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The Friars Quill

THE VICAR'S MESSAGE FOR LENT 2016

Ash Wednesday, the 10th of February 2016 is the start of the Season of Lent. For all of us, it is the favorable time for renewal of our life and our mission. As members of St. Francis of Assisi Church, I propose our MISSION STATEMENT as the framework of and guide to the Lenten journey of renewal:

“The mission of St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church is to proclaim the Good News of Salvation in Jesus Christ through (1) Serious Discipleship (2) Sacred Worship, and (3) Selfless Service.”

The three main areas of our Lenten renewal are the three interrelated priority ministries of our mission:

(1) *Serious Discipleship*: This starts with the encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ, the acceptance of Him as our Lord and Savior, and the commitment to Him to be His lifelong disciple,

This Lenten Season, we will consciously take this step or RENEW this step, if we have not already done so. Beginning the first Sunday in Lent, we will spend a few minutes of reflection at the start of the 9:30 service, on what it means to receive Jesus Christ as our own Savior and Lord. This will lead us up to Easter when we renew our baptismal promises and our commitment to be his lifelong disciple.

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(2) *Sacred Worship*: Having taken the step, we will take further steps deeper into our calling as disciples. These consist of sacramental living, of prayer and spiritual disciplines that contribute to the growth and maturity of our commitment.

This Lenten Season, we will have these opportunities for worship and prayer: the Sunday 9:30 Mass, the Wednesdays 2pm Mass at O'Connor Woods, the Fridays soup supper, Stations of the Cross and Reflection; Confession on Wednesdays @O'Connor Woods, and Fridays @Grace.

(3) *Selfless Service*: Having taken the first step of commitment to the Lord Jesus, and having continued taking more steps towards growth in discipleship, the sign that we have matured is when we are ready for service.

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This Lenten Season, we will try our best to consciously reflect the mercy and compassion of our patron St. Francis in our service to one another and to those outside our homes and Church. We will devote ourselves to concrete everyday works of mercy and compassion: by feeding the hungry, by visiting the sick and the lonely, by comforting the bereaved and broken hearted, by instructing those who do not know the Lord Jesus by our word and by our example, by admonishing and counseling, by forgiving and by praying for those in need.

Let us not let the Season of Lent pass without renewing our commitment to our life in Christ and our mission of proclaiming him through our **serious discipleship** that is reflected in **sacred worship** and **selfless service**.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The season of Lent starts Feb. 10th with Ash Wednesday, I hope you pick up some Lenten reading for study and reflection. In my sermon I talked a little about how the world tries to enter into the church and dictate what it should believe. One of the things they try to do is take scripture out of context or not complete the sentence to push their point of view.

For instance they like to talk about how Jesus ate with tax collectors and sinners, that this is justification that there is no such thing as sin. But Jesus in Matt 9: 12 “those who are well have no need for a physician, but those who are sick” the physician comes to heal you cannot heal without pointing out there is a problem. Jesus never condoned what they were doing but

called them to repent and change their lives and follow him.

Another part of Scripture they try to use is where the woman was caught in adultery and was about to be stoned. They take it that one should not judge but it is the kind of judgement that is important in that message. They came to condemn not point out that she had sin to try and help also they leave off the last sentence in John 8: 11 where he told her to “go and sin no more”.

We are called to let the world there is sin and help it to repent and come to Jesus. The world will try all kind of ways to keep the church from performing its duty to Christ to go and make disciples. We as Christians need to study the scriptures and come together in unity to be able to counter the worlds influence and pressure to submit to the world rather than follow Jesus. This Lenten season is a good time to reflect on how you can serve the Lord. By increasing our knowledge of the Bible and the church teachings, we can better defend our faith and be better equipped to help bring others to know the saving grace of God.

May the Peace of the Lord be always with You!

Deacon Jeff Stugelmeyer



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.

Lent BEGINS

Ash Wednesday

February 10th Services:

O'Connor Woods 2pm
St Francis Church 7pm

Fridays in Lent

Beginning Friday, February 12th

Soup Supper 6pm
Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
Short Meditation by our Bishops
Committee and Lay expanding on our
Mission Statement

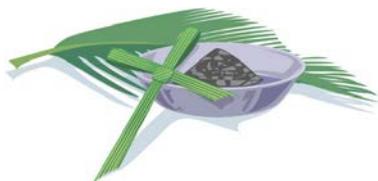
Wednesdays in Lent

Wednesday Services beginning
February 17th:

O'Connor Woods at 2pm

Confession During Lent

- Before Soup Supper on Fridays
- Before Wed Service at O'Connor Woods
- By Appointment with Fr Gubuan
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Bring in your palm from Palm Sunday last year by February 7th to burn to make ashes for this year's Ash Wednesday

Put them in the basket on the Attendance Sign in Table

Communion Schedule



Sundays

9:30am

St Francis of Assisi
Fellowship Hall

2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month

2pm

O'Connor Woods Chapel
3400 Wagner Heights Rd, Stockton



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



Altar Flower Donations

We have been so blessed that the Poinsettias have remained so beautiful during Epiphany!

Please see the Altar Flower sign up sheet on the Attendance sign in table to sign up for Altar Flowers for 2016



The Annual Meeting of St Francis Church was held on January 24th. If you would like a packet from the meeting contact the church office – 565-0648



February

- 7th Ken Sanchez
- 9th Rachel Telander
- 12th Ed Ruhstaller
Willy Gaa
- 13th Mary Norman
- 14th Gloria Sanchez
- 17th Ted Yumoto
Bill Aaron
- 18th Jose Matulac
- 19th Marilen Gaa
- 22nd Jim May
- 23rd Ellie Berry
- 26th Phillip Berghuis
- 27th Phil Spohn
- 28th Bernard Thomas

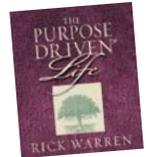


February

- 24th Mr & Mrs Davy Emmatty
- 26th Fr & Mrs Jim Sweeney
Mr and Mrs Jose Rosal

Book Study Class Meets on February 17th

The Purpose Driven Life
by Rick Warren



The class meets at the home of Jim & Cyndi Telander every other week on Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm.

The Telanders address is:
12511 Mundy Ln., Lodi 95240
Plan to join us!

Installation of Daughters of the King Officers



Choir: Upcoming Rehearsals/Sundays:
February 10th - Ash Wednesday
February 14th - 8:30am

Coffee Hour Hosts: Sign up on calendar behind food table

Bishop's Committee Meeting:
Sunday, February 28th - 11:30am

Altar Guild: Tuesday, February 16th at 10am at Church

Daughters of the King: Saturday, February 20th at 10am

Bishop's Note: Response to Canterbury 2016

January 19, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Diocese of San Joaquin,

Greetings and peace to you in the mighty name of Jesus!

This past week the Primates (Archbishops) of the Anglican Communion gathered in Canterbury, England to speak the truth in love, with courage and deep conviction. They gathered to discuss the impact of the actions of the Episcopal Church in departing from the faith once delivered and the teachings of Christ and the Apostles. This conversation began in 2003 following the consecration of Gene Robinson as Bishop of New Hampshire, and then continued in 2007 at the gathering of the Primates in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, where the Primates agreed to be under authority to God and His Word, and to one another, and not to act unilaterally.

We in the Diocese of San Joaquin know first hand that there was no follow up to the Dar es Salaam meeting, and the lawsuits and depositions (defrocking) of over 700 faithful clergy ensued. This past summer the Episcopal Church caused further pain and suffering in the Anglican Communion with the approval of same sex marriage rites.

After visiting all of the Provinces of the Communion, the Archbishop of Canterbury - Justin Welby - called a gathering of the Primates to address the wounding of our Communion by both the unilateral actions of the Episcopal Church, and the preparation for similar moves by the Anglican Church of Canada.

While I was not present in Canterbury, the news reports of the meeting give us cause for hope and pride in the actions of the primates from the Global South, GAFCON, and our own Archbishop Foley Beach, who was received as a full and equal partner. In true godly fashion, Christian brothers held one another accountable. They shared the pain and suffering that the departure from the faith has caused in their Provinces around the world, as well as here in North America, and in the end they imposed sanctions on the Episcopal Church. These sanctions remove the Episcopal Church from the governance bodies of the Anglican Communion for a period of three years and call upon them to repent and return to the faith and witness of Christ and the Anglican Church. While on the surface this may not seem like much, I believe that calling the Episcopal Church to re-examine their actions and, ultimately, decide to walk together or apart from their Anglican brothers and sisters around the world is significant.

I am grateful to God for our GAFCON and Global South Primates who were bold for the Gospel, and pray that we are all inspired to do the same.

Your Bishop and Servant

+ Eric Menees



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Dave Ramsey
Financial Peace

6 Reasons People Stay in Debt

Do you remember the moment you decided to get out of debt?

You were sick and tired of being sick and tired. You might have even gotten angry at being in debt. Eventually, the burden and the stress of the constant bills and piling debt broke you down. Something inside you “clicked,” and you decided **it was time to make a fresh start.**

But what keeps people from getting out of debt? Why would someone want to stay in chains instead of living in freedom? Sadly, there are all sorts of reasons people choose MasterCard over being free from debt.

Here are just a few:

1. They want to keep up appearances.

This is the dreaded “keeping up with the Joneses” mentality. But little do you know, the Joneses have a leased BMW, an underwater mortgage, and an unwelcome visitor named Sallie Mae living in their basement. **The Joneses are the most broke people in your neighborhood.** And if you’re trying to follow their example, you’ll be following them into bankruptcy if you’re not careful.

2. They are unwilling to sacrifice.

How can you possibly give up eating out three nights a week? Or what would your life look like [without cable](#)? You’ll never know until you’re willing to give those things up in order to build a legacy for your future. If you’re in a lot of debt, something in your lifestyle has to change. **It’s about priorities.** Here’s the question: *What are you willing to temporarily give up?*

3. They fear change.

Debt can be comfortable, kind of like slowly cooking in a pot of boiling water. If you’ve always used a credit card, and if you always had car loans, then you know what to expect.

The unknown can be scary—except for the fact that millions of families have gone through [Dave’s plan](#) to get out of debt and changed their lives. **We can promise that you have a lot more to fear if you stay in debt,** rather than if you make this change in your life.

4. They’re addicted to stuff.

In other words, they’ve bought the myth that you are what you own, and they simply can’t get enough. The more they have, the more powerful and confident they feel. **But it’s all a fraud.** They can’t afford that stuff and, eventually, it’s going to weigh them down. Their addiction to debt will, at some point, cause a financial heart attack.

5. They don’t know how.

Everything we do around Dave’s office revolves around helping people make a plan for their money. These people have good intentions—they want to kick debt to the curb—*but they don’t know how.* They’ve been in debt so long that getting out under a pile of \$50,000 in credit card bills seems impossible. But it isn’t. People call [The Dave Ramsey Show](#) every day to tell us about their debt-free stories. **Getting out of debt isn’t easy. It takes a lot of hard work and discipline. But it’s definitely not impossible.** All you need is a plan.

6. They’re lazy.

These people know *what* to do. Maybe they know about the [debt snowball](#) and they sorta, kinda want to get out of debt. They know how debt can affect their marriage, their stress levels, their relationships, and their future, but they just aren’t motivated to make a change. How sad is that?

You know that you’re ruining your future—and if you have kids, you’re putting them behind the eight ball when they go out on their own—but you still go into debt anyway? If you know how to get out of debt, but you’re just too lazy to do it? Well, that’s just embarrassing.

Every day, people are making the decision to get out of debt and change their lives.

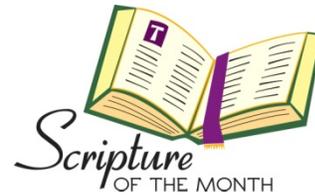
They’re ready to sacrifice and get rid of their fear of change or their addiction to stuff.

If you’ve yet to make that decision, what’s holding you back?

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



February 7th

Exodus 34:29-35
 1 Corinthians 12:27—13:13
 Luke 9:28-36
 Psalm 99

February 14th

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
 Romans 10:5-13
 Luke 4:1-13
 Psalm 91

February 21st

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
 Philippians 3:17—4:1
 Luke 13:22-35
 Psalm 27

February 28th

Exodus 3:1-15
 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
 Luke 13:1-9
 Psalm 103

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