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## The Friars Quill Easter and Beyond

To one and all, a Happy Easter!

On Sunday last week, we celebrated our second Easter Day as St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church.

Two years ago, on Palm Sunday, with Palms in our hands and hope in our hearts, we left our old home and entered our new rented worship space. The parallel event in the Gospels was the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem when he was welcomed with hopeful expectation by people waving their branches of palms.

This parallel was made more remarkable by the fact that on that same day some 25,000 lambs were also taken in procession into the city of Jerusalem four days before the feast of Passover. On the day of Passover, they were sacrificed to remember and celebrate the First Passover before the exodus from Egypt. The four days before Passover was the time when the one year old, male lambs are examined and declared fit for the Passover sacrifice.

According to biblical historians, the entry of these sacrificial lambs took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the Hebrew month of Nisan. (The day of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.) In the next four days, these chosen sacrificial lambs were examined to be male and one year old, and declared to be without blemish and fault and thus worthy to be sacrificed. (In the next four days, Jesus, whom John the Baptist identified earlier as the Lamb of God was examined by the chief priests Annas and Caiaphas, and then by Herod and then by Pilate: who declared "I find no fault in this man!" He is fit to be a sacrificial lamb. "He handed him over to them to be crucified."

Back to our journey as St. Francis, it has been two years (not two of the four days) since that fateful Palm Sunday. Indeed, we have all been examined and tested. There are too numerous tests and trials to be named. Each of us has a generous share of these. None of us has been spared.

Our prayer and hope is to hear, after all these examinations and tests, what Pilate declared of the Lamb of God: "I find no fault in St. Francis Church! She is fit to be sacrificed."

Then the way of the cross begins. 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, death did not have the last word. On the third day, he rose victorious from the grave. This is our guarantee.

So to all of us at St. Francis Church, let keep the faith. Let us nourish that lively hope with the words of the Risen One: "See, I am making all things new..." (Rev 21:5).

Fr. Woodrow Gubuan

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Alleluia the Lord is Risen!  
He has Risen indeed!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ I hope you had a wonderful Easter! This year you were asked to recommit yourself to Jesus. We presented you with cards to sign and place in a box that will be placed on the altar to look at, at a later date to remind us of our commitment. I hope all of you participated in this.

With all things going on in the world today it is important to make a clear stand that we are committed to Jesus and his teachings, not watering them down with the intentions of man. As Jesus died for us on the Cross and was resurrected on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day our commitment to Him shows that we have died to the world and are now born anew to Jesus.

On March 10<sup>th</sup> the clergy had a renewal of ordination vows with our Bishop. This service along with the recommitment card you signed does not mean that you were not committed to Christ before but serves as a reminder of who we Worship and strive to live our life like. It helps remind us that we are Marked as Christ's own, set aside for his purpose in the world. As we see our recommitment cards on the altar and receive them back next year on Ash Wednesday it will serve as an outward and visible sign of our love for and commitment to Jesus. This outward and visible sign also helps to serve others, by allowing them to see your dedication to the truth that Jesus is our Lord and savior and provides a resounding statement in today's world. In a world that says, one that there is no God and second that the body doesn't matter.

The resurrection of Jesus both shows that there is a God and that our body's do matter. That we in following Jesus are called to proclaim the Gospel to the world, that this proclamation is not only words but our actions as well. That we following Jesus is not just words but an active life, living that life for Jesus and doing the work that He has commanded us to do.

This is important in today's world to show that the world's influence will not hinder our faith and worship of Jesus.

May the Peace of the Lord be always with You!

Deacon Jeff Stugelmeyer



**Love Stockton Event –  
April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Watch for more details**

### Chrism Mass at the Cathedral



# Sacred Worship

Palm Sunday at St Francis



Easter Vigil at St Francis



Easter at St Francis



Maundy Thursday at St Francis



Good Friday at St Francis



Sundays

9:30am St Francis of Assisi Fellowship Hall

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the Month

2pm O'Connor Woods Chapel  
3400 Wagner Heights Rd, Stockton

## Serious Discipleship



### *Easter Flower Donations*

Jerry and Samantha Towne in thanksgiving for family

Peggy Tobias

Rachel Allanigue in thanksgiving for Tess and Angie

Denis Ceballos in memory of Charlie Munday  
Joe Dietrich

Karen Giambastiani in thanksgiving for her husband Phil and her 3 grandsons Rocco, Louie and Enzo

Liz Haines in memory of Dick Haines

Donna and David Lind in memory of David James Lind

Helen Ripken

Barbara Moeckel

Mary Noman in memory of Helen & Bill Ultch;  
Margie, Thyra, Orville and Robert Norman;  
John & Hazel Roberts



**Choir: Upcoming Rehearsals:**  
May 15<sup>th</sup> - Pentecost

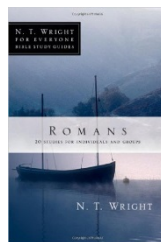
**Coffee Hour Hosts: Sign up on calendar  
behind food table**

**Bishop's Committee Meeting: Sunday, April  
24<sup>th</sup> - 11:00am**

**Altar Guild: Tues, April 19<sup>th</sup> 10am/Church**

**Daughters of the King: Sat, April 9<sup>th</sup> 10am**

Child Care is Available each Sunday from 9:15am. Please see an Usher for location.



Watch for more info on the study of Romans by N.T. Wright  
Bill Aaron will lead us on Paul's writings to the Romans



### April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Acts 5:12a; 17-22, 25-29

Revelation 1:1-19

John 20:19-31

Psalms 111

### April 10<sup>th</sup>

Acts 9:1-19a

Revelation 5:6-14

John 21:1-14

Psalms 33

### April 17<sup>th</sup>

Acts 13:15-16, 26-39

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Psalms 100

### April 24<sup>th</sup>

Acts 13:44-52

Revelation 19:1, 4-9

John 13:31-35

Psalms 145

## Selfless Service



### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kathy Hamilton  
Betty Melchor
- 5<sup>th</sup> George Nwaogu
- 6<sup>th</sup> Ernest Nailles
- 8<sup>th</sup> Patricia Smith
- 12<sup>th</sup> Betsy Sweeney
- 13<sup>th</sup> Rebecca Telander  
Jonathan Telander
- 14<sup>th</sup> Phillip Giambastiani  
Ngozi Nwaogu
- 17<sup>th</sup> Nancy Thomas
- 18<sup>th</sup> Lisa Raj
- 20<sup>th</sup> Marsha Crowder  
Justin Nailles
- 21<sup>st</sup> Paul Sigwart
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Avery Berry  
Hugh Cooke
- 24<sup>th</sup> Deanna Holman  
Rebecca Aaron
- 27<sup>th</sup> Jim Telander
- 30<sup>th</sup> Susan Sperry



### April

- 5<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Ken Moeckel
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Jose Rosal Jr
- 21<sup>st</sup> Mr & Mrs Frank Berghuis
- 28<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Mike Combs  
Mr & Mrs Jose Dato

St Francis Church extends the body of Christ to our homebound by sending cards each month.



They are available for you to sign on the table as you come in the door. Take a moment and sign them each week. They are so grateful and feel a part of the parish of St Francis with this simple gesture.

### Feeding the Homeless under the Freeway

Join Deacon Jeff Stugelmeyer on the First Saturday of Every Month around 11am

Under the Crosstown freeway at Hunter St



### Welcome Canon Franklin Mmor

Canon Mmor is from Nigeria and is sharing his ministry here in the USA.

He will be with us at St Francis Church on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

*Thank you Jonathan Telander and Cheryl Bibelheimer. Your talent at the Organ and Piano were much appreciated on Maundy Thursday*



I turned to the Lord God and  
pleaded with him in prayer  
and petition, in fasting,  
and in sackcloth and ashes.



Daniel 9:3

### Bishop's Call to Prayer for Oral Arguments:

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Diocese of San  
Joaquin,

**Legal Update: March 9th, 2016**

This morning, at approximately 11:00 AM, our case was heard in the 5<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals. We were the third case on the docket and we had about 30 people gathered in prayerful support for the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin.

Bishop Rice, the provisional bishop for the TEC diocese, was there, and he and I greeted one another and exchanged pleasantries.

The three judges: Levy, Franson, and Peña were seated calling the court into session. Rusty VanRozeboom gave a robust defense of the case and was asked questions from the bench. Rusty answered these questions eloquently and plainly. I am so very grateful the Lord has provided such fine lawyers as Rusty VanRozeboom and Allen Haley as our defenders and advocates.

The court has 90 days to make their decision, so we should know the results on or before June 9th. In the meantime, please continue to pray for God's favor upon us in this case.

*"Almighty and ever living God. We come before you bidding your favor in our battle to remain faithful to you and your commandments. We pray you will guide the hearts and minds of the judges as they review the facts of this case and make their ruling. Ultimately, Father, we join with your son, our savior, Jesus Christ and simply pray, 'Thy Will be done!' All this we ask in the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen."*

Bishop Menees



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Diocesan Newsletter:  
<http://www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net/san-joaquin-anglican.html>

#### Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek to be  
consoled as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal  
Life. Amen

**A Big THANK YOU to everyone  
involved who made our Holy Week  
at St Francis Special.**

**You are all Awesome!!!!**

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**April 2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> Second Sunday of Easter 9:30am Holy Eucharist	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> DOK Meeting
<b>10</b> Third Sunday of Easter 9:30am Holy Eucharist	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 2pm Mass at O'Connor Wood	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Fourth Sunday of Easter 9:30am Holy Eucharist	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Altar Guild Meeting 10am	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter 9:30am Holy Eucharist 11am Bishop's Committee Meeting	<b>25</b> St Mark, Evangelist	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 2pm Mass at O'Connor Wood	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



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