



Food Basket Ministry

Bob and Sharon Neller: Please don't forget our ongoing ministry of donating food donations to The Food Initiative of Greater Stanislaus.

The demand is greater than ever and Sharon comes into the church about every 4-6 weeks to pick up the donations and makes a delivery every month.

Please help us continue this important ministry.

Answer to Bible Quiz: A (See Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34; and Psalm 22:1.)



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2nd Chance Computer Ministry



We are happy to report that for the fifth year in a row, Second Chance received a \$15,000 grant from the Antone & Marie Raymus Foundation.

To date, we have prepared and delivered over 1,200 Chromebooks so far this school year. This brings the total number of computers donated to over 20,000 since 2011.

Recent deliveries include Empire and Denair school districts; Modesto City Schools—La Loma, Davis High, Burbank Elementary, Franklin Elementary, Person Independent Study and the Youth Navigation Center of Stanislaus County through Human Services and other community organizations. There was also an employee of the Stanislaus County Office of Education who requested some Chromebooks to send to Nigeria.

We try to deliver Chromebooks every 3-4 weeks. We have submitted another grant request to the Antone Foundation, but won't hear from them until September.

We appreciate your continuing support and prayers!



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"Where [humanity] sees but withered leaves, God sees sweet flowers growing."

—Albert Lighton

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2025 LENTEN SCHEDULE

- ✦ **ASH WEDNESDAY @ noon: 3/5**
- ✦ **FRIDAYS of Lent @ noon: 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11**
Lenten Reflection & Stations of the Cross
- ✦ **SUNDAYS of Lent: @ 10:00 AM: 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6** with Lenten Reflection and Mass

Holy Week Schedule



- ✦ **Palm Sunday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m.**—Procession of the Palms and church service
- ✦ **Maundy Thursday, April 17 at noon**—Foot washing & service
- ✦ **Good Friday, April 18 at noon**—Adoration of the cross
- ✦ **Holy Saturday, April 19 at noon**—Vigil of Easter and Blessing of the Pascal Candle & Baptismal Water & renewal of Baptismal vows.
- ✦ **Easter Sunday, April 20 at 10:00 a.m.**—Easter Service, Baptism & Renewal of Baptismal vows. Easter Egg Hunt after the service.

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 *lenctenid* (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."

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Easter Facts & Trivia

- ◆ The idea of the Easter Bunny originated in the 1700’s in Germany.
- ◆ The first Easter eggs were dyed red to symbolize the blood of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Lamb is the meat that is most associated with Easter.
- ◆ White lilies represent purity.
- ◆ One tradition is to make pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, as a way to use up rich foods like eggs, milk, and butter before the 40-day Lenten fast.
- ◆ According to Irish folklore, sharing a hot cross bun brings good luck.
- ◆ In 1885, Peter Carl Faberge made the first jeweled egg in Russia for the Russian imperial family
- ◆ The country that eats the most chocolate eggs at Easter is Australia.
- ◆ The most popular American Easter candy are the Reese’s peanut butter egg.
- ◆ The tradition of wearing new clothes on Easter is rooted in the belief that it signifies a fresh start and good fortune for the coming year.
- ◆ In a medieval Easter tradition, a priest would toss a hard-boiled egg to a choirboy without dropping it.

“My Easter Dove”

There came a dove, an Easter dove,
when morning stars grew dim;
It fluttered round my lattice bars,
to chant a matin hymn.



It brought a lily in its beak,
aglow with dewy sheen;
I caught the strain, the incense breathed,
and uttered praise between.

It brought a shrine of holy thoughts
to calm my soul that day;
I caught the meaning of the note,
why did it fly away?

Come peaceful dove, sweet Easter dove!
Above earth’s storm and strife,
sing of the joy of Easter-tide,
of light and hope and life.

—Henrietta Cordelia Ray (1849-1916)
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✦ Christian Symbols ✦

PALM BRANCH — When Jesus entered Jerusalem days before his death, crowds welcomed him by waving palm branches, common symbols of victory and rejoicing.

Churches still use them to remember that occasion, knowing that Jesus’ crucifixion was the ultimate triumph over sin and death. As early as Leviticus 23:40, God commanded Israel to use palms in a festival of rejoicing. In Revelation 7:9-10, Christian martyrs carry palm branches as they praise the Lamb before God’s throne.

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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.

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Bible Quiz

From the cross, Jesus prayed words from the book of Psalms. What were they?

- A. “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
- B. “I thirst!”
- C. “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”
- D. “It is finished!”

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- ◆ Art E.
- ◆ Margie M.
- ◆ Claude K.
- ◆ Tatum
- ◆ Rex A.
- ◆ Laura C.
- ◆ Carol C.
- ◆ Pamela J.
- ◆ Eller T.
- ◆ Pat L.
- ◆ Enid B.
- ◆ Margaret M.
- ◆ Harris Family
- ◆ Bob Z.
- ◆ Liz B.
- ◆ Kay K.
- ◆ Bill S.
- ◆ Sharon C.
- ◆ Sharon S.
- ◆ Ruth G.
- ◆ Luci B.
- ◆ Norma P.
- ◆ Ruby L.
- ◆ Shelby
- ◆ Pine Family
- ◆ David & Kat
- ◆ Genie B.
- ◆ Patrick M.
- ◆ Kate B.
- ◆ Doug C.
- ◆ Moses
- ◆ Bill S.
- ◆ Steven S.
- ◆ Stacy V.
- ◆ Gary B.
- ◆ Willie G.
- ◆ Justin
- ◆ Mary H.
- ◆ Mike T.

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

Answer to the Kid’s Quiz: 1. Ten; 2. True; 3. Two; 4. Adam & Eve; 5. Nazareth; 6. Moses; 7. Hebrew; 8. Rib; 9. True; 10. 6 days; 11. 40 days; 12. Mary; 13. Joseph; 14. Carpenter; 15. Twelve

BIRTHDAYS



- ★ Carmella Pardilla January 2
- ★ Margaret Moore January 4
- ★ Marcus Luna January 9
- ★ Nathaniel Pine January 20
- ★ Mary Scott January 21
- ★ Barbara McCormick January 23
- ★ Luci Beyers January 26

- ★ Max Luna February 2
- ★ Marjorie Mateyer February 10
- ★ Willy Gaa February 12
- ★ Fidel Fajardo February 19
- ★ Marilyn Gaa February 19
- ★ Isaac Anikweze February 25

- ★ Nicky Beyers March 1
- ★ Suzana Pine March 4
- ★ Valentino Foster March 6
- ★ Audrey Tan March 9
- ★ Angelina Pine March 16
- ★ Jennifer Williams March 22

Anniversaries

- ✦ Richard & Barbara McCormick March 16 69 years

Bible Verses for Kids...



Springing to LIFE

New life defines the season of spring. Make this Easter craft that symbolizes rebirth.

What you need:

- Brown paper lunch bag
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Jellybeans

What you do:

1. From the bag's bottom, cut two 2-inch circles. Set aside.
2. From the sides, cut two 10-inch circles.
3. Draw a thin spiral on each large circle and cut along the lines. Crinkle spirals gently.
4. Starting at the center, wrap one spiral into a nest. Glue every few inches to hold it.
5. Glue one small circle to the bottom of the nest.
6. Repeat with the other spiral. Fill nests with jellybeans and give to a friend!



"Jesus wept" (John 11:35): This is considered the shortest verse in the English Bible.

"God is love" (1 John 4:8): This verse emphasizes the nature of God as love.

"Rejoice always" (1 Thessalonians 5:16): This verse encourages believers to find joy in all circumstances.

"Trust in the Lord" (Psalm 37:3): This verse encourages faith and reliance on God.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8): This verse emphasizes the unchanging nature of Christ.



How many do you know?

1. How many commandments are there?
2. True or False: You shall not covet your neighbor's goods is one of the 10 commandments.
3. How many of each animal went on Noah's Ark?
4. What were the names of the first two people in the Bible?
5. What town was Jesus from?
6. Who received the 10 commandments?
7. What language was the Bible first written in?
8. What part of Adam did God use to create Eve?
9. True or False: Genesis is the first book in the Bible.
10. How long did it take for God to create life?
11. How many days of rain fell during the story of Noah's Ark?
12. Who is the earthly mother of Jesus?
13. Who is the earthly father of Jesus?
14. What job did Jesus have?
15. How many disciples were there?



The Rector's Message

THE OBSERVANCE OF A HOLY LENT

The Season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday when we were marked on the forehead with ashes, as a reminder that **we are dust and to dust we shall return**. The forty days of Lent recall Jesus' forty days of fasting and prayer in the desert. There, Jesus was tempted by the devil three times and each time He overcame the temptations.

According to the Fathers of the Church, each of the three temptations represented the classic temptations we are all faced with: the FLESH (stones to bread), the WORLD (ruling over all kingdoms), and the DEVIL (a spectacular leap from the Temple). The three ways Jesus overcame these temptations inaugurated the three classic disciplines of Lent: FASTING, ALMSGIVING and PRAYER.

For the observance of a Holy Lent, let us try our best, together with our families to practice these disciplines of Lent in these or similar ways:

Fasting [and Abstinence]: Let us have a family conversation about fasting and abstinence during Lent. Let us talk about abstinence from eating meat especially on the Fridays of Lent. Let us try to help each other understand that fasting means only a full meal on that day and no foods between meals. Additionally, let us find other ways to abstain and fast: from the use of social media like cell phone and iPads to mention just one.

Almsgiving: Let us talk about being intentional in doing acts of charity, especially by giving to the poor. Whatever we save from fasting and abstinence, let us put this amount aside and drop it in the box before the altar for our Lenten offering—the fruit of our sacrifice and self denial.

Prayer: Let us talk about gathering together as a family for prayer during Lent. If this is not yet a family practice, this is a great time to start: prayer before meals, before everyone leaves or retires. Attend Sunday service as a family, and consider attending the Stations of the Cross and Reflection (Fridays of Lent at 12 noon).

Yes, the observance of a Holy Lent is not going to be easy because it's a Way of the Cross. If we reflect on the 14 Stations, we will see, that like Jesus, the weight of "our cross" would be daunting. We would fall under this heavy load. We would be tempted to give up. But like the way to Calvary, there will be compassionate people, there will be Veronica's and Simon of Cyrene's. There will be friends and relatives and family – Mary and the other Mary's, John's and Nicodemus', and Joseph of Arimathea's who were faithful to the end.

Of course, the death on the cross did not have the last word. On the third day, he rose victorious from the grave. This is our guarantee.


Yes, the observance of Holy Lent is just a prelude to Easter – to a new life of the Risen Lord.

James H. Johnson

We would like to welcome the Anikweze family

Bosa and Marvis and their children: Charles, Isaac, Fortune and Florence!

Don't forget to bring your bell on Easter Sunday!



We ring the bell with the Alleluias and rejoice in the risen Lord!



Missionary Outreach at Jesus Our Savior

MILAGRO MENEES: Our Own Missionary

In a letter I received from Milagro Menees, she wrote: "Ever since, my dad (our own Bishop Eric Menees) took me on my first mission trip to the Andes of Peru, I have known that God was calling me to be a medical missionary. The time has finally come! I am moving to South East Asia [for five years] to share the gospel with unreached people groups."

By Fr. Woodrow Gubnan

Shared Blessings International Christian Ministries



Shared Blessings International Christian Ministries provides aid to orphans in devastated areas primarily located in Uganda, India, and Myanmar. This organization is a faith based ministry that exists to extend the love of Jesus Christ to children in poverty stricken circumstances.

If you would like to sponsor a child in Uganda, India or Myanmar, please see Audrey Foster, or go online to sharedblessingsicm.org

Palm Sunday Visit from Moses Ssebaggala

by Audrey Foster

Moses grew up in a strict Muslim family. As a young teenager, he experienced a dramatic conversion to Jesus, causing a serious rift in the family. Moses had to flee for his life and depend on Christian families for help during the remainder of his growing up years. He knew he wanted to devote his life and energies to God, so he was careful to choose a mate who would support that and work at his side. Over the years, he and Naomi have worked together on projects that have improved the lives of hundreds of impoverished families. Their home is always open to needy people and there is a constant stream of people for whom they give personal care—aged and infirm, homeless widows with children, teens looking for stability.

Moses' dream has been to lift the impoverished villagers around him out of their desperate situation by means of education and self-help programs. Shared Blessings has come alongside him to provide funds for the projects to accomplish this, starting with a sponsorship program for children (\$30 a month provides education, 2 meals a day and medical help). Other life-changing projects are a school that now reaches 400 plus children, a trade school, a medical center, wells for clean water, business start ups and much more. Moses has a devoted and excellent staff that keeps things running well as his vision grows to encompass more people.

Central to all of Moses' work is a dependence on God for His direction and blessing. Shared Blessings agrees with this as the way to operate. As an all volunteer organization, it ensures that all money given for the work goes to the work. Moses, while ministering to people of all faiths, makes it clear that the work is Christ centered. He gives an open invitation to join him in this work, with hands-on participation and/or with financial support.

Ongoing Ministries

Jesus Our Savior continues to support Marvin Ntale through Shared Blessings. We get updates on his progress and growth. The information is by the wooden donation box on the Coffee Hour table.

Fr. Tom & Audrey Foster also support the Kigezy Diocese in Uganda with a monthly donation. This is a companion diocese of the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin.



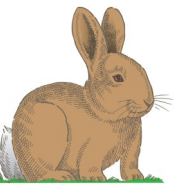
Sharing our Easter Inheritance

After David Clarke's mother died in a cycling accident, she left him \$125,000. Inspired by how his mom had lived, he decided to share that inheritance with his community. Clarke chose four organizations that assist people in poverty, those with special needs and others. Liverpool (U.K.) Kids Plant to Plate received one-fourth of the money to teach urban kids about food growth and preparation. Team Oasis, which provides free meals and positive opportunities to disadvantaged families, also received 25% of the funds, as did two other nonprofits.

Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we too have an inheritance (see Colossians 1:12). Because we did nothing to earn this abundant love and life — and because God teaches us to serve and care for others — we look for ways to share it.

Unlike Clarke's monetary windfall, however, our gifts of salvation, grace, joy, love and blessing never run out. In fact, the more we share Jesus' love through word and deed, the more we experience it ourselves. As Clarke keeps his mom's spirit alive by following her example, so we, as Easter people, make the Spirit of God known far and wide.

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Easter Insights

Did you know the word Easter never appears in the Bible? It may be a variant of the name Eostre, a pagan fertility goddess who symbolized rebirth and spring. Eostre stems from the Proto-Germanic word for dawn, which Christians connect to Jesus' victory over darkness.

The ancient tradition of Easter baskets also has ties to Eostre, whose symbol was a rabbit. Christians likely adapted the practice of bringing eggs and seeds as an offering to Eostre. Some Orthodox Christians continue a tradition of having a priest bless baskets of Easter food on Holy Saturday. Items usually hold special symbolism, such as Paska bread, cured meats, colored eggs, salt, horseradish and lamb-shaped butter.

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Clothed in compassion

In Colossians 3:12, Paul tells us to clothe ourselves in compassion. What does that look like? Consider these parallels to actual clothes:

Each morning, we select outfits depending on our activities and who we'll see. For example, clothing looks different for a day of chores than for worship on Easter Sunday. To maintain our wardrobe, we regularly clean, fold and repair items. Likewise, each day we choose how we'll treat others. Our approach to each activity or interaction might differ, as we seek to represent Christ well. And to maintain an effective witness, we often must renew and "mend" our attitude.

One more comparison: Look in your closet. Have you updated your clothes lately? Compassion looks different than it did decades ago. While staying grounded in biblical truth, let's adapt the care we wear — making it "fit" better for today's generations.

—Janna Firestone

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Accepting Donations

We are accepting donations for Lilies for Easter Sunday.



Once again, we plan on having an Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday and would like to ask for candy or donations for the eggs.