



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 +

Shell

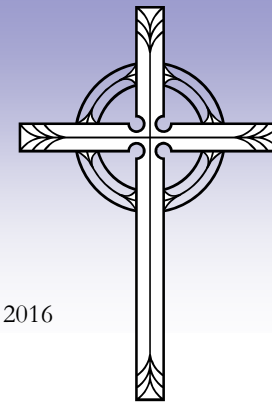


A scallop shell, pointing downward with three drops of water falling from it, is often used to symbolize baptism and the washing away of sin. The three water droplets stand for the Trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

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Answer to Bible Quiz: F
(See John 1:40-42, 45ff.)

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The Bishop's Committee has set the 2016 Annual Meeting for **January 10, 2016** following the 10:00 a.m. service. We will vote for our two delegates and alternate to the Diocesan Convention. Since Jesus Our Savior is a mission, the Bishop has decided to enforce one of the canonical laws and appoint the new members of the Bishop's Committee. Please see the article on page 5.

The annual meeting will follow a Potluck lunch. *Don't miss this important meeting!*

As we settle back into non-holiday routines, Jesus, remind us that every day is holy when we live in you. Amen.

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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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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
 Sarah Pine Sexton


Bishop's Committee

Fr. Jack Faucett Vicar
 James O'Neill Bishop's Warden
 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 & Teri Jebb

Members:
 Janet Miller Margaret Moore



Editor Fr. Jack Faucett
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Welcome to Jesus, Our Savior

"I make room for new ideas."

A new day, a new year, a new beginning!
 Today everyone is thinking in terms of newness. We may feel as if we have emerged out of an old world into a new one, as if we are taking hold of a new life, as if the very spirit of newness is alive in us.

I dedicate this day to new ideas, new viewpoints and renewed living. I leave behind outgrown thoughts of past limitations and lack. I let go of past grudges and outdated viewpoints. Fresh ideas refresh my mind. I make room for new, vital, healthy and prosperous ideas.

My world is new as I respond to life in a new way. I see people and situations in a new way. I see people and situations in a new light. I begin today by acknowledging the spirit of newness within me, and I am renewed in mind, body and spirit.

"Sing to him a new song" Psalm 33:3

*New Year love and blessings to all,
 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 mlscott9@pacbell.net or call 529-7606.

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2nd Chance Computer Update

On January 30th, we will hold the 4th Computer Give-Away of the school year. Due to a generous donation of 135 laptops from Robert Half & Associates and 35 laptops from Modesto City Schools, all the high school students on the waiting list will be able to receive a laptop. When the donations allow, we try to give high school students a laptop with the hope that they will be able to use it for going onto college. Junior high students always receive desk top computers.

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!



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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

"You LORD are my lamp; the LORD turns my darkness into light."

2 Samuel 22:29 NIV



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

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

Dates to remember

- New Year's Day January 1
- Epiphany January 6
- Baptism of the Lord January 10
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance .. January 18
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25

Bible Quiz

According to the Gospel of John, which disciples led others to Jesus, and whom did they lead?



- A. Matthew led Judas.
- B. Andrew led Simon-Peter.
- C. James led John.
- D. Philip led Nathanael.
- E. All of the above.
- F. B and D.

Answer on page 8 from the Newsletter Newsletter

The Kid's Page

GUIDING LIGHT

Make this flashlight to remember that God, our light, always shows us the way.



What you need:

- Flashlight with handle strap
- Yarn (6 to 8 inches)
- Colorful pony beads
- Stickers (including foam letters)
- Batteries

What you do:

1. Tie the yarn through the flashlight's handle strap so two equal lengths hang down.
2. String the pony beads onto the two yarn lengths, and secure the ends with knots.
3. Decorate the flashlight with stickers. Use letters to spell "God is light."
4. Keep the flashlight by your bedside as a reminder of God's guidance. Use the flashlight to read a Bible verse before bed each night!

PUZZLE

LET THERE BE LIGHT

In a world of darkness, God guides us so we can walk in his ways.

Directions: Write the name of each picture, subtracting and adding letters as indicated. Then fill in the blanks to complete 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV.

" Y O U , _____ , A R E
 _____ ; T H E
 _____ M Y

 I N T O _____ ."
 2 SAMUEL 22:29, NIV

*from the Newsletter Newsletter
Answer on page 7*



From the Wall Street Journal

This editorial was written in 1949 by the late Vermont Royster and has been published annually since.

In Hoc Anno Domini

When Saul of Tarsus set out on his journey to Damascus, the whole of the known world lay in bondage. There was one state and it was Rome. There was one master for it all and he was Tiberius Caesar.

Everywhere there was civil order, for the arm of the Roman law was long. Everywhere there was stability, in government and in society, for the centurions saw that it was so.

But everywhere there was something else, too. There was oppression—for those who were not the friends of Tiberius Caesar. There was the tax gatherer to take the grain from the fields and the flax from the spindle to feed the legions or to fill the hungry treasury from which divine Caesar gave largess to the people. There was the impressor to find recruits for the circuses. There were executioners to quiet those whom the Emperor proscribed. What was a man for but to serve Caesar?

There was the persecution of men who dared think differently, who heard strange voices or read strange manuscripts. There was enslavement of men whose tribes came not from Rome, disdain for those who did not have the familiar visage. And most of all, there was everywhere a contempt for human life. What, to the strong, was one man more or less in a crowded world?

Then, of a sudden, there was a light in the world, and a man from Galilee saying, Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's. And the voice from Galilee, which would defy Caesar, offered a new Kingdom in which each man could walk upright and bow to none but his God. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. And he sent this gospel of the Kingdom of Man into the uttermost ends of the earth.

So the light came into the world and the men who lived in darkness were afraid, and they tried to lower a curtain so that man would still believe salvation lay with the leaders.

But it came to pass for a while in diverse places that the truth did set man free, although the men of darkness were offended and they tried to put out the light. The voice said, "Haste ye. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness come upon you, for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth."

Along the road to Damascus the light shone brightly. But afterward Paul of Tarsus, too, was sore afraid. He feared that

other Caesars, other prophets, might one day persuade men that man was nothing save a servant unto them, that men might yield up their birthright from God for pottage and walk no more in freedom.

Then might it come to pass that darkness would settle again over the lands and there would be a burning of books and men would think only of what they should eat and what they should wear, and would give heed only to new Caesars and to false prophets. Then might it come to pass that men would not look upward to see even a winter's star in the East and once more, there would be no light at all in the darkness.

And so Paul, the apostle of the Son of Man, spoke to his brethren, the Galatians, the words he would have us remember afterward in each of the years of his Lord:

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

contributed by Jim O'Neill

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.

Happy New Year!



Bishop's Note New Year's Eve 2015

Bishop Menees is on vacation this week, but prays that God will give you peace as you reflect on this past year and look forward to the next, and that He will guide you and strengthen you in this season of new beginnings:

Most gracious and merciful God, you have reconciled us to yourself through Jesus Christ your Son, and called us to new life in him: Grant that we, who begin this year in his Name, may complete it to his honor and glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

Almighty and merciful God, through your well beloved Son Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, you have willed to make all things new: Grant that we may be renewed by your Holy Spirit, and may come at last to that heavenly country where your people hunger and thirst no more, and the tears are wiped away from every eye; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Both prayers taken from the New Year's Eve service in the Book of Occasional Services, 2003)

Collect for The Holy Name (January 1): Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen. (BCP)

Catechism Questions 211 - 215

211. *What are Satan and demons?*

Demons, of whom Satan is chief, are fallen angels. Satan rebelled against God and led other angels to follow him. They now cause spiritual and sometimes physical harm to mortals, and they sow lies that lead to confusion, despair, sin and death. (Luke 11:14-26; 8:29; 9:39; John 8:44;

2 Corinthians 2:11; 4:3-4, 11:3; 12:7; Revelation 12:7-12)

212. *How did Satan and his angels turn to evil?*

Satan and his angels were overcome by envy and pride and rebelled against God. (Luke 10:18; 1 Timothy 3:6; Jude 6; Revelation 12:7-12)

213. *What are angels?*

Angels are spiritual, holy beings created by God. They joyfully serve him in heavenly worship and God appoints them to act as messengers, bringing words of guidance and assurance to the faithful, and assisting and protecting them. (Psalm 148:1-6; Hebrews 1:14; Luke 1:19, 26-33; Acts 8:26-28, 12:7-11, 27:23-24)

214. *How did God address evil in this world?*

God, in his love, sent Jesus Christ to gain victory over all the powers of evil by his death, resurrection and ascension. Victory and authority over sin and evil are granted to the faithful in their daily lives through the Holy Spirit by the blood of Jesus shed on the cross. God will finally overcome all evil, including death, at the end of the age. (John 3:16; Colossians 2:13-15; Luke 10:17-20, Philippians 2:10, 1 John 4:4; Romans 8:28, 35-39; Revelation 21:1-4)

215. *Is God responsible for evil?*

No. The free choices of his creatures do not implicate God in evil in any way. (Galatians 2:17; James 1:13-15)

Diocesan Calendar



- ❖ **January 12** - Rural Deans' Meeting
- ❖ **January 16** - Diocesan Council Meeting
- ❖ **January 29 - 31** - First of the Vestry and Bishop's Committee Retreats
- ❖ **February 5 - 7** - Second of the Vestry and Bishop's Committee Retreats
- ❖ **February 9** - Shrove Tuesday
- ❖ **February 10** - Ash Wednesday

From the Bishop

Expectations, Duties & Responsibilities of Bishop's Committee Members

1. BC members are expected to attend weekly worship at Jesus Our Savior unless reasonably prevented.
2. BC members are expected to exercise good personal and corporate stewardship, be supportive of all ministries of the diocese and congregation and work closely with the Vicar and fellow BC members.
3. BC members are expected to attend all workshops and retreats set by our Bishop/Rector for training and fellowship.
4. BC members are expected to attend all BC meetings, which are held on the second Sunday of the month. Unless excused or rescheduled.
5. All meetings are open sessions unless posted otherwise to discuss personnel or legal matters.
6. BC members working with money, children, or elderly are required under Diocesan Policy to submit to a Live Scan background check. (the cost of that program is \$33.00. BC members are asked to pay the upfront costs and Jesus Our Savior will refund to you \$20.00. All BC members are mandatory reporters under the law.)
7. BC members are responsible for the finances of the congregation and the upkeep of the building.
8. BC members are asked to make monthly reports to the Vicar and Bishop's Committee.
9. BC members are expected to work closely with the Vicar and fellow members for the fulfillment of the Mission and Vision of Jesus Our Savior.
10. The Bishop appoints all members of the Bishop's Committee (BC) based upon the recommendation of the Vicar and congregation. In order to be appointed, each member must be a Confirmed Communicant in good standing as required by diocesan canon.

Hate vs. Love



Civil-rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. compared hate to "an unchecked cancer," saying it "corrodes the personality and eats away its vital unity." Unfortunately, the destructive force of hatred is often evident in nations, communities, families and even churches.

The obvious — though not always easy — antidote to hatred is love. As The Message translation of Proverbs 10:12 states, "Hatred starts fights, but love pulls a quilt over the bickering." The image of a comfy quilt symbolizes the soothing impact that loving words and actions can have on enemies as well as friends.

Plus, it's tough to share the gospel without showing love, which social reformer Elizabeth Cady Stanton called "the 'open sesame' to every soul."

from the Newsletter Newsletter



Before all else fails ...

In *Too Busy Not to Pray* (InterVarsity Press), Bill Hybels cites reasons that prayers may seem to go unanswered (unconfessed sin, selfishness and so on). The most common cause, though, is prayerlessness:

"People often tell me how they have attempted to address a pressing need," Hybels writes. "They have gone to counselors, read self-help books, claimed biblical promises, practiced self-discipline, confided in Christian friends, practiced assertiveness or submission or self-denial or positive thinking, even read books about prayer — and their need is still not met." But when asked if they've prayed "fervently and regularly" about the matter, the answer is usually no.

James 4:2 says, "You do not have because you do not ask God." So instead of thinking "When all else fails, pray," try this: "Pray before all else fails."