



Food Basket Ministry

Bob and Sharon Neller: Our ongoing ministry of transporting the blessed food donations to Inter-Faith Ministries continues. In 2021, we brought 45 bags of food for donation. We usually make a delivery every two to three weeks. We hope that all members will contribute the food donations for our ministry.

Answer to Bible Quiz: B
(See Genesis 25:1)



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2nd Chance Computer Computer Ministry



The computer ministry is going very well. 2nd Chance Computer Refurbishing received a grant of \$19,500 for 2021 from the Antone & Marie Raymus Foundation. This grant was received in October with the stipulation that it should only be used on computers and parts and the funds must also be used by March 1, 2022. For the 4th year in a row, we will be applying for another grant. To date, we have given out over 13,500 computers to needy students, families and organizations. If you know of anyone who needs one, please let us know.

Help us keep this wonderful ministry going. We appreciate your prayers!



The Savior's Voice

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Lenten Schedule

- ◆ **Ash Wednesday Service** – March 2 at noon
- ◆ **Fridays of Lent Stations of the Cross @ Noon** (March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1, 8)
- ◆ **Sundays of Lent Service @ 10 a.m.** (March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- ◆ **Palm Sunday Service** – April 10 at 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Maundy Thursday Service** - April 14 at noon.
- ◆ **Good Friday Service**- April 15 at noon.
- ◆ **Holy Saturday Service**- April 16 at noon
- ◆ **Easter Sunday Service** – April 17 at 10:00 a.m.
Bring your bell!



A Prayer for Lent



This year, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on March 2. During worship services that day, pastors in many Christian churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning branches from the previous Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.

Why ashes? Traditionally, they're a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. Ashes also represent the frailty and temporary nature of human life ("You are dust, and to dust you shall return," Genesis 3:19). Christians are pained because our sins led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing that it leads to Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

For Ash Wednesday — and throughout the 40 days of Lent — ponder this prayer from an Italian sacramentary, or liturgical book: "O God, you know how fragile is our human nature, wounded as it is by sin. Help your people to enter upon the Lenten journey strengthened by the power of your word, so that we may be victorious over the seduction of the Evil One and reach the paschal feast in the joy of the Holy Spirit."

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The goal of authentic Christianity is a love [that] escapes from a closed circle of spiritual self-indulgence, or even self-improvement, to become absorbed in the love of God and other [people].

—Richard Lovelace

from the NewsletterNewsletter



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



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Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing



This hymn is a petition for God's mercy. It was written by English Methodist, then Independent then Baptist minister, Robert Robinson (1735 - 1790), and altered by English barrister, clergyman and music editor, Martin Madan (1726 – 2 May 1790).

Traditional Lyrics

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
mount of God's redeeming love.*

Here I find my greatest treasure ()
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.*

*Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.*



The church continues to pay rent, utility bills, office and salaries. With your financial support, the church will continue to thrive. If you are unable to come to services, please mail your offering to the church or to Mary Scott. Thank you for your support!



Christian Symbols

HAND OF GOD—This symbolizes God the Father, as well as his ownership and care of all creation. During the Christian church's first 800 years, the hand was about the only symbol used for God. Many Bible verses speak of God's loving, protective hand (Psalm 138:7; Ecclesiastes 2:24; 1 Peter 5:6). In heaven, Jesus sits at God's right hand (Mark 16:19).

from the Newsletter

Did you know.....



George Washington's birthday was changed 11 days and 1 year was added when the Julian Calendar was changed to the Gregorian Calendar in 1731. The official date according to the Gregorian calendar is now February 22, 1732.

Submitted by Linda York

Special Dates

- African American History Month
- Valentine's Day.....February 14
- Presidents Day.....February 21
- Transfiguration of Our Lord.....February 27



Bible Quiz

After Sarah died, Abraham remarried. What was his second wife's name?

- A. Miriam
- B. Keturah
- C. Bathsheba
- D. Tamar

*Answer on page 8
from the Newsletter*



- ♦ Art E.
- ♦ Velmer R.
- ♦ Margie M.
- ♦ Claude K.
- ♦ Tatum
- ♦ Margie M
- ♦ Laura C.
- ♦ Carol C.
- ♦ Pamela J.
- ♦ Eller T.
- ♦ Pat L.
- ♦ Enid B.
- ♦ Doug C.
- ♦ Mary H.
- ♦ Steven S.
- ♦ Haley B. & husband
- ♦ Bob Z.
- ♦ Richard T.
- ♦ Liz B.
- ♦ Kay K.
- ♦ Margaret M.
- ♦ Rex A.
- ♦ Jenny A.
- ♦ Mary Lee
- ♦ Luci B.
- ♦ Joan C.
- ♦ Ruby L.
- ♦ Gail C.
- ♦ London
- ♦ Ruby L.
- ♦ Pine Family

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

Answer to Kid's Page

Deeply, covers, sins, hospitality, grumbling, gift, serve, grace

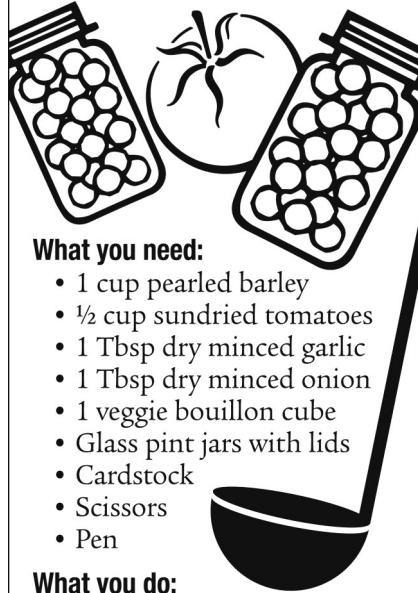
BIRTHDAYS



- ★ Margaret Moore January 4
- ★ Marcus Fajardo January 9
- ★ Pamela Jordan January 18
- ★ Nathaniel Pine January 20
- ★ Mary Scott January 21
- ★ Ruth Carrillo January 24
- ★ Luci Beyers January 26
- ★ Max Fajardo February 2
- ★ Glory Hernandez February 7
- ★ Marjorie Mateyer February 10
- ★ Willy Gaa February 12
- ★ Velmer Reeh February 12
- ★ Willmarie Fajardo February 19
- ★ Marilyn Gaa February 19

Friendship SOUP

Make jars of Italian barley soup to share love and warmth with friends.



What you need:

- 1 cup pearled barley
- ½ cup sundried tomatoes
- 1 Tbsp dry minced garlic
- 1 Tbsp dry minced onion
- 1 veggie bouillon cube
- Glass pint jars with lids
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Pen

What you do:

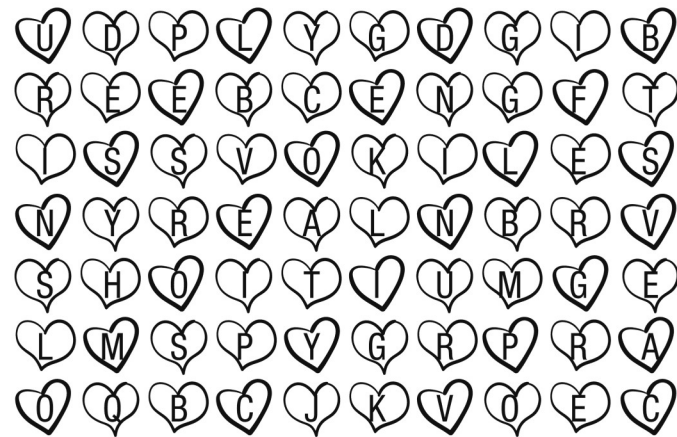
1. In order, layer the first five ingredients into the jar.
2. Trace the outline of the lid onto cardstock. Cut out.
3. On the card, write these directions: Remove wrapper from bouillon cube. Add contents of jar to saucepan. Add 4 cups water and a can of diced tomatoes. Bring to a boil over high heat, reduce to low. Simmer about 20 minutes, until barley is tender. Serve with parmesan cheese.
4. Place the card atop the lid. Screw on the canning ring to keep it in place.



The heart of a friend

Big-hearted friendliness comes from generously serving others.

Directions: Start with the first D and move according to the arrows beneath the blanks. Then fill in the letters to complete 1 Peter 4:8-10.



Above all, love each other , because love
 over a multitude of . Offer
 to one another without
 . Each of you should use whatever
 you have received to others, as faithful
 stewards of God's in its various forms.

1 PETER 4:8-10, NIV

*From the Newsletter Newsletter
 Answer on page 7*



The Rector's Message

The Season of Lent 2022

The Season of Lent is the period of forty days beginning on Ash Wednesday. The Church devotes this period of time to prayer, fasting and almsgiving as a preparation for the celebration of the feast of the Resurrection, on Easter Day.

For the third year in a row, we are doing our Lenten preparations in the midst of the continuing challenges of the pandemic. That is why, at JOSAC, we have preparations geared both for the homes and for the Church.

In the Church, for in-person preparations, please refer to the schedule of services in the first page of this newsletter. Please take extra effort to come to the Friday Stations of the Cross and Reflection and the Sunday Eucharist with family and friends.

In the homes, we will continue to send Sunday Morning Prayer with Sermon Bulletins. In the LENTEN GOSPELBOOKLET I am sending you there is "Stations of the Cross Reflections" which you can use for Fridays (2 reflections every Friday). Please try to join the congregation by praying at the same time (apart) at 12 noon on Fridays, and at 10 am on Sundays.

For all of us, for the whole period of Lent – since it is a preparation for Easter – let us endeavor to do the following:

The observance of the traditional disciplines of abstaining from the eating of meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent, and of on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday (plus self-imposed observance of fasting on all weekdays of Lent)

ALMSGIVING: This involves not just giving money and material things, but new forms of giving as acts and gestures of mercy and compassion like words of comforts in phone call, text or email, volunteer driving to those living alone and errands.

Personal or family Time for prayer and reflection. I am sending each family:

LENTEN GOSPEL REFLECTIONS BOOKLET:

For everyday of Lent up to Easter Day, there is a Gospel Reading, Short Reflection, Blank page to write your personal reflection.

The Second Part (after page 159), there is the STATIONS OF THE CROSS REFLECTIONS. Please use these reflections on Fridays of Lent (2 Reflections for each of the 7 Fridays of Lent).

Yes, we can still make our Lenten preparations fruitful even in the time of the pandemic. In California, the governor has announced that we are in the endemic stage. Perhaps, this is just a reminder that the end of Lent is Easter – new life, new possibilities.

Blessings to all!



A heart-felt thank you for the food, phone calls, cards, and most of all, your prayers.

Your support and encouragement were so appreciated.

I am very happy to be able to attend Sunday worship again.

June Simas



The Bishop's Corner

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." The Bishop's Note is currently going through the 2019 ACNA Book of Common Prayer.

Ordination of a Priest – Conclusion of the Service

Today we draw to the close of the Rite for making a priest. Last week we looked at the Vesting of the New Priest which concluded with the passing of the Peace. The Offertory follows with the collection of offerings going to support the ministry of the new priest either with the purchase of vestments or a pastoral care fund that he can access to assist the congregation he will be serving. Immediately following the offertory, we have the Celebration of Holy Eucharist. The new priest concelebrates with the Bishop and assists with the distribution of communion.

Following the post communion prayer, the new priest leads the following collect.

When the Communion is finished, after the Post Communion Prayer, the new Priest prays the following Collect

Go before us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, through your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Note that this is the first time that the priest prays in the name of the people gathered. He

will do this often in his ministry but especially during the celebration of Holy Eucharist where he stands before the people of God and before the Lord and offers up prayers on their behalf.

The service concludes with the Bishop offering the closing blessing prior to the closing hymn and dismissal.

The Bishop then blesses the People saying
Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
People The maker of heaven and earth.
Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
People From this time forth for evermore.
Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. Amen.

I pray you all a blessed celebration of All Saints & All Souls which will be the topic of next week's Bishop's Note.

May the Lord bless you!

Your servant and bishop,

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Annual Ministry REPORTS

Senior Warden— Jim O'Neill: For the 2021 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 info. on the finances.

Junior Warden—Gregory Matteson: I was appointed interim Junior Warden recently, following the resignation of my predecessor.

Ongoing maintenance issues have been addressed, including grounds keeping. There have been no major additions or modifications to the facilities. The wire storage cage outside the Parish Hall entrance has been repaired and graffiti on the Parish Hall entry door has been painted over courtesy of Robbie. The Vestry has voted to request reimbursement from the Landlord for some vandalism repair costs, and we discussed various potential measures to address ongoing vandalism and graffiti.

In particular the Vestry has voted to investigate the possibility of installing a flush door covering the Parish Hall entry alcove, which might help discourage nefarious activities on the property.

Treasurer— Seth Simas: 2021 was a year of reflection - we have continued to get by month by month with pledges and dedicated funding from our congregation. As we look into 2022, stability and growth will be important for Church finances.

Acolytes — Linda York: We are very happy to have Willie Gaa's grandson Vincent Fajardo as an Acolyte.

Altar Guild —Linda York: If interested in joining, please talk to Fr. Woodrow.

Hospitality: We want to thank **Rachel Allanigue, Ruth Gubuan, Audrey Foster** and **Mary Scott** for bringing goodies every week and cleaning up following the Coffee Hour. 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.

Advent Fundraiser: We want to thank Nancy Thomas for donating her artwork.

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.

Greeting Card Ministry — Nancy Thomas: When Mary welcomed help with birthday and anniversary cards last year, I was happy to be asked. Our local Daughters of the Holy Cross with 7 members in 3 churches has an ongoing card ministry to send get well and thinking of you cards to those that prayer is requested for. It is nice to keep in touch with those who might not make it to church and to get to know everyone."

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. So come one and all and join us!

Outreach — Audrey Foster: Have you seen the latest pictures of Marvin Ntale, the boy who we, at Jesus Our Savior, sponsor in Uganda, Africa? He is 16 now and because of the regular support he has had over the years, he has grown into a sturdy, smiling young man. The school program he attends offers vocational training which will give him the skills he needs in order to earn a livelihood. Hopefully, we will continue to support Marvin through the last years of his education. JOS sends \$30 monthly to Shared Blessings International Christian Ministries and they send that money in full to Uganda You can contribute to Marvin's sponsorship through the offering plate (just put a note with the money) or use the special box on the coffee hour table next to Marvin's pictures.

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

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