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The Friars Quill

Let Us Celebrate Holy Week

In our Sunday reflections, we characterized the Season of Lent as a journey and the Sundays in Lent as a series of stopovers in this journey. In these stopovers, we heard the stories of different encounters of our Lord along the way and saw them as a metaphor of the different life situations that we also meet along our life's journey.

In the first stop-over (1Lent), we heard about the encounter of our Lord with the Tempter. We presented the three temptations of the Lord in their classical terminology as the temptations of the Flesh, the Devil and the World. To these three temptations that we also encounter in our life's journey, we heard the offer of the Church of 3 classical provisions: (1) FLESH -- FASTING; (2) DEVIL -- PRAYER; (3) WORLD -- ALMSGIVING.

In the second stopover (2Lent), we heard about the encounter of Jesus with Nicodemus and the need to be "born again." We heard that in the bumpy road of our life's journey we can be born again, that is, we can have a new life. We can have a new beginning. We can start again where we left off.

In the third stopover (3Lent), we heard about the encounter of Jesus with a Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob. It started with Jesus simply asking the woman for a drink of water and then moved quickly to the deeper issue of a kind of living water that quenches all kinds of human thirst. We heard that the offer still stands: water along the hot and dusty road of our life's journey.

In the fourth stopover (4Lent), we heard about the encounter of Jesus with a man born blind. He gave him back his sight after he washed himself at the pool of Siloam. But the greater miracle was that the blind man also received the eyes of faith. We heard a reminder that when we were washed in the waters

of baptism, we left behind our blindness and could now journey in the light of our faith in the Lord.

In the fifth stopover (5Lent), we heard about the encounter of Jesus with Lazarus – as Jesus calls Lazarus from death to life. We heard how this story leads us to see that life, not death, is the end of our Lenten journey of our life's journey. The story of Lazarus points us to "life". It points us to Jesus who said, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever lives and believes in me will never die but live forever".

The last stopover of the journey: Jerusalem. It is the most important week in the life of Jesus Christ. This week, likewise, should be the most important week in our entire year. For this is the week that we solemnly observe and celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord. We do this in the sacred period known as Holy Week – from Palm Sunday through Easter Day. In doing so, we share in the mystery of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection.

The Holy Week is what gives meaning to our life's journey. It gives meaning to our sufferings. It gives meaning to our death. It gives meaning to our hope in life everlasting in the resurrection of our Lord.

That is why the observance of Holy Week is not just something "extra". It is the central source of our faith and the meaning and reason of our "sacred worship, serious discipleship and selfless service". I will see you in Church.

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◆ Fr. Woodrow Gubuan



Shalom,

Here we are in April and Easter is in a few weeks. So I would first to wish to say He is Risen! He is Risen in deed! As we transition from Lent to Easter, I

would encourage you to think about not only what the Lord has done for you, but how would you convince someone of your beliefs? It says in 1 Peter 3:15 “but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who ask you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.” It is not enough to just say, I feel it or I have faith, we must present to those who do not understand why we feel what we feel and believe what we believe. We are to give an answer for what we believe this is called apologetics. Not that we apologize for our beliefs, but we give an answer for our beliefs. In 2 Corinthians 10:5, Paul Tells us, “we destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.” Again this must be done, but it must be done when all possible with gentleness and respect. Because if we back up a bit to verse 3 of 2 Corinthians chapter 10, it says, “for though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh.” The devil dims the intellect of men to deceive them so we are to bring the light of Christ for them to see! This must be done with knowledge of God’s word and learning how to present the wisdom of God through the bible and apologetics.

As we transition from Lent to Easter this serves as a good example for what I’m talking about. This transition is from dark to light, from not being able to see, to seeing the risen Jesus for who he truly is. We are called to be the salt and light of the world. One way to be the salt and light of the world is what I’m talking about in the way of giving an answer as to why you believe what you believe. What was your conversion like?

By having some answers through apologetics you may be able to start someone on a journey towards Jesus! You can start to show them the light of Christ by not only your answers, but by your actions. When doing so, the light may hurt at first, but it softens and they soon come to enjoy and love the light.

So during this transition time from Lent to Easter, I encourage you to work towards a deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus. By doing so you learn how to make a defense of your beliefs and love of the Lord to others. Allowing the light of Christ to shine through you for other to see. He is Risen! He is Risen in deed!

May the Peace of the Lord be always with You!

Deacon Jeff Stugelmeyer

*He is
not here; he
has risen!*
Luke 24:6

**St Francis Anglican Church
Holy Week Schedule**

4/9	Palm Sunday	9:30am
4/13	Maundy Thursday	7pm
4/14	Good Friday	7pm
4/15	Great Easter Vigil	7pm
4/16	Easter Sunday	9:30am

Sacred Worship



Sundays

9:30am St Francis of Assisi
Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays of April 5th (Mass); April 12th
(Stations of the Cross); April 26th (Mass)

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



Triduum

The Sacred Paschal Triduum is the three most solemn days of the liturgical year; Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. These most holy days celebrate the Paschal Mystery, first, the passion, suffering, and death of the Lord Jesus, followed by his resurrection, the triumph of the holy cross, and Christ's decisive victory over sin and death.

The Triduum is a single feast, the Paschal Mystery, celebrated over three days, and they are the three holiest days of the entire liturgical year.

If there were ever three days that Christians should want to go to church to pray, it would be the Triduum. These days rank at the head of the liturgical calendar. They celebrate the most sacred mysteries of our faith, and they ought to be celebrated with the community at liturgy. The Jews have three high holy days, three pilgrimage feasts, Passover, Pentecost, and Booths, and those who lived outside of Jerusalem made pilgrimage to the Temple to celebrate these solemn occasions. The three days of the Triduum are our "high holy days," our "pilgrimage feast," and we ought to make pilgrimage from our homes to church to commemorate and honor how the Lord Jesus laid down his life for us, his friends, for our salvation.

Please make it a top priority to go to church to celebrate the Triduum this year. Reserve the time. Rearrange your schedule if necessary. Take some personal time off from work. Suspend errands or jobs around the house. Drop everything. Plan to attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. These days may be optional, but none are more important. **Enter into the mystery.**

Maundy Thursday	April 13 th – 7pm
Good Friday	April 14 th – 7pm
Easter Vigil	April 15 th – 7pm



Easter Sunday Service
9:30am

Child Care is Available each Sunday from 8:30am.

Please see an Usher for location.



Serious Discipleship



Choir: Upcoming Rehearsals:

- April 9th - 8:30am
- April 13th - 6pm
- April 14th - 6pm
- April 15th - 6pm
- April 16th - 8:30am

Coffee Hour Hosts: Sign up on calendar behind food table

Altar Guild:

- Cleaning - Friday, April 7th at 9am
- Garden Setup - Thurs, April 13th at 10am
- Decorating - Saturday, April 15th at 10am
- Meeting - Tues, April 18th at 10am

Daughters: Sat, April 8th at 10am

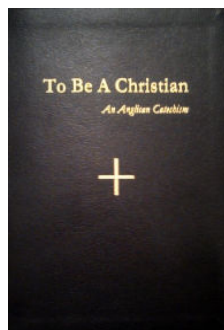
Bishop's Committee Meeting: Sun, April 23rd

Other Ministry Opportunities

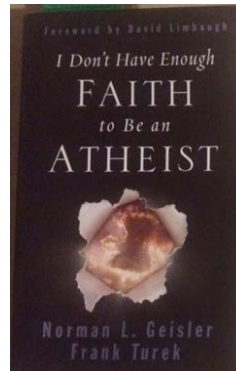
- Acolyte
- Lector
- Prayer Team
- Collection Counter
- Hospitality
- Usher
- Flowers
- Homebound Ministry
- Senior Ministry

St Francis Church has begun the Anglican Catechism for all who would like to be Baptized or Confirmed at 8:30am on Sundays

For more details or talk to Deacon Jeff or Cyndi Telander



Deacon Jeff has begun a Thursday Night Series called "Defending the Faith"



Meet from 6:30 – 8:00pm in our hall

We will take a break the weeks of April 13th and 20th

Our Diocese of San Joaquin Website: <http://www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net/>

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



St Francis uses Flocknote to send emails to our parishioners with notices and information.

If you do not receive these notices, we do not have your email. Please put it in the offering plate with your name, or call the church office 565-0648

Then watch your emails!!!



Selfless Service



Don't forget to sign the cards on the back table for our homebound and sick



April 2nd

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 6:15-23

John 11:1-44

April 9th

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Psalm 22:1-21

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 26:36—27:66

April 16th

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118

Colossians 3:1-4

Luke 24:1-10

April 23rd

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 111

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

April 30th

Acts 2:14a, 36-47

Psalm 116:10-17

1 Peter 1:13-25

Luke 24:13-35

PotLUCK!!

In Months where there is a Fifth Sunday it will be Friendship Sunday with a potluck lunch after our service at 9:30am.

Please bring your favorite dish to share table ready with a utensil along with a friend!!!

Then next one will be **April 30th**

Neighborhood Barbecue!!

St Francis Church will host a barbecue with games and a train for the neighborhood, to reach out and let them know we are in their area if they need a church home.

We will need many volunteers to make this a successful event.

There are signup sheets on the back table for things like: Set Up, Water, Chips, Cookies, Plates, Utensils, Games, Info Table and Take Down.

Check it out.....there is something for everyone to help with.



We're on the Web!

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www.stocktonanglican.org



April

1 st	Betty Melchor Kathy Hamilton
5 th	George Nwaogu
6 th	Ernest Nailes
8 th	Patricia Smith
13 th	Rebecca Telander Jonathan Telander
14 th	Ngozi Nwaogu Phil Giambastiani
17 th	Nancy Thomas
20 th	Marsha Crowder Justin Nailes
21 st	Paul Sigwart
22 nd	Avery Berry
24 th	Rebecca Aaron
27 th	Jim Telander
30 th	Susan Sperry



April

5 th	Mr & Mrs Ken Moeckel
17 th	Mr & Mrs Jose Rosal Jr
21 st	Mr & Mrs Frank Berghuis
28 th	Mr & Mrs Mike Combs Mr & Mrs Jose Dato

4 Money Challenges We All Struggle With

By Dave Ramsey

People think about money. A lot.

In fact, they don't just think about it. They worry about it. According to a recent survey from GOBankingRates, one out of every five people (20%) worries that they will never get out of their paycheck-to-paycheck rut. About the same percentage (18%) wonders if they'll ever escape all the debt they're carrying.

You may be able to relate to those fears. And, with the start of the new year, you may be sick and tired of being sick and tired when it comes to your money. **You just may be ready to do whatever it takes to break through and get your financial house in order.**

If that's you, we can help. For more than 20 years, *Financial Peace University* (FPU) has helped millions of individuals and families overcome their fears and face their money challenges head on. In fact, FPU addresses each of the top four financial challenges mentioned in the survey.

1. Sticking to a Budget.

People in the survey identified making and sticking to a budget as the biggest challenge they face with their money. That makes sense because **if you don't tell your cash where to go, you'll end up wondering where it all went.**

2. Planning for Retirement.

We all have a dream. We look forward to a future where our hard work has paid off and where we can sit back, relax, and ride into the sunset with a secure nest egg to carry us through.

But a lot of us are haunted by a single question: **Will I have enough?** That's why planning for retirement ranked near the top of the GOBankingRates survey, especially among the baby-boomer age group.

3. Paying for Education.

So why are student loan balances growing so rapidly these days? Well, people tend to feel a strong emotional tie between a quality education and a quality job. They want to succeed in the marketplace, and they're willing to pile of tons of student debt to do it.

4. Building an Emergency Fund.

None of us can escape the unexpected. We're all going to face things that we haven't planned for and that can put a serious dent in our financial security. On the surface, setting aside some cash for those rainy days makes all the sense in the world. But knowing how to make it happen can be another matter altogether.

The Solution: The very first Baby Step challenges you to create a starter emergency fund of \$1,000. Then, Baby Step 3 encourages you to build a full emergency fund that covers 3–6 months of expenses.

Why? **Because emergencies are going to happen.**

You might not know the shape or the size of the storms you'll face, but having that emergency fund in place gives you the security of knowing you can pay for whatever hits—like the wise man in Jesus' story who built his house on a solid foundation (Matthew 7:24–27).

April 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Fifth Sunday in Lent 8:30 Catechism 9:30 Holy Eucharist	3	4	5 2pm – O'Connor Woods Holy Eucharist	6 Defending the Faith – 6:30pm	7 Altar Guild cleaning 9am	8 Daughters Meeting 10am
9 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday 9:30 Holy Eucharist begin in courtyard.	10 Monday in Holy Week	11 Tuesday in Holy Week	12 Wednesday in Holy Week Stations of the Cross at O'Connor Woods at 2pm	13 Maundy Thursday Garden Set up Altar Guild 10am 7pm Service	14 Good Friday Office Closed 7pm Service	15 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil – Altar Guild Deco 10am 7pm Service
16 Easter Day 9:30 Holy Eucharist	17 Monday in Easter Week	18 Tuesday in Easter Week Altar Guild Meeting 10am	19 Wednesday in Easter Week	20 Thursday in Easter Week	21 Friday in Easter Week	22
23 Second Sunday of Easter 8:30 Catechism 9:30 Holy Eucharist	24	25 St Mark, Evangelist Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 2 Ephesians 4:7-8, 11-16 Mark 16:15-20	26 2pm – O'Connor Woods Holy Eucharist	27 Defending the Faith – 6:30pm	28	29
30 Third Sunday of Easter 8:30 Catechism 9:30 Holy Eucharist						

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