



Food Basket Ministry

Bob and Sharon Neller: Our ongoing ministry of transporting the blessed food donations to The Food Initiative of Greater Stanislaus, formerly Inter-Faith Ministries continues. We usually make a delivery every month. We hope that all members will contribute the food donations for our ministry.

2nd Chance Computer Computer Ministry



The computer ministry continues to go very well. For the 4th year in a row, 2nd Change Computer Refurbishing received a grant of \$20,000 for 2022 from the Antone & Marie Raymus Foundation. This grant was received last October with the stipulation that it should only be used on computers and parts and the funds must also be used by March 1, 2023. For the 5th year in a row, we will be applying for another grant.

To date, we have given out over 16,500 computers to needy students, families and organizations. If you know of anyone who needs one, please let us know.

We appreciate your support and prayers!

Answer to Bible Quiz: D
(See 1 Corinthians 13:4-5, NIV.)



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The Savior's Voice

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"To experience genuine human love, to be part of a community of love is to experience the presence of God."

—John J. McNeill

from the Newsletter

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2023 Lent/Holy Week Schedule

✚ LENTEN SCHEDULE

- ❖ ASH WEDNESDAY Service – February 22 at noon
- ❖ FRIDAYS of Lent Stations of the Cross @ Noon (2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31)
- ❖ SUNDAYS of Lent Service @ 10 am (2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26)

✚ HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- ❖ Palm Sunday Service – April 2 at 10:00 a.m.
- ❖ Maundy Thursday Service - April 6 at noon.
- ❖ Good Friday Service- April 7 at noon.
- ❖ Holy Saturday Service- April 8 at noon
- ❖ Easter Sunday Service - April 9 at 10 a.m.

Lenten Living

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22 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.

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The Vestry meets the third Sunday of every month following the service.



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INTERESTING Facts & Trivia

contributed by Linda York



The Parts of Speech Poem

Every name is called a **noun**,
As **field** and **fountain**, **street** and **town**.
In place of noun the **pronoun** stands,
As **he** and **she** can clap their hands.
The **adjective** describes a thing,
As **magic** wand or **bridal** ring.
The **verb** means action, something done,
As **read** and **write** and **jump** and **run**.
How things are done the **adverbs** tell,
As **quickly**, **slowly**, **badly**, **well**.
The **preposition** shows relation,
As **in** the street or **at** the station.
Conjunctions join, in many ways,
Sentences, word, **or** phrase **and** phrase.
The **interjection** cries out, "Hark!"

A Lenten History Lesson



Though the date of Easter varies, the majority of the Lenten season occurs during March. In fact, the word *Lent* comes from the Anglo-Saxon words *lenctentid* (meaning "March") and *lencten* (meaning "spring").

The first reference to Lent dates back to 325 AD, in one of the 20 canons decreed at the council of Nicaea. By the eighth century, Christians started observing Lent, and a 10th-century monk named Aelfric connected the use of ashes and "the Lenten fast" to the pre-Easter period.

Lent lasts 40 days to represent Jesus' time in the wilderness, when he was tempted by the devil. The six Sundays that occur between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday aren't counted as part of Lent; instead, as the traditional day of worship, they're considered "mini-Easters." *from the NewsletterNewsletter*



Christian Symbols

ECCE AGNUS DEI — Latin for "Behold, the Lamb of God," this is the phrase John the Baptist uses twice to point out Jesus to others (John 1:29, 36). It marks Jesus' Epiphany (manifestation, revelation) as the Anointed One (Christ, Messiah). *from the NewsletterNewsletter*



Lenten signals

Why should we observe Lent? This 40-day season of repentance and reflection that begins on Ash Wednesday has three important purposes. Lent helps us STOP, LOOK and LISTEN.

We observe Lent because it tells us to STOP and rest awhile — and to stop sinning. Lent tells us to LOOK inward for an honest self-examination, to look upward to see the cross of Jesus with healing and love, and to look forward to the hope of the Resurrection. And we observe Lent because it tells us to LISTEN — to the voice of God, the words of Christ and the movement of the Holy Spirit.

STOP, LOOK and LISTEN! These commands that are so crucial for travel safety are also important for our journey through Lent. *from the NewsletterNewsletter*

Daylight-Saving Time begins — March 12



Bible Quiz

Fill in the blanks for three qualities Paul, in 1 Corinthians 13, attributes to love: "Love is _____; love is _____... it keeps no record of _____."

- A. challenging, important, the past
- B. childlike, innocent, injustice
- C. self-sacrificing, generous, finances
- D. patient, kind, wrongs

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- ♦ Art E. ♦ Bob Z. ♦ Hillary B.
- ♦ Margie M. ♦ Liz B. ♦ Patrick M.
- ♦ Claude K. ♦ Kay K. ♦ Kate B.
- ♦ Tatum ♦ Bill S. ♦ Justin W.
- ♦ Rex A. ♦ Genie B. ♦ Shelby Y.
- ♦ Laura C. ♦ London ♦ Bill S.
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- ♦ Pamela J. ♦ Luci B. ♦ Stacy V.
- ♦ Eller T. ♦ Joan C. ♦ Gary B.
- ♦ Pat L. ♦ Ruby L. ♦ Willie G.
- ♦ Enid B. ♦ Norrel S. ♦ Steven S.
- ♦ Doug C. ♦ London ♦ Margaret M.
- ♦ Norma P. ♦ Sharon C. ♦ Leia M.
- ♦ Moses ♦ Harris Family
- ♦ Pine Family ♦ David & Kat

For all medical personnel, first responders and all who serve this country.

Answer to Kid's Page

Walk, light, light, fellowship, blood, purifies, truth, confess, faithful, forgive



- ★ Margaret Moore January 4
- ★ Marc Fajardo January 9
- ★ Nathaniel Pine January 20
- ★ Mary Scott January 21
- ★ Barbara McCormick January 23
- ★ Ruth Carrillo January 24
- ★ Luci Beyers January 26

- ★ Max Fajardo February 2
- ★ Marjorie Mateyer February 10
- ★ Willy Gaa February 12
- ★ Willmarie Fajardo February 19
- ★ Marilyn Gaa February 19

- ★ Nicky Beyers March 1
- ★ Suzana Pine March 4
- ★ Angelina Pine March 16
- ★ Jennifer Williams March 22
- ★ Thomas Carrillo March 28

Richard & Barbara McCormick March 16 67 yrs

The Kid's Page

Children of the LIGHT

This craft celebrates that now we are light in the Lord (see Ephesians 5:8).


What you need:

- A gallon zip-top plastic bag
- Permanent markers (dark colors)
- Black construction paper
- White cardstock
- Scissors

What you do:

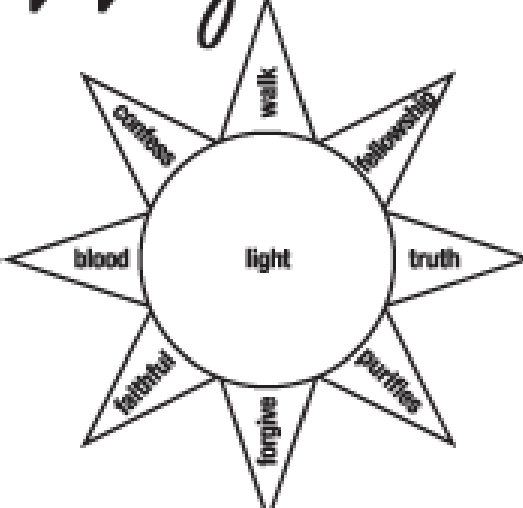
1. Draw a self-portrait on the outside of the bag. Add details.
2. Insert the black paper and set the bag flat on a table. It should be tough to see your picture now.
3. On the white cardstock, draw a picture of a flashlight with a long beam of light coming out. Color the flashlight but leave the beam white.
4. Cut out the flashlight and light beam. Place them in the bag, over the black paper. When the white beam covers the black background under your picture, you can see your self-portrait clearly.

PUZZLE



The light of forgiveness

The Lord is full of mercy and light. What happens when we confess our sins to God?



Directions:
Use the coded shapes to fill in the blanks and complete 1 John 1:7-9, NIV.

But if we _____ in the _____, as he is in the _____,
 we have _____ with one another, and the _____
 of Jesus, his Son, _____ us from all sin. If we claim to be
 without sin, we deceive ourselves and the _____ is not in us.
 If we _____ our sins, he is _____ and just and will
 _____ us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:7-9, NIV

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The Rector's Message

THE STATE OF THE PARISH: 2022

Acknowledgements: In grateful appreciation to:

- Fr. Tom for his faithful and loyal service and dedication.
- The Vestry: Jim, Gregory, Linda, Audrey, Seth, Mary, Nancy and the convention delegates, Jim and Linda for continuing to serve.
- Joan Court who rotated off Vestry for health reasons.
- Mary Scott for her service as secretary, music, church maintenance, hospitality and person of all seasons.
- The Altar Guild: Linda York, Valerie Nolan, Nancy Thomas, June Simas and Robby Beyers.
- Our faithful and true acolyte, Vincent Fajardo.
- A big thank you to everyone in our small church family.

Remembrances: A brief prayer for those who passed on to the Lord, this year: Velmer Reeh and Patricia Brazelton.

The State of our Parish is presented from the perspective of the two directions of the Mission Statement of our parish:

✠ **TO KNOW CHRIST:** inward direction: becoming disciples.

✠ **TO MAKE HIM KNOWN:** outward direction: becoming apostles, that is being sent to others.

Inward View of life and ministry of the Parish:

WORSHIP:

- 52 Sunday services with 913 people.
- 2 memorials with 182 people.
- Lenten Reflection & Stations with 36 people.
- 4 Advent Fridays Mass & Reflection with 7 people.
- Weekly Morning Prayer with Sermon bulletins are e-mailed to 10 people & mailed to 8 people. 78 people received communion and/or anointing at home.

EDUCATION:

- No Sunday School nor Bible Study nor catechism.

SERVICE:

- Thank you Ruth Gubuan, Rachel Allanigue, Audrey Foster, Jameolah Somas, Willie & Marilen Gaa, Mary Scott and all others who bring goodies for Coffee Hour.
- Thank you to Nancy Thomas & Valerie Nolan for sending out cards and the Daily Bread booklets.
- Thank you for the Food Basket Ministry, Card Ministry and 2nd Chance Computer Ministry.

Outward View of the Mission of the Parish:

From what we saw, the question that remains is: Where do we go from here?

Worship: we need to invite our families and others to worship with us. For those who cannot come for reason of health or age, we need to increase our online or telephone contacts as some are already doing.

Education: we need to resume our Bible Study in person, but continue the model started by Nancy Thomas of using the Daily Bread Booklet where 8 persons are reflecting daily individually or in pairs through the mobile phone. Let us support the one-on-one mentoring until we have a group to start Sunday School.

Service: Let us continue to support the Food Basket Ministry and the Second Chance Computer ministries. Let us support and join pastoral care by joining our clergy in visits to homes, hospitals, institutions – even if virtually by phone.

With my prayers and blessings.



The Bishop's Note

The Rt. Rev. Eric Vawter Menees

The Bishop's Note is a short weekly message from Bishop Eric Menees where he speaks about an area of Christian belief or practice in furtherance of our mission statement that "we will call and equip laity and clergy to bring people to, and disciple them in, a saving relationship with Jesus Christ."

Bishop's Note: from February 04, 2016 Spiritual Disciplines - Fasting

Perhaps it's because I'm halfway to 108, but time seems to speed up, rather than slow down, the older I get. This year Easter comes early, and so Lent comes very early - Ash Wednesday is in just one week away!

Over the next few weeks, I will be focusing on Spiritual Disciplines, both for the season of Lent, and for a lifetime with the Lord.

Spiritual Disciplines are those exercises/ actions/habits that do not necessarily come to us naturally, but are designed to intentionally develop our relationship with the Lord.

Richard Foster, in his book *Celebration of Disciplines*, says: "God has given us the Disciplines of the spiritual life as a means of receiving His grace. The Disciplines allow us to place ourselves before God so that He can transform us.... They are God's means of grace." Pg 6

As we enter into this Season of Lent - the forty days of preparation leading to Easter - won't you consider a new Spiritual Discipline? These are not simply designed for a forty day trial - simply to be abandoned on Easter - but for a transformed life with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

While there are a number of disciplines, over the next few weeks I'd like to focus on

Fasting, Prayer, Service, Simplicity, Spiritual Direction, Solitude, and Reconciliation.

In the church there are traditional days of fasting, which include Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting can be defined in many ways including forgoing all food and drink for 24 hours, forgoing food but drinking water, or forgoing food during daylight hours and only having a very small and simple meal in the evening. You should be wise and discerning regarding your own physical requirements - for example, people with diabetes or hypoglycemia should not fast. For me personally, I like to fast with no food but drinking water on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and then on Fridays I'll fast during the daylight hours and have just a very simple meal in the evening.

So why fast? Fasting has a unique way of turning our eyes on God. In his book, *The Spirit of the Disciplines*, Dallas Willard says: "Fasting confirms our utter dependence upon God by finding in him a source of sustenance beyond food." (Pg 166) This is why fasting can be very significant when combined with intense or extended periods of prayer. Jesus demonstrates this spiritual discipline with his forty days of fasting while battling Satan in the desert, immediately following his baptism (Luke chapter 4).

As you fast, be sure to spend the time you'd normally sit down to a meal to sit down with the Lord for prayer.

I pray you all a Blessed Lent!

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Annual Ministry REPORTS

Senior Warden-Jim O'Neill: For the 2022 calendar year, overall, we were in good shape as we have been in the past. The finances are not in my purview, but we are operating in the black. Fr. Woodrow and Seth Simas will give more detailed information on the finances.

Junior Warden: The landlord, Lewis Franklin pays his gardener, Leonard Terpstra to mow the lawn and we are appreciative that he continues to do that. Any other needs are approved by the Vestry.

Acolytes-Linda York: We are very happy to have Vincent Fajardo as an acolyte and he is doing so well assisting with communion.

Altar Guild-Linda York: If interested in joining, please talk to Fr. Woodrow. Nancy Thomas, June Simas and Valerie Nolan – thanks so much for helping in the Altar Guild. Rachel Allanigue also gives a monthly gift for flowers to beautify our building.

Building Fund: The Vestry voted to use money from the Building Fund (with approval from the donors) to pay for building-related expenses and utilities. There is a monthly transfer to/from the building fund to/from the checking account based on monthly income and expenses.

Hospitality: We want to thank Rachel Allanigue, Ruth Gubuan, Audrey Foster and Mary Scott and all others who bring goodies for coffee hour and fellowship. We also want to thank everyone who helps clean up. We believe that having refreshments together after the service is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with each other and also a good way to welcome newcomers.

Layreaders-Linda York: We have a chart that is not being used very often, so I encourage you to sign up for a reading or two and give the parishioners a different voice to listen to. Ruth Gubuan is the brave one. Do we have any other takers?

Stewardship-Linda York: Our church has so many stewards who give of their time, their talent and treasure and I'm so glad to be a small part of that.

Treasurer/Finances-Seth Simas: We ended 2021 with a surplus, but this year ended with a deficit. The rent remains at \$2,000 per month, but the utilities have gone up. We are able to pay our bills and support missions. With your support, we hope that 2023 ends with a surplus.

Outreach-Audrey Foster: Ministry to Orphans 2022

In our mission outreach, we sponsor a needy child in Uganda, Africa through Shared Blessings, a volunteer non-profit organization that sends 100 percent of donations to their goal. As a church family, we have sponsored Marvin Ntale for over 5 years. Now at age 17, he is learning a trade so he can get a job and become self-supporting when it is time. It only costs \$30 a month (\$360 a year) to give a child like Martin hope for the future. Marvin is appreciative and lets us know by sending notes and cards which you can find at the coffee hour food table. Of the \$360 needed to support Marvin, \$225 was given by people designating money in the offering plate or putting cash in the designated box on the food table. The remaining \$135 came out of our church budget.

Sunday School: We need young people to hold classes.

Transport Ministry-Linda York: I want to thank Fr. Tom for giving a ride to Norma; and also to Ruth and Rachel for bringing Valerie. If anyone needs a ride, please let me know.

Daughters of the King-Nancy Thomas: The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross is a lay order for women in the Anglican Church. We are a community of women who have vowed to live by a Rule of Life consisting of prayer, service, study, and evangelism. We pray for our clergy and parishes and help wherever we can. We have an active intercessory prayer chain and card ministry and try to meet monthly. Our Rose of Sharon chapter has 8 members in Jesus Our Savior and St. Francis churches. Lorraine Hitchcock in Stockton is our president. June Simas from Modesto is our newest member. We have 2 candidates now going through the 3 month discernment period before taking vows and receiving their crosses. If you are interested, please ask Nancy or Valerie about us.