



Food Ministry

For 2019, Jesus Our Savior parishioners contributed 103 bags of food for Interfaith Ministries. What a great contribution — let's see if we can beat that for 2020!

Please keep bringing those boxes and cans in every Sunday for the Food Basket.

The basket is brought to the Altar along with the offering every Sunday to be blessed.

Answer to Bible Quiz

A and B (See Matthew 3:13-17.)



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2nd Chance Computer

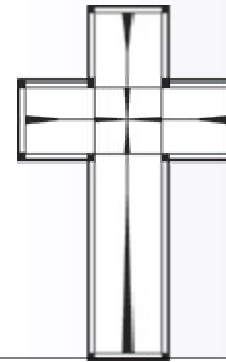


We have received many generous donations for 2019 for the Computer Ministry. \$5,000 of that was the grant we received from the Antone & Marie Raymus Foundation. We plan to apply for this grant once again this year.

Using the donations, we have purchased used Chrome-book laptops, power bricks and other miscellaneous items as needed.

On Friday, January 10th, Terry Scott & Richard Shahbazian picked up 44 laptops and 26 desktops from Jefferson School District in Tracy. Luckily, all of the laptops have power bricks, so we won't have to purchase new ones.

We have gotten off to a good start for 2020! Please keep this wonderful ministry in your prayers!



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The Savior's Voice

January 2020

"Our hope is not in the new year, but in the One who makes all things new."

—Author unknown

from the NewslettersNewsletter

Annual Meeting



Please come to the Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 26 immediately following the service at 11:15 a.m.

Don't miss this important meeting where we will discuss the 2020 budget, stewardship and the future of Jesus Our Savior. We want to hear from you and hope you will attend and share your input!

Don't forget the potluck following the meeting!



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2019 Financial Summary Report

The 2019 budget was \$74,697.00 and our actual operating income was \$56,536.09. (-\$18,160.91)

Our operating expenses were \$71,776.11. (-\$15,240.02)

The budget for the dedicated funds was \$9,650.00 and the collection was \$30,871.87. (+\$21,221.87)

The dedicated funds expenses were \$20,884.11. (+\$10,007.76)

If you have any questions, please talk to Fr.. Woodrow, Jim or Mary.

Nativity Banners Donated

These beautiful nativity banners were generously donated by Jim O'Neill to Jesus Our Savior for the Christmas Season. We hope you had an opportunity to check them out in the Narthex windows.





Jesus Our Savior
Anglican Church

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.....Archbishop, ACNA
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.....Bishop
The Rev. Woodrow Gubuan
.....Rector
The Rev. Tom Foster
.....Rector Emeritus
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Sarah Pine.....Sexton

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Nathaniel Pine.....Junior Warden
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Audrey Foster Linda York
Mary Harnisch

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

☎ Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Nursery available



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♪ Stories Behind Some of our Favorite Hymns ♪ by Audrey Foster

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Great suffering and tribulation in George’s Bennard’s life led him to write the words of this song. Through his own pain, he gained a heightened awareness of the cross where Jesus’ sufferings occurred. He began to identify with the sufferings of Christ.

The inspiration for the melody of this popular hymn came to George first and then he began to compose the words. His first attempt at the lyrics seemed imperfect to him. He said that the words of the finished hymn were put into his heart “in answer to his own need.” Here is the first of the four verses:

*On a hill faraway stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

The hymn was introduced to a large convention in 1913 and quickly became very popular throughout the country. According to my husband, Father Tom, who has been a priest for 65 years, The Old Rugged Cross has been one of the most requested hymns for funerals over the years.

Our Sponsored Child in Uganda

For 2019, our generous parishioners at Jesus Our Savior have given \$126 in sponsorship donations for Marvin Ntale from Makukuba Village, Uganda. Marvin’s mother died of heart disease and he lives with his father, who is a peasant farmer and his 3 sisters and brother. They attend the Anglican Church in Makukuba Village.



Please check out the card and drawing that Marvin made for his sponsors. It is next to the donation box in the Parish Hall.

We appreciate your continued support of Marvin. Please put your donation in in the wooden box in the parish hall.



✦ Christian Symbols ✦

Cross on the Rock

The rock is often used as a symbol of the Lord, our strength and firm foundation. A cross rising from the rock echoes many Bible verses that proclaim Christ as the rock of salvation; for example, “He alone is my rock and my salvation ...” (Psalm 62:2, ESV).

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How to Find Peace

Blessed are the single-hearted, for they shall enjoy much peace. If you refuse to be hurried and pressed, if you stay your soul on God, nothing can keep you from that clearness of spirit which is life and peace. In that stillness you will know what his will is.

—Amy Carmichael

from the NewsletterNewsletter

Answer to Kid’s Page

So that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful.

Joshua 4:24 NIV

Special Dates

- New Year’s Day, January 1
- Epiphany, January 6
- Baptism of the Lord, January 12
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 20



Bible Quiz

According to Matthew, who was present at Jesus’ baptism?
(Choose as many as apply.)

- A. John the Baptist
- B. The Spirit of God
- C. Jesus’ mother, Mary
- D. His first disciples

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- ♦ Tom D.
- ♦ Maxine M.
- ♦ Shirley E.
- ♦ Art E.
- ♦ Velmer R.
- ♦ Mary Lee
- ♦ Claude K.
- ♦ Janet M.
- ♦ Margaret M.
- ♦ Bob N.
- ♦ Pamela J.
- ♦ Jenny A.
- ♦ Pat L.
- ♦ James H.
- ♦ Ruth C.
- ♦ London S.
- ♦ Dorothy Schuyler family—comfort
- ♦ For all who serve this country & first responders
- ♦ Margie M.
- ♦ Jim H.
- ♦ Tatum
- ♦ Ruby L.
- ♦ Eva B.
- ♦ Bob Z.
- ♦ Genie B.
- ♦ Luci B.
- ♦ Fr. Tom
- ♦ Doug C.
- ♦ Fr. Jack
- ♦ Joan C.
- ♦ Juanita T.
- ♦ Rex A.
- ♦ Gail C.
- ♦ Richard T.

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it is those little bits of good put all together that overwhelm the world.”

—Bishop Desmond Tutu



- ★ Margaret Moore January 4
- ★ Pamela Jordan January 18
- ★ Nathaniel Pine January 20
- ★ Mary Scott January 21
- ★ Ruth Carrillo January 24
- ★ Luci Beyers January 26

If we don’t have your birthday or anniversary,
please let Mary Scott know.

"STEP" INTO THE NEW YEAR

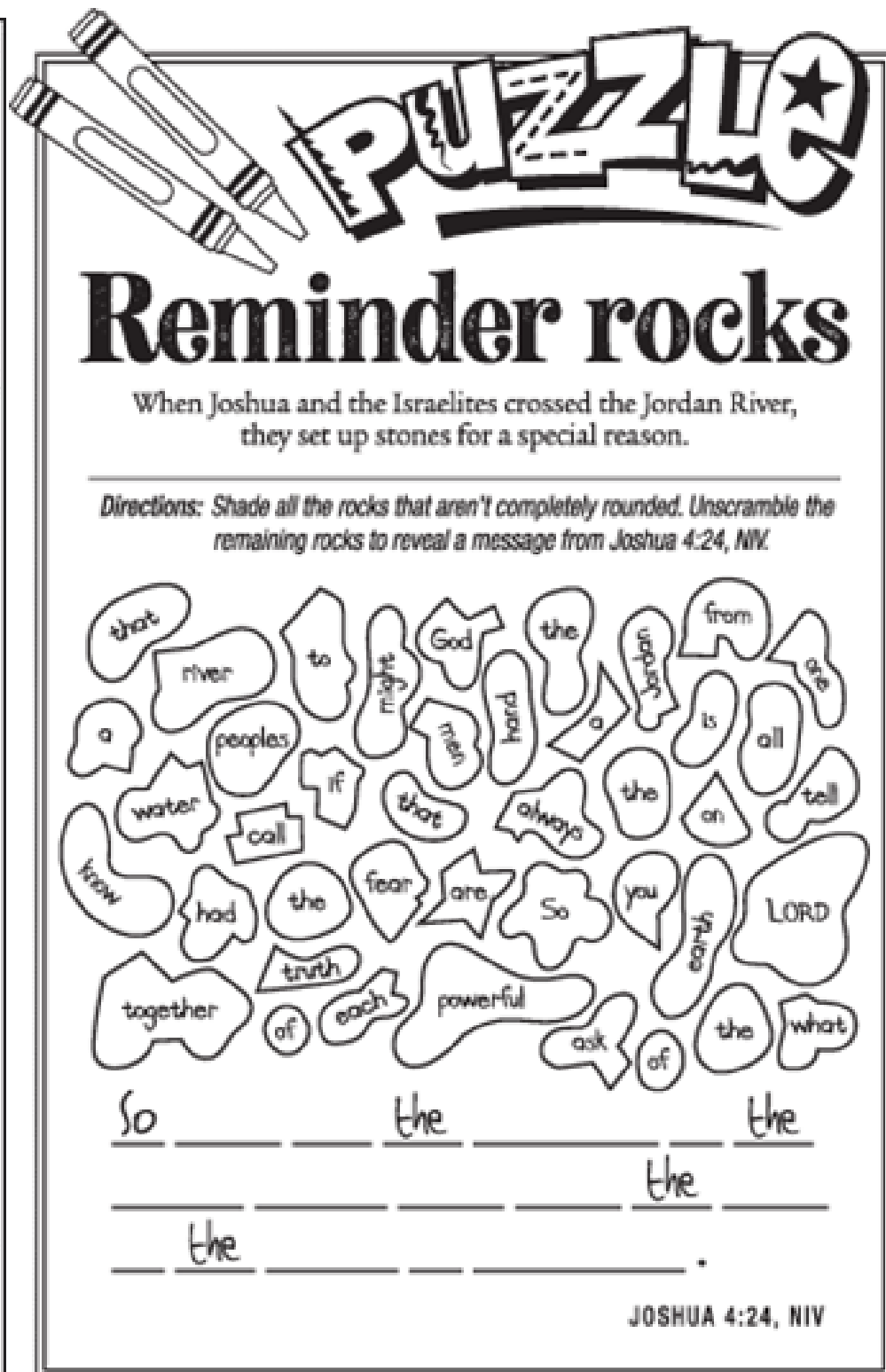
Make this craft to remember God's many blessings.

What you need:

- Small stones
- Permanent markers
- Foil pan and cooking spray
- Drop cloth
- Gloves
- Quick-set concrete (and adult help)
- Bucket and paint stirrer

What you do:

1. After reflecting on the past year, use markers to decorate stones with memorable words, dates and drawings.
2. Spray pan with cooking spray. Set pan outside on a drop cloth.
3. Wearing gloves, mix concrete in a bucket, according to instructions.
4. Pour concrete into pan. Smooth top with paint stirrer.
5. Press in stones, handprints and other decorations.
6. Let dry completely. Remove from pan.
7. Place the stepping-stone outside as a reminder of God's continued goodness.



PUZZLE

Reminder rocks

When Joshua and the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, they set up stones for a special reason.

Directions: Shade all the rocks that aren't completely rounded. Unscramble the remaining rocks to reveal a message from Joshua 4:24, NIV.

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So _____ the _____ the
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JOSHUA 4:24, NIV

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The Rector's Message

"Our Anglican Church Family
of Jesus Our Savior"

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I invite you to enter the New Year 2020 with me by looking at the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We look at this family as the standard of the way we fulfill the responsibilities that God has placed on us towards our Church family and our own families.

Our marriage rite describes the original plan and model of the family in these words: *Almighty God established the bond and covenant of marriage in creation as a sign of the mystical union between Christ and his Church. Our Lord Jesus Christ adorned this manner of life by his presence and first miracle at a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and it is commended by Holy Scripture to be held in honor among all people.*

The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind was ordained by God: for the procreation of children and their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord; for mutual joy, and for the help and comfort given one another in prosperity and adversity; to maintain purity, so that husbands and wives, with all the household of God, might serve as holy and undefiled members of the Body of Christ; and for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom in family, church, and society, to the praise of his holy Name.

According to the plan of creation, we are, first of all, husbands and wives. We were given the responsibility of fostering our unity in heart, body and mind. We are called to mutual joy and to help and comfort one another in good times and in bad.

Secondly, we become fathers and mothers. As such, we are then called to remember that our children are a gift from God. We are entrusted with the responsibility of nurturing them in the knowledge and love of the Lord.

Finally, in the family, there are children who are called to remember the commandment: "Honor your father and your mother." This means that when needed and able, we children are called to help support our parents in their old age and illness.

This original plan of the family was realized in the Holy Family. We look up to it for our inspiration and our standard.

As parents, Mary and Joseph took care and nurtured Jesus physically and spiritually. They were the first educators of Jesus. Their home was the first school where Jesus learned prayer, love, respect, forgiveness,

obedience, service and fidelity. As parents we are called to do likewise.

As a child in the family. Jesus took care of Mary, his mother. In the cross, Jesus entrusted her to the care of John: "Behold your Mother." As children, we are called to love our parents to the end.

What is true of our life as families is likewise true of our Church family of Jesus our Savior Church. When we were baptized, we became children of God; we have God for our Father, and we became brothers and sisters to one another. That is why the family is called the domestic Church.

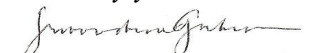
The Acts of the Apostles' describes the early Church Community in Jerusalem as a Christian family: *All the believers were one in heart and mind. (Acts 4:32). This fellowship or communal life is fostered thus: 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Act 2:42-47).*

Our Church family of Jesus our Savior is, therefore, called to follow the original plan of the family by God. We are called to live according to the example of the Holy Family. We are called to be like the early Church family in Jerusalem.

We pray for the grace of living out our identity and vocation as Christian families and as the Church family of Jesus Our Savior.

May God bless our Church family and all our families in the New Year and in the years to come.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,





The Bishop's Note

The Rt. Rev. Eric Vawter Menees

Exhortation to Parents and Godparents

Dear friends,
Greetings in the mighty name of the incarnate Christ! We've entered into a new year, a new decade, and a new season - Epiphany! In this season of Epiphany, we continue our examination of the 2019 BCP and the service of Holy Baptism. When we left off last year, we looked at the presentation of the candidate by the parents and godparents and I shared with you about the baptism of Isaac. This year, we pick up where we left off with the exhortation to the parents and godparents of infants and younger children being brought forth to receive the sacrament of baptism.

The celebrant, having described the importance of baptism in the Exhortation to the congregation now makes a personal exhortation to those responsible for raising the child in the faith. The service continues with the following words, which speak to the heart of being a godparent and sponsoring parent.

It is clear that this work is not for the faint of heart and is certainly not simply done out of social obligation. Becoming a Christian, raising and discipling a Christian, is work that holds eternal consequences. It breaks my heart when at confirmation or when I gather with a couple before marriage and ask if their godparents will be taking a role and the response comes, "I don't really know my godparents," or "My aunt isn't really religious." Of course, I think, "why did your parents ask them to be godparents?" The answer is, of course, that they didn't appreciate the role and responsibility of being a godparent or, even more sadly, a Christian parent. Reading the exhortation below will help to place this role into perspective.



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SAN JOAQUIN

OUR MISSION

As the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin We Will Call and Equip Laity and Clergy to Bring People to and Disciple Them in a Saving Relationship with Jesus Christ.

When the following promises are made by Godparents and Sponsoring Parents of infants or young children, the Celebrant addresses them

Today, on behalf of *this child*, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that *this child* is taught, as soon as *he is* able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. *He* must come to put *his* faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of *his soul*. When *he has* embraced all these, *he is* to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that *he* may publicly claim the Faith for *his* own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.

Are you willing and ready to undertake this?
Godparents and Sponsoring Parents

I am, the Lord being my helper

I pray you all blessed worship this coming Sunday when we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus!

Diocesan Calendar

- ✠ Office Closed—December 31-January 1
- ✠ Acts Meeting—January 4
- ✠ Rural Deans—January 14
- ✠ Standing Committee—January 18
- ✠ Walk for Life—January 25

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Birthday Celebration



From left: Faye Biddle, Kay Knighten and Margaret Moore

On Sunday, January 5th, we celebrated Margaret Moore's 98th birthday during our coffee hour fellowship. Margaret's birthday was January 4th and she is a founding member of Jesus Our Savior and we are very fortunate to have her as a member of our church family. Pictured with Margaret are her two daughters.



A Sacred Partnership

Bible scholar William Barclay notes that John the Baptist was "startled and unwilling" when Jesus asked to be baptized. The evangelist thought *he* needed what *Jesus* could give, not the reverse!

We are pros at taking our needs to God — indeed he invites this: "Call on me in the day of trouble" (*Psalms 50:15*). But God also comes to *us* with needs: "Mortal, I am sending you" (*Ezekiel 2:3, NRSV*); "Go ... make disciples" (*Matthew 28:19*); "Carry each other's burdens" (*Galatians 6:2, NIV*).

Apparently, God prefers partnership to acting solo. From the beginning, God has invited people to name the animals, tend the garden, welcome strangers, build the tabernacle, proclaim his word, ensure justice and mercy, share his love.

What does God need from you, as Jesus needed baptism from John? Salvation is God's alone to accomplish, but then he calls us to share work with him, for the world's sake. So we echo Jesus: "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this" (*Matthew 3:15, NIV*).

—Heidi Mann
from the Newsletter/Newsletter

♪ Even Song Scheduled ♪

We have been invited to an Even Song Service at Grace Anglican. This is a Sung Service and would be performed by the Choir and Lay Leaders. Right now it is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, February 23rd at 5pm. Grace Anglican would like to invite Jesus Our Savior parishioners to attend and are hoping this is something our congregation would be interested in attending.

If interested in attending, see Fr. Woodrow and we can arrange a carpool.



Love in Action

Martin Luther King Jr., whose life and legacy we honor this month, spoke often about the power of love. In fact, he equated the practice of nonviolence with "absolute commitment to the way of love."

Love, declared the minister and activist, "is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend." And, he said, anyone who's "devoid of the power to love" is "devoid of the power to forgive."

King distinguished between true love and "empty sentimentalism," however. He taught — and showed — that love is "the active outpouring of one's whole being into the being of another."

Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is the ultimate "active outpouring" of love, and we can choose to follow his example daily.

"Because of Calvary I'm free to choose," writes Max Lucado in *When God Whispers Your Name*. "No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves."

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