



### Don't Forget . . . the Food Ministry!

Please bring a can or boxed item and put it 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 thanks to Robert & Sharon Neller for all their faithful work bagging and bringing the donations into the Modesto Gospel Mission.

### + Christian Symbols + Steeple

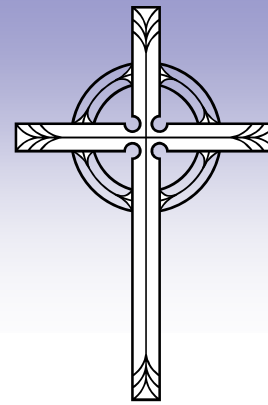


Steeple is a remnant of Gothic church architecture of the Middle Ages, marked by high open spaces and pointed arches that direct one's attention heavenward. Nowadays a steeple atop a church small or large serves the same function. Typically topped with a cross, it designates a Christian house of worship. Steeples sometimes double as bell towers, sending a call to worship out high above the surrounding land.

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*

**Answer to Bible Quiz: B**  
(See Revelation 3:7-13.)

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# The Savior's Voice

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Annual Meeting

**Mark your calendar for  
SUNDAY, February 2, 2014  
PARISH ANNUAL MEETING  
And SPECIAL BRUNCH  
following the service.**

*"It gives me a deep, comforting sense  
that 'things seen are temporal and  
things unseen are eternal.' "*

*—Helen Keller*

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*



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### Christmas Day Children's Pageant



*Pictured are participants  
of the Children's  
Christmas Pageant at the  
Christmas Day service.*

*Another Children's  
Christmas Pageant was  
performed at the  
Christmas Eve service.*





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 ..... Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin  
 The Rev. Woodrow Gubuan ..... Vicar  
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 ..... Vicar Emeritus  
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### Bishop's Committee

Fr. Woodrow Gubuan ..... Vicar  
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 ..... Junior Warden  
 Mary Scott ..... Clerk  
 Liz Basham            Helen Merrick  
 Larry Beyers         Velmer Reeh  
 Pamela Jordan        Seth Simas

*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 Directress

Corinne Golden

### ALTAR GUILD

#### Members:

Liz Basham            Helen Merrick  
 Jan Miller             Sharol Terrill

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 Jeannette Gooch    Joan Court

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## Welcome to Jesus, Our Savior

*I keep my heart open wide in  
loving compassion toward all.*

If someone in my family is hurt or distressed, I can effect a positive change by maintaining a healthy, understanding attitude. Sincere expressions of care and concern help support those I hold in prayer. Just as food and water restore the physical body, love and compassion help restore the spirit.

For my global family I pray continually holding thoughts of loving kindness and envisioning right outcomes for the world's conflicts. I see every person and animal surrounded by the light and love of God. I pray that peace, love and comfort are abundant in every life. I have faith that the living spirit of God within is restoring every being to wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." -Matthew 25:35*

I hope we all have a prosperous and healthful New Year.

*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.



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 15th of every month.**

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 currently have 5 students on a waiting list for a computer and we often get calls from other interested students. Jesus Our Savior is becoming known for giving away free refurbished computers!

If you know of a business, friend or relative who has old computers 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.

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!

### Dates to remember

- New Year's Day ..... January 1
- Epiphany ..... January 6
- Baptism of the Lord ..... January 12
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance ..... January 20
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ..... January 18-25

### Bible Studies



- ✚ Bible Study - Thursday at 11:00 a.m.
- ✚ Confirmation/Baptism Class - Saturday at 3:00 p.m.
- ✚ Catechism - Sunday at 9:00 a.m.



### Bible Quiz

The book of Revelation is addressed to seven churches. Which city in the United States shares the name of one of those churches?

- A. St. Paul
- B. Philadelphia
- C. Oconomowoc
- D. Orlando

*Answer on page 8  
from the Newsletter Newsletter*



- ☺ Karen T.
- ☺ Gabriella
- ☺ Betty H.
- ☺ Maxine M.
- ☺ Carlton McC.
- ☺ Fr. Bill & Shirley
- ☺ Dave & Michelle
- ☺ Rob & Lori
- ☺ Darlene A.
- ☺ Gloria W.
- ☺ Pamela J.
- ☺ Eiden
- ☺ Rachel
- ☺ Wendy
- ☺ Sam A.
- ☺ Cayden Michael
- ☺ Joan C.
- ☺ Kennedy R.
- ☺ Janet M.
- ☺ Haley B.
- ☺ Phil R.
- ☺ Wicher Family
- ☺ Evan W.
- ☺ John
- ☺ Lucille
- ☺ Art & Jane E.
- ☺ Helen M.
- ☺ Marjorie M.
- ☺ Ruby H.
- ☺ Gwen H.
- ☺ Eva B.
- ☺ Jean R.
- ☺ Mrs. Seeks
- ☺ JoAnne M.
- ☺ Jennifer
- ☺ Molly H.
- ☺ Corinne
- ☺ Don & Ruby
- ☺ Gillian
- ☺ Kay K.
- ☺ Gregory M.
- ☺ Ruth G.
- ☺ Myles P.
- ☺ Terri & Marty

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

### Answer to Kids' Page

Answer key on church bulletin board by back entrance.



- ☺ Margaret Moore            January 4
- ☺ Pamela Jordan             January 18
- ☺ Nathaniel Pine             January 20
- ☺ Mary Scott                 January 21
- ☺ Barbara McCormick        January 23
- ☺ Ruth Carrillo              January 24
- ☺ Luci Beyers                January 26

✚ Jose & Meriam Matulac Jan. 16 34 years

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

# The Kid's Page

## Creation KALEIDOSCOPE

Make this fun craft to remember what our heavenly Creator made.

### What you need:

- Adult help
- Tall chip can with lid
- Hammer and nail
- Acrylic paint; paintbrush
- Water, glitter, white glue
- Colored tissue paper
- Stronger craft glue (not hot glue)
- Star stickers or sequins
- Two 4" x 5" pieces of clear Con-Tact paper
- Scissors; pencil; permanent marker

### What you do:

1. In bottom center of can, hammer a hole with a nail. Paint outside of can. Let dry.
2. Add glitter and a little water to white glue. With a clean paintbrush, glue tissue paper to bottom outside of lid.
3. Add stars to sticky side of Con-Tact paper. Place a matching piece on top, sticky sides together.
4. Put craft glue along edge of can opening. Glue Con-Tact paper square over opening. Let dry.
5. Place lid on can, over Con-Tact paper. Turn lid to get kaleidoscope effect.
6. With marker, write "In the beginning ..." on can.

**PUZZLE**

## The Beginning

The start of a new calendar year is a great time to praise God for his amazing creation.

Directions: Read Genesis 1:1-3 (NIV), below. Place the underlined words into the crossword. One letter has been provided to help you start.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

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Answer Key on church bulletin board by back entrance.



## FROM the VICAR Celebrating Our Family

The scene of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem is still fresh in our minds. As we enter the New Year 2014, let us look at this model family for inspiration, example and encouragement. Let us examine ourselves and see how well we are fulfilling the grave responsibilities which God has placed on us.

As we heard during our marriage ceremony, "**the union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy; for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; and, when it is God's will, for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord.**"

As husbands and wives, we have the responsibility of fostering our unity in heart, body and mind, and of helping and comforting one another in good times and in bad. Let us be reminded of what a senior Judge of the Supreme Court congratulated the bride and groom in a marriage with a pertinent piece of advice: "**See that you never convert your family into a courtroom; instead let it be a confessional. If the husband and wife start arguing like attorneys in an attempt to justify their behavior, their family becomes a court of law and nobody wins. On the other hand, if the husband and the wife — as in a confessional — are ready to admit their faults and try to correct them, the family becomes a heavenly one.**"

As fathers and mothers, we are to remember that our children are a gift from God — the joy in our young years and the help and comfort in our old age. As Mary and Joseph took good care of Jesus and nurtured him to grow up physically and spiritually, we too must do the same. Let us be reminded of this advice: "**Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues. This requires an apprenticeship in self-denial, sound judgment, and self-mastery - the preconditions of all true freedom. Parents should teach their children to subordinate the 'material and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones.' ..... Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children.**" (CCC #2223).

Finally, as children, let us remember the commandment: "Honor your father and your mother." In the Book of Sirach, we read a further commentary: "**With all your heart, honor your father and do not forget the birth pangs of your mother**" (7:27). According to Proverbs, this honor is shown by obedience. "**My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching**" (6:20).

Our role as children continues even when we are grown up. We are to help in the material and moral support of our parents in their old age and illness. "**Whoever honors his father atones for his sins, and whoever glorifies his mother lays up treasure. Whoever honors his father, will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays, he will be heard**" (Sir 3:3-5).

Let us pray for the grace of caring for one another in our own families. May God bless all your families in the New Year.

Prayer and Blessings  
James H. Gibson



## 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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### Bishop's Note: The Collects - First Sunday of Christmas



This Sunday we celebrate the First Sunday of Christmas and open our service with this collect:

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Merry Christmas! What beautiful words and what a blessed and holy celebration we had as we began a new Church season on Tuesday evening at the Midnight Mass - the Season of Christmas. This is the shortest season of the Church year at just twelve days, but what beautiful days they are - dedicated not only to the memory of Jesus' birth but the reality of Jesus, the Incarnate Word, in our lives today.

That is the theological principle that Archbishop Cranmer was putting forth in today's collect. I love the imagery used here: God in his glory, pouring down his light in his Son Jesus - the Incarnate Word. When received, this light will shine like a beacon in the darkness. We, his adopted children, are called to shine forth that light to those who are lost and alone.

This week I saw a beautiful example of that, when our office assistant, (and soon to be new administrator) Corey McLaughlin, met with a group of homeless people who were making a camp in the bushes at the Cathedral. Corey met with them, offered prayer, respectfully set limits with them, and encouraged them on their way. This was an example of love, respect, and Christian charity. In other words, he shared the light of Christ with them as it shone through his actions.

In the Diocese of San Joaquin, we see this

happen in a thousand ways day in and day out - with parishioners, the sick, those who are lost in sin, and those who have lost their way. When members of a congregation reach out to the elderly and the lonely, the weak and the strong, the rich and the poor, we are living out what the collect calls us to do as Christmas people.

May God bless you and may you have a very Merry Christmas!

*Bishop Menees*



### Diocesan Calendar

- ✦ **January 2-5** - Anglican 4th Day Weekend at ECCO <http://eccoyosemite.powweb.com/reservation.htm#4thweekend>
- ✦ **January 6-10** - Diocesan Lawsuit
- ✦ **January 25** - Walk For Life West Coast in San Francisco, CA



What if we took our lengthy lists of changes we want to make in the new year and narrowed them down — way down? Rather than making a half dozen or more commitments that we're unlikely to keep, how about zeroing in on a single word that captures the essence of what we want to achieve or become?

North Carolina pastor Mike Ashcraft encouraged church members to each find one word that points to or describes a characteristic or vision they wanted to achieve in the year ahead. The experiment turned into a movement, with ideas and testimonials available at [myoneword.org](http://myoneword.org).

What would your one-word resolution be?

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*



### Fill a Jar

Need a new tradition to begin the new year? One way to reflect on your blessings as the days and months pass is to fill a Blessing Jar. Simply find a container (ideally with a lid) and place it in a prominent place in your home. Next to it, set slips of paper and writing utensils.

Encourage every family member to jot down one thing they're grateful for every day. If you have a large family, you may need one jar for each person. You can also use different-colored paper slips for each family member.

Every week, sit down together and review the many ways that God is present in your lives.

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*

### For Everything a Season



Wanting his sons to learn not to judge too quickly, a man sent each, in turn, on a quest to look at a pear tree far away and report what he saw. The first son went in winter, the second in spring, the third in summer and the fourth in fall. Finally, the father gathered the young men together. "What did you see?" he asked.

The first son reported seeing an ugly tree, bent and lifeless. The second disagreed, saying it was budding with fresh new life. The third son reported finding a tree laden with sweet-smelling, beautiful blossoms, while the fourth insisted it drooped with ripe fruit.

The father said his sons were all correct, for they'd seen the same tree, though at different seasons of its life. "Don't judge a tree — or a person — based on just one season of life," he counseled his children. "Who they are can only be known at the end, when all life's seasons have been lived.

"Furthermore," he added, "don't give up on your own life if you experience a hard season, such as winter, or you'll miss out on the renewal of spring, the joy of summer, the fulfillment of autumn."

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*



### Humor to break up the winter blahs

- Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
- Some people are kind, polite and sweet-spirited ... until you try to sit in their pew.
- People are funny: They want the front of the bus, the middle of the road and the back of the church.
- Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.
- Forbidden fruits create many jams.
- Working for God on earth doesn't pay much, but his retirement plan is out of this world.

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*

### Prime Shine Car



These coupons never expire and the price of a car wash at Prime Shine is already \$7.00. Proceeds will go towards to the renovations costs of the Church.

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



### Recycling Update

Keep up the good work! To date, our recycling efforts have brought in \$72.86.

**Thank you for only putting aluminum soda cans and plastic soda bottles in the recycle cans.** It makes the job much easier.