



### A Can a Week!

Don't forget to keep bringing your canned goods and boxes for the needy in the new year.

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.

*Keep up your faithful giving!*

### + Christian Symbols +



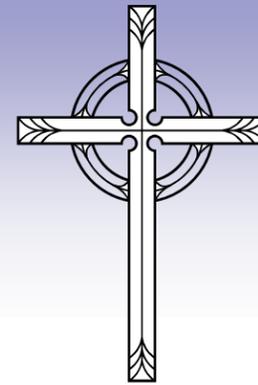
### Anchor

Because in ancient times an anchor represented safety, early Christians adopted it as a symbol of their hope in Christ. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure" (Hebrews 6:19, NIV). Word play may have been involved: ankura, Greek for "anchor," sounds similar to en kurio, or "in the Lord." As Latin became Christians' primary language, however, the "anchor-Lord" connection would have faded.

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*

**Answer to Bible Quiz: D**  
(See 1 Kings 19:9-12, NSRV)

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# The Savior's Voice

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### Service Scheduled

Lent will begin this year with a 9:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday service on **Wednesday, February 10.**

Be sure to bring in your palm crosses from last year by Saturday, February 6 for the ashes!

*"As the first Sunday in Lent falls on Valentine's Day this year, may we remember that Jesus' self-giving love is the greatest love of all."*

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*



### An Early Start to Spring Cleaning



Although Lent starts early this year, before spring appears in many areas, it's an appropriate time for spring cleaning. Indeed, Lent comes from old German and English words for "spring." So, while it might be too soon to open windows or hang clothes on the line, now is ideal for some spiritual spring cleaning.

Lent calls us to examine our beliefs, confess and dispose of old grudges and selfish habits, dust off our Bibles for a new routine of study and prayer, air out our hearts and brighten up our attitudes. "Lent cleaning" lets the Holy Spirit freshen our faith — and it's never too early for that.



### Lenten Living

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, **February 10** this year. Christians have observed this season of the church year since the fourth century. It's traditionally a time of reflection, penitence and spiritual renewal before Easter.

During Lent, some Christians give up something that hinders their relationship with God. Others do something extra for their spiritual growth or make a special sacrifice. The key is to make Lent a memorable season of sincere spiritual growth — a time that can set the tone for the rest of the year.

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*

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*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

**"Forgiveness is a Gift"**

Forgiveness is one of the greatest gifts I can give myself. When I let go of judgment, resentment, expectation or anger, I open my heart and my life to the experience of growth of freedom.

If I am having trouble letting go of a past hurt, I decide whether I am willing to forgive -- even if I don't know how. With a willing heart, I ask the Spirit for help -- clarity, guidance and understanding. Through the power of the Spirit within, my heart opens and my vision clears. I feel more love and compassion for others and myself because my mind and heart are no longer closed to the experience of forgiveness. As I forgive, I give myself a precious gift. I am free.

*"Do not judge and you will not be judged; do not condemn, forgive and you will be forgiven." Luke 6:37*

*My blessings & love to all,  
Beverly Burke  
Welcoming Committee*

 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** 20<sup>th</sup> of every month.

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## 2nd Chance Computer Program Update

As we go to print, our biggest Computer Give-Away is being held on January 30th. We have received over 250 junior high and high student names from our school contacts. Each high school in our program has been allotted 15 laptops for their students and the junior high schools were allotted 10 desktops for each site. Richard Shahbazian, our school liaison, has added some new schools, which bring the total schools in our program to 15 sites.

We would like to thank Robert Half & Associates for their donation of 135 laptops and Modesto City Schools for 35 laptops. We don't always have laptops available for the high school students, so it's great when we have them.

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! To donate, call Terry at 402-8586 or the church at 551-5279.

### Dates to remember

- African-American History Month
- Boy Scout Sunday ..... February 7
- Transfiguration of Our Lord ..... February 7
- Ash Wednesday ..... February 10
- First Sunday in Lent ..... February 14
- Valentine's Day ..... February 14
- Presidents Day ..... February 15
- Second Sunday in Lent ..... February 21
- Third Sunday in Lent ..... February 28



### Bible Quiz

At a time of deep struggle in Elijah's life, God made his presence known to him. How?

- A. In a strong and destructive wind
- B. In an earthquake
- C. Through fire
- D. Through silence

*Answer on page 8  
from the Newsletter Newsletter*



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| ➤ Karen T.         | ➤ Jan L.     |
| ➤ Maxine M.        | ➤ Margie M.  |
| ➤ Shirley E.       | ➤ Corrie     |
| ➤ Lori & family    | ➤ Bonnie     |
| ➤ Art E.           | ➤ 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.          | ➤ Luis       |
| ➤ Janet M.         | ➤ Vicki H.   |
| ➤ Hal I.           | ➤ Ann L.     |
| ➤ Darlene          | ➤ Beryl A.   |
| ➤ Susan T.         | ➤ Janet M.   |

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

"The pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice."

Proverbs 27:9 NIV



- ❖ Velmer Reeh ..... February 12
- ❖ Mary O'Leary ..... February 16
- ❖ Genevieve Dimperio ..... February 19

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

# The Kid's Page

## FRIENDSHIP CARDS

This month, don't just send valentines; be a valentine! Create these Friendship Cards to express love through kind acts for your loved ones — all month long.

**What you need:**

- 29 index cards
- A small box or container
- Colored pens or glitter pens
- Stickers

**What you do:**

1. On each card, write something nice you can do for other people. Ideas include "Give someone a hug," "Clean someone's room," "Read to someone" and so on. You can use colored pens to draw a picture.
2. Decorate the box or container. Place the cards inside.
3. Each day in February, select a card and do that nice thing for someone!

# PUZZLE

## True Friendship

What makes someone a good friend?  
The Bible offers lots of advice about true friendship.

*Directions: Starting at the \*, connect the dots clockwise and complete the words using the word bank. Then fill in Proverbs 27:9, NIV.*

**WORD BANK:**  
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from the Newsletter Newsletter  
Answer on page 7



## The Vicar's Voice

### The Moral Quest

Each day of our lives, we face decisions on how we should direct our paths in life and there are many choices in this day and age. As Christians we endeavor to follow the path laid out by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Read 1st Thessalonians Chapter 4: beginning @ verse 1. We can be in the moral pattern laid out by Saint Paul.

The ethical challenge is acute today as we are pulled in many directions of the secular world. We are lured by satanic forces continually chipping away at our foundations. Stay the course with prayer, armoring up with the protection of the Holy Spirit, remembering we are living in a world driven by, consumerism, technology and the loss of faith by many. We as Christians are the spoke and hub of the true Moral Quest, given to us in faith once delivered by the Saints and it is found within the Inspired Word of God The Holy Bible. We are blessed in the act of proclaiming the gospels and being living examples of morality we have received through the love and compassion of God.

Prepare and fine tune your witness for Him. Keeping always the light, wisdom and love for all who are lost. Be always the Barrister and practice the Christian morality for all to see and hear.

*May the blessings of Almighty God be with you,  
Fr. Jack+ OAC*



### From the Webmaster

by Tom Jebb

We now have a Facebook Page. In Facebook, search for **Jesus Our Savior Anglican Church Modesto** Or use the link on our resources page:

<http://www.jesusoursavioranglicanchurch.org/resources/>

Changes and updates will be happening on a regular basis on the web page & the Facebook page, so drop by often.

## Commandment #11



During the 17th century, an archbishop traveling through Scotland met theologian Samuel Rutherford but kept his identity secret. Rutherford invited the man to stay with him. When Mrs. Rutherford gathered the servants on Saturday to prepare for worship the next day, the guest joined in and was asked a basic question: "How many commandments are there?"

When the guest replied "11," Mrs. Rutherford said, "What a shame it is for you, a man with gray hairs, in a Christian country, not to know how many commandments there are!"

The next morning, Rev. Rutherford went out in the woods to pray and heard his guest doing likewise. When he discovered the archbishop's identity, Rutherford invited him to preach that morning. The archbishop's topic? The 11th commandment, based on Jesus' words in John 13:34 — "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another" (ESV)

from the Newsletter Newsletter

## Don't Miss the Next Breakfast



scheduled for Saturday, **February 13th.**

We meet at the church the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. for Bible study, reflection and fellowship. The restaurant for breakfast is always selected by consensus.

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



## Bishop's Note January 28, 2016

### Walk for Life West Coast 2016

What a thrill it was to be with brothers and sisters from all over the Central Valley, and especially from diocesan congregations: St. Anselm, St. David, St. John, St. Mark, and the Cathedral!

### Catechism Questions: 228 - 230

228. How should you "learn" the Bible?

I should seek to know the whole of Scripture, and to memorize key passages for my own spiritual growth and for sharing with others.

229. How should you "inwardly digest" Scripture?

I should ground my prayers in the Scriptures. One time-tested way of doing this is to pray the Psalms, which formed Jesus' own prayer book. As I absorb Scripture, it becomes the lens through which I perceive and understand the events in my life and the world around me, and guides my attitudes and actions.

230. Are there different ways to pray?

Yes. Prayer can be private or public, liturgical or extemporaneous; personal prayer can be vocal, meditative, or contemplative.

### Diocesan Calendar



- ❖ February 5 - 7 - Second of the Vestry and Bishop's Committee Retreats
- ❖ February 9 - Shrove Tuesday
- ❖ February 10 - Ash Wednesday
- ❖ February 15 - Presidents' Day - Diocesan Office Closed
- ❖ February 20 - Diocesan Council Meeting



## Grateful for Grace

John Newton, a slave-ship captain who became a minister and abolitionist, had a special affinity for grace. In fact, he wrote the hymn "Amazing Grace" to celebrate the freedom that God gives to Christians.

"I am not what I ought to be," Newton said. "I am not what I want to be. I am not what I hope to be. But still, I am not what I used to be. And by the grace of God, I am what I am."

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*



## Mealtime as a Family

Amid busy and varied schedules, many families find a way to sit down together for dinner regularly. Family-health advocates describe the benefits: an increased sense of unity, children sharing news and feeling listened to, and the physical perks of a planned, seated meal.

In Scripture, many great encounters between people and God happen around meals. Abraham and Sarah prepare a meal for three guests who turn out to be angels (Genesis 18). God instructs the Hebrew slaves to eat a special meal together before their delivery from Egypt (Exodus 12); every year since, Jews have celebrated the Passover feast. Elijah is strengthened with food served by an angel (1 Kings 19). Jesus shares meals not only with religious leaders but with "sinners" (e.g., Matthew 9). Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples before his death has become one of the church's sacraments and a "foretaste" of the heavenly banquet to come.

When Christian families eat together, it's a holy time in God's presence, just as when the church shares Holy Communion — a true fellowship dinner!

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*



## 9 "Verses" That Aren't in The Bible

Several popular sayings can put biblical literacy to the test. For example, the phrases below aren't in Scripture — although some come pretty close:

- "Money is the root of all evil." (According to 1 Timothy 6:10, "the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.")
- "Cleanliness is next to godliness." (The closest teaching to this might be in James 4:8.)
- "God helps those who help themselves." (This proverb originated in ancient Greece, not in Scripture.)
- "God moves in mysterious ways." (A verse kind of like this is Isaiah 55:8.)
- "Spare the rod, spoil the child." (British poet Samuel Butler coined this phrase, which could be a paraphrase of Proverbs 13:24.)
- "This, too, shall pass." (This occurs nowhere in the Bible but has been linked, incorrectly, to King Solomon.)
- "Love the sinner, hate the sin." (St. Augustine originally came up with a version of this phrase.)
- "Charity begins at home." (British theologian John Wycliffe is credited with this saying.)
- "God will never give you more than you can bear." (This seems to be a misinterpretation of 1 Corinthians 10:13.)

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*

## Daughters of the Holy Cross

by Joan Faucett, President



The February monthly meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 5th. Please meet at the church and we will choose a restaurant for breakfast. We have a wonderful time and would be happy to welcome new members.

## Laws or Love?



Businessman John Barrier, unrecognized in jeans and a T-shirt, cashed a check at his longtime bank. But the teller refused to validate his parking ticket, saying Barrier hadn't made an official transaction. A manager agreed, saying rules were rules.

Barrier then performed a major transaction: withdrawing \$1 million and taking it elsewhere. He got his parking ticket validated after all.

What a great illustration of the perils of legalism, when man-made laws become more important than people. Jesus repeatedly healed and "worked" on the Sabbath, much to the dismay of religious leaders. He was concerned about people's hearts, not their appearance.

What matters more to you: laws or love? appearance or substance? A heart examination may be in order!

*from the Newsletter Newsletter*

## Recycle Update



Keep the aluminum soda cans and plastic soda bottles coming! To date, our recycling efforts have brought in \$423.05 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!**