



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 continue to contribute the food donations for our ministry.

2nd Chance Computer Computer Ministry



The computer ministry used the remainder of the Raymus grant to purchase 1,000 computers from Computers for Classrooms and Terry has been very busy scrubbing and installing Linux software on the laptops. Once completed, the laptops work as a Chromebook and are very efficient and easy to use. As always, after 100 computers are refurbished, an email is sent out to the Second Chance Distribution list and the laptops are delivered on a first-come first-serve basis. They are usually limited to 10 per school site or organization. Our name and area of service seems to be increasing every year. Some of the new organizations who have received laptops are the Center for Human Services, the Foster Kids program through Modesto City Schools, Hutton House, Comeback Kids from Stanislaus County, International Rescue, Special Olympics and Stanislaus Military Academy.

If you know of anyone who needs a laptop, please let us know.

We appreciate your continuing support and prayers!

Answer to Bible Quiz: A
(See Acts 2:15.)



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The Savior's Voice

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*"Happiness is like jam.
You can't spread even a
little without getting some
on yourself."*

—Unknown

from the Newsletter



A Baptism at Easter



Our church family celebrated a baptism on Easter Sunday when our acolyte, Vincent Fajardo was baptized by Fr. Woodrow Gubuan.



Pictured above is one of his sponsors, Rachel Allanigue and to the right is Vincent's other sponsor, Honey Gubuan-Rosal.

The parish family enjoyed a wonderful Easter brunch while the children had fun with the Easter egg hunt.

Valentino Foster assisted by Joseph Rosal.



From left: Xia, Vincent and Alyana Fajardo.

From left: Alyana, Vincent, Xia Fajardo, Valentino and Abraham Foster.



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INTERESTING Facts & Trivia

contributed by Linda York

April from the Latin word “aperio, which is to open” (bud) because plants begin to grow during this month.

May named for the Roman Goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. Also from the Latin word, “maiores or elder” who were celebrated during this month.

June for Juno, Roman goddess, patroness of marriage and well-being of women.

Dates to remember.....

- April 22 – Earth Day
- May 14 – Mother’s Day
- May 29 – Memorial Day
- June 18 – Father’s Day
- June 21 – First day of summer

Why is the poppy a symbol of Memorial Day?

In the “war-torn” battlefields of Europe the common red field poppy was one of the first plants to appear. The seeds scattered in the wind and lay dormant until the ground was disturbed during the battles. The red poppy symbolizes the blood that was shed in battle.

The difference between Memorial Day and Veteran’s Day.

Memorial Day is a day for remembrance of those who have died in service to our country and is always on the last Monday of May. The holiday has roots dating back to the post-Civil War era, when citizens would informally place spring flower memorials on the graves of fallen soldiers.

Veteran’s Day (November 11) honors veterans of the armed forces and those killed in the country's wars. The observance originated in 1919 on the first anniversary of the 1918 armistice that ended World War I and was known as Armistice Day.



Christian Symbols

TONGUES OF FIRE — Reminiscent of the Pentecost account in Acts 2 when “tongues of fire” rested on the disciples’ heads as the Holy Spirit birthed the church, images of flame symbolize the Spirit. Sometimes a tongue of fire is paired with a dove and set on a red background — other symbols of the Holy Spirit. Fire may also indicate spiritual fervor and zeal in a Christian’s life.

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Not resuscitation — resurrection!

In the early years of the U.S. space program, a small but powerful rocket was supported by a metal framework. This “escape tower” was bolted to the capsule in which astronauts awaited takeoff. If disaster occurred, the escape tower was to carry the capsule up and away from the main rocket. A parachute would then float the astronauts safely to earth.



Jesus’ resurrection is more than a great escape. If he had merely eluded death, that would be akin to resuscitation. By God’s power, Jesus didn’t merely survive death but conquered it, once and for all. On Easter, Jesus returns to life not for his own sake but for the sake of all humanity. He reassures the disciples — and us — “Peace be with you.”



Final Exams

A 96-year-old lady was a faithful attendant at my women’s Bible studies. She came with her lessons prepared and knew all the answers. One day a tactless member asked her, “Why do you work so hard on these lessons when you’re so old and it doesn’t matter?” Little Bess looked up and said confidently, “I’m cramming for my finals.”

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Bible Quiz

According to Peter, at what time of day did the Holy Spirit come upon the disciples on Pentecost?

- A. 9 a.m.
- B. Noon
- C. 3:30 p.m.
- D. 9 p.m.

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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. ♦ Leia M.
- ♦ Rex A. ♦ Genie B. ♦ Moses
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- ♦ Doug C. ♦ Norma P. ♦ Justin
- ♦ Margaret M. ♦ Steven S. ♦ Pine Family
- ♦ Harris Family ♦ David & Kat

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

Answer to Kid’s Page

- 1. heaven; 2. enabled; 3. Day of Pentecost; 4. tongues, 5. spirit; 6. together; 7. rest; 8. tongues; 9. saw; 10. wind



- ★ Robert Neller April 11
- ★ Nancy Thomas April 17
- ★ Seth Simas April 23
- ★ Jameolah Somas April 25
- ★ Isaiah Pine April 28
- ✠ J R & Honey Rosal April 17 19 years
- ★ Gabriel Pine May 1
- ★ Kyle Simas May 8
- ★ Ruby Louis May 9
- ★ Gina Neller May 13
- ★ Kay Knighten May 14
- ✠ Tom & Ruth Carrillo May 7 18 years
- ✠ Fr. Woodrow & Ruth Gubuan May 21 43 years
- ★ Sarah Pine June 3
- ★ Julie Neller June 4
- ★ Liz Basham June 16
- ★ Joan Court June 21
- ★ Bill Thomas June 22
- ★ Terry Scott June 27
- ★ Adam Simas June 30
- ✠ Terry & Mary Scott June 26 24 years
- ✠ Nancy & Bill Thomas June 27 59 years

The Kid's Page

Spirit Spinner

For Pentecost, make a thaumatrope, a spinning toy that creates an optical illusion of motion.

What you need:

- White paper
- Cup
- Scissors
- Pencil and markers
- Plastic drinking straw
- Glue



What you do:

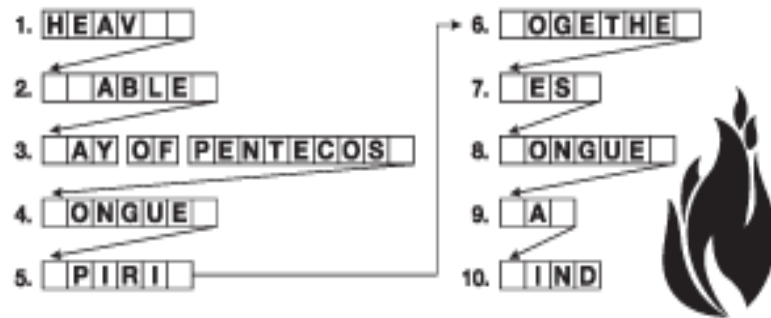
- Using the cup's circular shape, trace two identical circles on the paper. Carefully cut them out.
- In pencil, draw a person's head on one circle. Then place the blank circle on top and use the image beneath to guide you in drawing a flame above the head.
- Color the two images with markers.
- Apply glue to the backs of the circles and sandwich the top of the straw between them so it looks like a lollipop. Let dry.
- Roll the straw quickly between your hands to view a mini motion picture.



Wind, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

Directions: The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next. Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV.



"When the _____ came, they were all _____ in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent _____ came from _____ and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They _____ what seemed to be _____ of fire that separated and came to _____ on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy _____ and began to speak in other _____ as the Spirit _____ them."

ACTS 2:1-4, NIV

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The Rector's Message

OUR MISSION AS THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF JESUS OUR SAVIOR AND THE LESSON OF THE ASCENSION

The 40-day period of Lent has passed. We are now in the next 40 day period from the resurrection of our Lord to his ascension. During these 40 days, Jesus appeared 10 times to his disciples to console, to strengthen and to confirm them in their life and mission.

On the day of the Resurrection, Jesus appeared five times to his disciples:

- 1) To Mary Magdalene at the sepulcher.
- 2) To the women after their visit of the tomb.
- 3) To Cleopas and the other disciple on the road to Emmaus.
- 4) To Peter, alone.
- 5) To the eleven Apostles, except Thomas.

Jesus appeared five more times according to the gospels:

- 6) A week later, to the eleven Apostles including Thomas.
- 7) By the sea of Tiberius (i.e. the sea of Galilee), when there was the great capture of fish.
- 8) On the mountain of Galilee, when Jesus gave the great commission (Matthew 28:19).
- 9) When they were at table, according to Mark 16:17-18).
- 10) And, finally, Jesus appeared to them at Bethany before he ascended to heaven. On the mountain of the ascension, Jesus said to his disciples, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and all over Judea and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth."

Jesus commanded them to be his WITNESSES. HOW? Jesus suggested HOW as stated by this gospel text: "After saying this, as they watched, he was lifted, and a cloud removed him from their sight." Jesus is gone. His physical presence – the time when people could feel the touch of his hands, hear his voice, look at his face and capture the

expression of his eyes – is over. His seeming absence has become a new, hidden presence. His physical presence limited him to time and space. His new hidden presence enabled him to be present among us everywhere and always.

It was in this hidden presence that he commanded his disciples to be his WITNESSES. After the ascension, it is through the humanity of us Christians — through our human words and deeds, that the hidden presence of Christ is again made visible and tangible everywhere and for all times.

This is the context of the command "you will be my witnesses". This is the function of Christian witnessing: to make Jesus visible in the world through the testimony of our words and deeds, indeed of our personal, family and Church life.

We continue as JOSAC to strengthen and enliven our ongoing mission and ministries: food bank, computer, cards and visits, our sponsored child and community, our hospitality for the use of our facilities, our visits to homes and facilities, our offer of transport for church and other needs. We are earnestly looking through the efforts of our vestry, for new ways of doing mission and ministry.

We believe that all these endeavors are our simple ways of making the hidden presence of Jesus visible and tangible, in our world. Let this be our gentle and constant reminder as well as the reason for continuing prayer and hope.



The Bishop's Note

The Rt. Rev. Eric Vanter 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."

The Lord's Prayer (April 29, 2021)

Dear brothers and sisters,

I pray that this Bishop's Note finds you safe and well this fourth week of Eastertide! This week we continue our discussion of the Burial Rite in the 2019 Book of Common Prayer. As we did last week, today we will continue to look at the Committal, this time focusing on the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer is unique in that it is the one prayer in scripture that Jesus himself instructs his disciples to pray. Of course, we do get examples of prayer elsewhere in scripture, primarily in the Book of Psalms, in the writings of Paul and the other apostles, and the beautiful "high priestly prayer" of Jesus in John chapter 17. However, because Jesus directly instructed his disciples to pray the Lord's Prayer, we pray it frequently and it's seen as a sort of model or ideal for what prayer should look like.

It's fascinating because the church prays it in so many different situations and circumstances, and it's the perfect prayer in each of those circumstances because it casts them in the light of Christ. When we pray this prayer at a funeral the first thing that should strike us is that it's OUR prayer, not each of us as individuals, but ours as one church. It's us together joining our prayers to the Father with Christ as our mediator. It's a reminder that even though our loved one has died they are still part of that Church, the body of Christ.

We then transition to asking God to spread his kingdom in the world. It's a reminder for us as Christians that one day all of the dead will be raised and God will once again join heaven and earth and the righteous will dwell with him in the New Jerusalem. This should highlight the hope each of us have as Christians. Lastly, we get the section asking about our own personal needs, for sustenance, forgiveness, and guidance. This reminds us that in the struggles we may face as a result of this death we can turn to God with confidence that he will provide for us.

I pray you all have a blessed fifth Sunday of Easter!

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Some Wisdom from Mother Teresa

We all have a part to play in God's glorious plans. Even if you write a letter for a blind man, or just sit and listen to someone, or you take the mail for him, and you visit somebody or bring a flower to somebody, or wash clothes for somebody or clean the house—small things, but these things are great things in the eyes of God.

True love causes pain. Jesus, in order to give the proof of His love, died on the cross. A mother, in order to give birth to her baby, has to suffer. If you really love one another, you will not be able to avoid making sacrifices.

There are no great things, only small things with great love. But those small things done with great love become the source of great joy. I don't do great things. I do small things with great love.

From "Do Something Beautiful for God — the Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa"



On Easter Lilies

By Celia Thaxter

*Easter lilies! Can you hear
what they whisper, low and clear?
In deny fragrance, they unfold
their splendor sweet, their snow and gold.
Every beauty-breathing bell
News of Heaven has to tell.
Listen to their mystic voice,
Hear, O mortal and rejoice!
Hark, their soft and heavenly chime!
"Christ is risen for all time!"*

Contributed by Linda York

The Power of God's Light



Do most people truly feel happier in spring? Is the light brighter, the sky bluer? Meteorologists say yes. The shorter, blue wavelengths of sunlight scatter more efficiently than long, red ones; as the sun rises higher in spring, the light passes through less atmosphere, making the sky appear bluer. Outdoor levels of light have proven as effective as Prozac to combat depression — and May is the sunniest month!

The Bible frequently uses light as a metaphor for God: "The Lord is my light and my salvation" (Psalm 27:1); "Let us walk in the light of the Lord" (Isaiah 2:5); "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world" (John 1:9). Darkness isn't bad; seeds sprout in dark soil, life begins in the dark womb, and darkness protected the Hebrews fleeing Pharaoh and the holy family fleeing Herod.

But light is one apt image for God because most of us know the joy, health and energy light brings. Both in spring and through faith in the God who enlightens all, may we "live as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8).

*—Heidi Hyland Mann
from the Newsletter/Newsletter*

