Einstein



New Prayer Books Coming

There's still time to buy a new Book of Common Prayer for your personal use. Please talk to Fr. Jack or Jim O'Neill as soon as possible.

A New View



The new year is an opportunity to sort out the useless tasks and plan for the important; to review the failures and resolve to be successful; to take an inventory of causes and pledge life to purpose and service. These being done, the new will truly be new, different and better.

—C. Neil Strait

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