



## 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:** C (See Luke 16:19-31.)



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## 2nd Chance Computer Ministry



We have given out virtually most of our computer stock, but we are anticipating receiving more in the future as Windows 10 support expires in October 2025. As you know, all 2nd Chance refurbished computers have free software installed, which have no licensing issues.

We believe that we will probably receive another grant from the Marie & Antone Raymus Foundation, but won't hear about it until August at the earliest.

If you know of a company that will be updating their computers and want to donate their old systems, please let us know. We are always looking for donations, even if a lot of the donated items go straight to e-waste. We have a good relationship with a local company, who saves laptops for us.

We appreciate your continuing support and prayers!



# The Savior's Voice

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*"Life is not measured  
by how  
much one owns."*

—Jesus  
(Luke 12:15, NCV)

*from the Newsletter*

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## Bible Timeline Bible Study



Our new Bible study began on Sunday, June 1 at 9:30 a.m. before the 10:00 church service.

Each section is emailed to our parishioner list before each Sunday so the participants will have time to do their "homework" before the bible study.

A binder has been provided for the paper copy that is distributed each Sunday.

Don't miss the fun & informative sessions!  
See Fr. Woodrow's article for more information.

## Easter Day Celebration

We had a wonderful Easter Sunday service followed by a delicious potluck and fellowship.

The kids had a blast hunting for eggs. They also received goodie bags filled with donated items of bubble wands, pencils, erasers, rulers and candy in a traveling cup.

There was a lot of fun and fellowship and this Easter celebration was truly a wonderful way to show Jesus' love and sacrifice!





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



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## Memorial Day Origins

by Linda York



Memorial Day was originally known as “Decoration Day” starting with the Civil War. It’s believed that honoring the dead was inspired by the way Southern States decorated the graves of both Confederate and Union soldiers with flowers, wreaths and flags.

On May 5, 1868, Major General John A. Logan issued General Order No. 11, designating the 30<sup>th</sup> of May as an annual day of remembrance. The idea caught on.

One of the first cities to lay claim to “being the first to observe Decoration Day on May 5, 1866 was Waterloo, New York. So, 100 years later, President Lyndon Johnson, with the support of Congress, declared Waterloo, New York as the birthplace of Decoration Day, later to be known as Memorial Day, honoring all soldiers who died. The keyword was died during a war.

After World War I, Decoration Day included all fallen soldiers, not just those from the Civil War. The term “Memorial Day” began to be used. By World War II, Memorial Day became the more common term across the different states.

Finally in 1971, Memorial Day became a national holiday by an act of Congress.

The day was celebrated on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May until 1968, when the “Uniform Monday Holiday Act” took effect. Some federal holidays were moved to Monday to create 3 day weekends. So Memorial Day was set to occur on the last Monday in May.

Veteran’s Day is celebrated in November to honor military personnel who did not make the “ultimate sacrifice”. They are just as important as the ones who were killed in war and conflicts around the globe. They fought for our freedom, which we enjoy to this day.

*To all veterans – thank you for your service!*



## Christian Symbols

**ALPHA MU OMEGA** — The Greek letters that begin the words *yesterday, today and forever* remind us of Jesus’ constant presence with us personally and his eternal nature that transcends time as we know it. “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8, NIV). Dozens of psalms and other Bible passages also proclaim that the Lord’s “steadfast love endures forever” (for example, Psalm 100:5, NRSV). What reassurance when life seems tough and fleeting!

*from Church ArtOnline*

### Preventing Blind Spots

About 40% of any vehicle consists of blind spots, which are responsible for an estimated 800,000 accidents each year in the United States. People also have blind spots, and when they’re spiritual, they can have tragic consequences.

Pastor Rick Warren suggests these steps for discovering and overcoming blind spots:

- ♦ Pray, asking God to remind you what is true about him — and about you. “Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life” (Psalm 139:24, NLT).
- ♦ Ask some trusted Christian friends or family to point out things in you that you can’t see. “Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others” (Proverbs 12:15, NLT).
- ♦ Finally, ask Jesus to change you. The Bible says the truth will set you free (John 8:32), and Jesus calls himself the truth (John 14:6). So the closer you are to Jesus, the more he will fill you with the truth. As God’s truth helps you see clearly, you’ll be less vulnerable to self-deception.

*from Church ArtOnline*

### Answer to the Kid’s Quiz:

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| 1. Sunday            | 9. Egypt      | 17. Six               |
| 2. Easter            | 10. 40        | 18. the Sixth day     |
| 3. Garden of Eden    | 11. Apple     | 19. Seth, Cain & Abel |
| 4. Snake             | 12. Donkey    | 20. He sent a rainbow |
| 5. Judas Iscariot    | 13. Four      | 21. A burning bush    |
| 6. Goliath           | 14. Good News | 22. Mt. Sinai         |
| 7. Stone & Slingshot | 15. Crucified | 23. Abram             |
| 8. Second day        | 16. True      | 24. a baby            |



### Bible Quiz

In a parable of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, someone named Lazarus features prominently while other characters go unnamed. Who is Lazarus in this story?

- A. a friend Jesus raised from the dead
- B. a rich man dressed in fine linen
- C. a poor beggar at the rich man’s gate
- D. the brother of the poor man
- E. an angel who carried the poor man to heaven

*Answer on page 8*

*from Church ArtOnline*



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| ♦ Pat L.         | ♦ Ruby L.     | ♦ Willie G.  |
| ♦ Enid B.        | ♦ Shelby      | ♦ Justin     |
| ♦ Margaret M.    | ♦ Pine Family | ♦ Mary H.    |
| ♦ Harris Family  | ♦ David & Kat | ♦ Mike T.    |
| ♦ Hoskins Family |               |              |

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



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| ★ Nancy Thomas  | April 17 |
| ★ Seth Simas    | April 23 |
| ★ Jameolah Soma | April 25 |
| ★ Isaiah Pine   | April 28 |

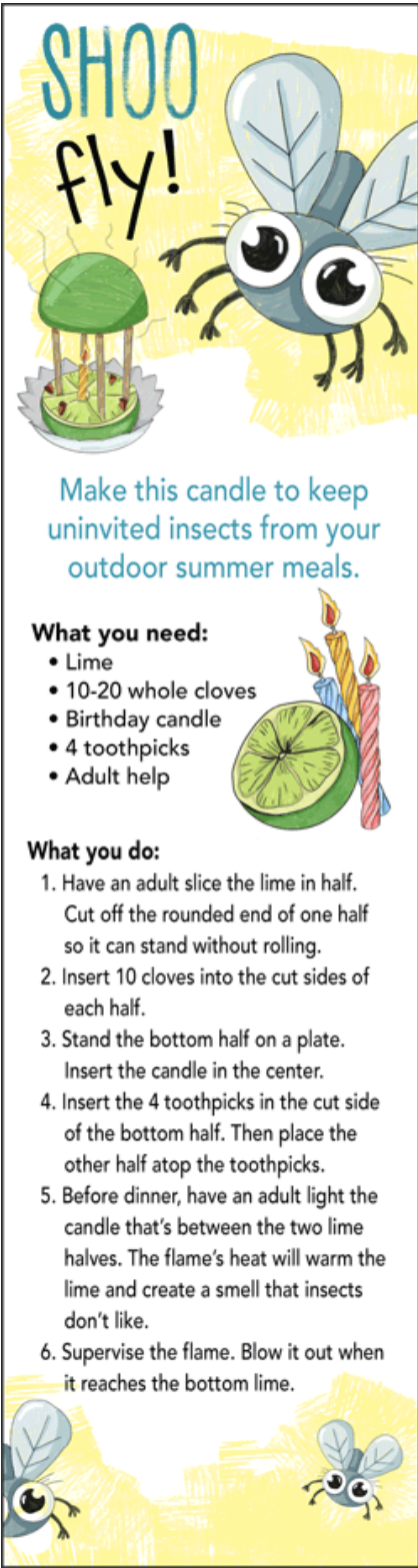
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| ★ Ruby Louis        | May 9  |
| ★ Rick Hudson       | May 12 |
| ★ Gina Neller       | May 13 |
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| ★ Julie Neller     | June 4  |
| ★ Bosa Anikweze    | June 10 |
| ★ Elizabeth Basham | June 16 |
| ★ Ezra Gubuan      | June 17 |
| ★ Bill Thomas      | June 22 |
| ★ Terry Scott      | June 27 |
| ★ Charles Anikweze | June 28 |
| ★ Adam Simas       | June 30 |

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| ✠ JR & Honey Rosal          | April 17 | 21 years |
| ✠ Tom & Ruth Carrillo       | May 7    | 20 years |
| ✠ Fr. Woodrow & Ruth Gubuan | May 21   | 45 years |
| ✠ Terry & Mary Scott        | June 26  | 26 years |
| ✠ Bill & Nancy Thomas       | June 27  | 61 years |



The Kid's Page



from Church ArtOnline



How many do you know?

1. What day of the week did Jesus come back to Life.?
2. What holiday is celebrated alongside the day Jesus came back to life?
3. Where did Adam and Eve live?
4. What creature came to the Garden of Eden to speak to Adam and Eve?
5. Who was the man who betrayed Jesus?
6. What was the name of the giant killed by David?
7. How was Goliath killed?
8. Which day did God create the sky?
9. Where was Moses born?
10. How many days did Jesus fast?
11. What was the fruit that got Adam and Eve kicked out of the Garden of Eden?
12. Which animal did Jesus ride into Jerusalem?
13. How many books are in the Gospels?
14. What does the word Gospel mean?
15. How did Jesus die?
16. True or False: Jesus was arrested.
17. How many days did it take for God to create the world?
18. Which day did God create man?
19. Who were Adam and Eve's three sons?
20. How did God let Noah know he would never flood the world again?
21. What did God use to speak to Moses when he was in the desert?
22. Where was Moses when he received the 10 commandments?
23. Who was Sarai married to?
24. What did God promise Abram and Sarai?

Answers on page 7  
from the Woman's Day



BIBLICAL EDUCATION:  
By Father Woodrow C. Gubuan

WHY Bible Education?

The reasons behind Bible Education are these three inter-connected needs:

**INFORMATION:** Bible education focuses on acquiring historical knowledge, literary appreciation, or religious instruction.

**FORMATION:** Information should be in the service of FORMATION. Bible education here is intended to serve as a guide for Christian spiritual formation. "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2Tim 3:16-17)

**TRANSFORMATION:** Information and formation should both be in the service of transformation. In this sense, Bible education leads to spiritual transformation.

APPROACHES to the Bible

The felt needs for Bible education may be translated in terms of the approaches to the Bible itself. What the Bible is, already contains these basic approaches. A descriptive definition of the Bible is the following: **The Bible is a BOOK which contains the WORD OF GOD in the WORDS OF MEN, given FOR US AND FOR OUR SALVATION.**

In schematic form: The Bible is:

book → → → → → → → → → Read

Word of God → → → → → → → → Pray

words of men → → → → → → → → Study

for us & for our salvation → → → → → Live

**READ THE BIBLE.** Since the Bible is a **book**, it is meant for reading. We know that this book is Sacred Scriptures given for us individually and for the community. Therefore, the Bible can be read individually or as a community for devotional, liturgical, instructional, moral and other purposes.

**PRAY THE BIBLE.** Since the Bible is the **Word of God**, then it is God himself who speaks to us. So, when we read the bible, we have to open ourselves to Him, listen to Him with respect, and be ready to receive and obey His message. This attitude of openness, listening and readiness is called prayer. Praying the Bible can be done in the form of private devotion, in the liturgy or in group sharing.

**STUDY THE BIBLE.** Since the Bible is God's Word in **the words of men**, it is written in the language of the people of another time and culture, with different patterns of thinking and communicating. Thus, there is the need to study the Bible: its historical contexts and literary forms. This can be done individually or in groups.

**LIVE THE BIBLE:** The Bible was written **for us and for our salvation**. Thus, it is said in *Romans 15:4: Everything written in the Scriptures was written to teach us, in order that we might have hope through the patience and encouragement which the Scriptures give us;* and in *John 5:39:*

*You study the Scriptures, because you think in them you will find eternal life. The reading, praying and studying the Bible may lead us to salvation but only if we **live** the message that God helped us to discover in his words. We live the Bible when:*

*we read it not so much to interpret a book as to interpret life;*

*we relate its stories, especially the Jesus' story, to our human stories;*

*we relate the redemption of humanity on the Christ's cross with our life situations;*

*we endeavor to discover in it God's love and fidelity in the events and situations in our lives, to find in the challenges of our lives the opportunity to respond to God's love.*

*Reading and studying the Bible are only means to an end. Praying and living the Bible are ends in themselves. Ideally, Bible education focuses on all these elements.*

Bible TIMELINE

From Pentecost Sunday, 8 June 2025, we will start our Bible Education using the BIBLE TIMELINE: The Story of Salvation.

The Session starts at 9:30 AM on Sundays. It is open to the candidates for confirmation, baptism and reception, and all other interested inquirers and church members.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THESE SESSIONS!

*James Gubuan*



– Independence Day

As we celebrate Independence Day, we thank God for the blessings of freedom—and the hope we have in Christ, who sets us truly free. "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." —John 8:36

From Church ArtOnline





## Financial Update

by Seth Simas

We are about halfway through the 2025 calendar year. As expected, Jesus Our Savior spends more than it receives in contributions each month. With rising costs, specifically on utilities (water, heat, AC and electricity), the Church gets by. Our top expenses are rent, salary and utilities.

At my recommendation, the Vestry Committee decided to temporarily pause payment of the diocesan assessment each month as that is roughly \$400-\$600 a month. This will help cover our utilities especially with the summer heat around the corner and any unexpected repairs.

You may recall that Jim O'Neill left a vast sum to his Church family. His estate is still in probate, but once it is settled, the Church will pay the balance of the diocesan assessment owed to the Diocese in a timely manner.

The Church appreciates everyone who contributes to our fellowship every Sunday through food, monetary contributions, the time and energy to prepare for the service, and other donated items that the Church uses.

### “He ascended into heaven...”



During his earthly ministry, Jesus could be physically present in only one place at any given time. “Only those could speak to him who came to where he was,” explained Archbishop William Temple. “If he was in Galilee, people could not find him in Jerusalem; if he was in Jerusalem, they could not find him in Galilee” (from *Readings in St. John's Gospel*).

Spiritually speaking, Christ's Ascension means he is with us wherever we find ourselves. Christ desires to be present with us everywhere we go. His presence is universal. He is here now. “Believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory” (1 Timothy 3:16, NRSV) — that is what the Ascension affirms.

from Church ArtOnline

## Missionary Outreach at Jesus Our Savior

On June 8th, we heard a presentation by Milagro (Milly) Menees who will be serving a 5 year medical mission in the Philippines through Send International. If you wish to help support Milly and her mission, we have a donation box by the altar, or you can put it in the offering plate with a notation. For those who would like to receive updates while Milly is in SE Asia, please subscribe to the link! <https://millyinseasia.epistle.org/subscribe>



## 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](http://sharedblessingsicm.org)

Your \$30 monthly donation will go a long way to help a needy child.

### Ongoing Ministries



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

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



## A Prayer for Mother's Day

Dear Lord, thank you for the blessings of children and families. Help us rely on you for guidance, patience and even-temperedness throughout our days.

We pray that our children will love you, worship you and serve you with their God-given gifts. Grant us the wisdom to know how to influence them to live godly lives. Prevent us from provoking our children to anger and from manipulating or nagging them.

Fill our households with abiding love and respect. And help us all be united in purpose to do your will. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

from Church ArtOnline

## What is the story behind Father's Day?



Father's Day was founded in Spokane, Washington, at the YMCA in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd, who was born in Arkansas. Its first celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910. Her father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six children there.

It took many decades for Father's Day to be officially recognized as a national holiday. The breakthrough came when President Lyndon B. Johnson, through a presidential proclamation in 1966, designated the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

*My father always taught me that when you help other people, then God will give you double. And that's what has really happened to me. When I have helped other people who are in need, God has helped me more.” - Cristiano Ronaldo*

## Loving my “enemies”

In polarized times, when people view huge concepts such as justice, government policy and care for neighbors differently, how do we follow Jesus' command to love our enemies? I prefer the word *opponents*, but our Lord's instructions still stand.

In the Bible, “love” doesn't mean liking someone; it means caring for them, treating them kindly. I find *The Message* paraphrase of Luke 6:27-36 helpful: “Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst,” Jesus says about one's enemies. So, when I contact government leaders to express my opinions, I address them with respect, whether I agree with them or not. When I encounter a neighbor whose views oppose mine, I ask myself what I would want them to do for me, whether help with an errand or be friendly. Then, as *The Message* puts it, I “grab the initiative and do it for *them*.”

And this, which might be the hardest: Amid tough times, Jesus says, “Respond with the supple moves of prayer.” It's human nature to pray that God change our enemies' or opponents' minds. But it's more Christlike to pray for their health, their families and whatever *God* desires for them, not what *I* want. Can I do this? With God's help, yes.

—Heidi Hyland Mann-  
from Church ArtOnline

### Are you listening?



A father asked his 7-year-old son to say the mealtime prayer. “All right,” the boy said. “Let's pray.” When every head was bowed, the boy prayed, “Lord, we thank you for the pancakes we're going to eat tonight. Amen.” “Jimmy,” his mother said. “I think you should know we're having chicken, not pancakes, tonight.” “I know,” Jimmy answered. “I just wanted to see if God was paying attention.”

from Church ArtOnline