

# THE MESSENGER

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THE MISSION OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANGLICAN CHURCH IS TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION IN JESUS CHRIST THROUGH SERIOUS DISCIPLESHIP, SACRED WORSHIP AND SELFLESS SERVICE

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## The Friars Quill

State of the Mission  
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANGLICAN  
CHURCH

Third Annual Meeting: January 29, 2017

Fr. Woodrow Gubuan

The Mission of St Francis of Assisi Anglican Church: "To Proclaim the Good News of Salvation in Jesus Christ through **I. Sacred Worship, II. Serious Discipleship and III. Selfless Service.**" is the backdrop of this article. It hopes to give a good view and sense of what God is doing and is accomplishing through our Church of St. Francis of Assisi.

To start, I invite prayers to remember our active and former Church members who have departed this life in the last 12 months: Robert Norman, Kirby Robinson, Deacon Hugh Cooke, Eileen Lichtenberg, Joanne Dexter, Edward Ruhstaller, Reed Robbins, Douglas Holt, Joyce Snapp. *Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will. AMEN*

In the name of the Bishop's Committee and in the name of us all, I wish to thank our Wardens Joe and Bernard and clerk Jessica who are rotating off and welcome our new appointees of our Bishop: Mike Combs, Bishop's Warden and Jim Telander, People's Warden and Mike Finney, member, Steve Olmsted, clerk.

I wish to thank also our **Worship Ministries:** • Set-Up/Take Down (*Bernard*), • Music (*Ted and Susan & Organists (Tyrel) Jonathan, Rebecca, Agnes, & Choir*), • Altar Guild (*Kim Combs*), • Prayer Team (*Mike Griffin*), • Lectors (*Terry Beth*), • Altar Servers (*D. Jeff*), • Acolytes (*Rose Beth*), • Usher (*Mike Combs*), • Bulletin (*Kim Combs*), • Flowers

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*Lisa and Susan*); **Discipleship Ministries:** • Catechesis (*Cyndi & Jeff*), • Bible Study (*Bill Aaron*); **Service Ministries:** • *Daughters of the King (Agnes)*. • *Hospitality (Cat Vaughn)*, • *Love Stockton & Homeless (Jeff)*, *Sam Pack (Samantha)*; • *Building & Grounds (Bernard Thomas)*, • *Finances (Frank Berghuis, Treasurer; Mike Combs, Stewardship)*.

I thank likewise the Mission Mentor (*Ted*), Transition Team (*Wilson*), the Exploratory Committees (*Fund, Ted; Building, Jeff*). And of course, I wish to thank Deacon Jeff for service on the altars of St. Francis and O'Connor Woods, for pastoral care, for preaching on the fourth Sunday, for being our presence under the bridge for the homeless, for taking care of the LEMS, the grief ministry, catechesis and even me when I get sick.

We also wish to thank our delegates and alternates to the diocesan convention: (Jim and Cyndi, Wilson, Mike Combs). I know I have not mentioned all the other members of the different committees and groups. Had I done that, I would have mentioned all of us. It is an open secret that at St. Francis Church, practically everyone is involved.

Having said all that, I will make a brief running commentary of the state of St. Francis and offer up some of our dreams and suggestions for the future.

**1. Sacred Worship:** Every Sunday and other seasonal days, we, as a community, pray in words, in songs and in silence and we know that God is here among us. We celebrated the mass at O'Connor Woods on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays and other days.

On request, we said mass in the homes and blessed homes. In 2016, we renewed our baptismal promises on Easter, and renewed our acceptance of and commitment to Christ our Lord in October at the visit of our Bishop on the feast of St. Francis. We had lessons and Carols this December. We also celebrated the wedding of Ted and Lisa.

The challenges I see in this area of our life are:

\*First, the need to realize that Sunday Worship is normative not optional and thus to strive to keep holy the Lord's day unless legitimately prevented.

\*Second, the challenge to increase our average Sunday attendance which has fallen from 79 in 2015 to 59 in 2016. **I have asked each one (and I will be asking again and again) to invite and mentor at LEAST ONE person to St. Francis for this year 2017.** \*Third, the challenge to pray that the Lord will find us a home in 2017.

**II. Serious Discipleship:** In this area, we have seen the wonderful manifestation of the gifts present in our Church family: in Bill Aaron who taught the Epistle to the Romans of NT Wright, in Cyndi and Jeff, Jim and Kim, Nancy and Agnes for catechesis and preparation for Easter Renewal and October recommitment, and in numerous church members who did the Lenten and Advent reflections.

The challenges I see in this area are: (1) better attendance at the Sunday Catechism not just for those preparing for baptism and confirmation but also for those of us who do our annual renewal of our baptismal covenant and our acceptance of Jesus as our Lord and savior in our life; (2) greater participation in the Lenten Reflection, soup supper and Stations of the Cross, (3) participation in book study "Defending the Faith" taught by Deacon Jeff. (4) more participation in the planned BBQ Evangelism events by attending and inviting other persons to attend; (5) the: to invite people to know us more. The Plan to distribute cards about St. Francis at funerals, at Lessons and Carols, Ladies' Tea, Holy Week.

**III. Selfless Service:** -- Hospitality stands out: in terms of Coffee hours, potlucks, and Friendship Sundays. Need to continue and to imbue with the character of evangelism the Ladies Tea, Men's BBQ, Food for Families, Sam Packs, Under the Bridge, Love Stockton. I commend especially the Card Committee from the Daughters of the King – not just signed cards but flowers, phone calls, casserole to

sick. Service is the area of our life that needs really to stand out – because we are children of St. Francis of Assisi.

As far as my service as your priest, I have tried to do well the areas of priority the Bishop asked me to commit to: (a) preaching and teaching the Word and living it, (b) pastoral care of the church leaders (who are tired and overworked) and the community especially the sick and the seniors, (3) raise and enable Church leadership by laying a firm foundation.

I assure you I am trying to do my best in these areas and more. My sermons and my teachings may not be that great and interesting, but they had been prepared and reflected on. My notes, my text messages, my calls, conversations and visits together with prayers and administration of sacraments, are my simple pastoral caring ways. I have been present in times of sickness and recovery; in the times of dying, death and grieving. I continue to try to set up and to guide the committee structures of the Bishop's Committee to function according to the three ministry areas of our mission.

All these significant accomplishments could never have been done without your generous **STEWARDSHIP**. We have kept steady in our financial giving, and have shown great potential for growth by our giving this year. All the challenges that we hope to face in the days to come could not be done without your generous stewardship of time, talent and treasure. We look forward to reflecting and if, found feasible, to implementing the Dave Ramsey principle: the 10% to give, **the other 10% to set aside for our "home"**, and the 80% to operate.

Lastly, I refer you to the 2017 Budget that has been given to you (and still available for those who want a copy). Blessed with your generous giving, St. Francis Church Bishop's Committee uses it for the accomplishment of the Mission of St. Francis. Thus, when you study the budget, you will see that it has been categorized according to the 3 ministry areas of our Mission: WORSHIP, DISCIPLESHIP, SERVICE. This is deliberate because the BUDGET IS NOTHING ELSE BUT MISSION IN NUMBERS.

Thank you one and all. God bless you. Amen



Greetings,

I hope everyone has been able to avoid the flooding and stay dry from all the rains? We have had a wet year! And we may not be done yet at the time of this letter. So be safe and watch for flooded roadways and streets.

Here we are in February and the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month will be Shrove Tuesday! For those who may have forgotten Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent. In which is a time of fasting and reflection before the Easter Tide! Why am I mentioning this already? Two reasons. One it would be a good time to think about what Lenten reflections you wish to take up, like what book or books that help in the understanding and deepening of your faith during the Lenten season. Two, as I was listening to Arch Bishop Foley's daily devotional, he mentioned something that is important, not only all the time but will help in the deepening and rewarding experience of Lent and Easter!

Archbishop Foley's one minute talk went like this. When you show up for church on Sunday, what is our purpose- To serve or be served? In our society today it is all about being served, what can you do for me, it all about me! The question is have we let this into our church? Too many of us to church seeking what the church can do for us. Not how can I serve in the church! Arch bishop Foley points out that to serve is Christ!! That we will never be more like Jesus than when we are serving others! We are all serving someone, but who are we serving: are we serving ourselves or others? The longer we stay focused on ourselves and not God or others, the longer we will remain stuck in a miserable spiritual condition! Yes the church should provide us with a place to worship Jesus in spirit and in the truth of his word, and our church should provide a chance to serve others! To serve is Christ!! Are you taking all opportunities to take part in that serving God and others? Jesus says in Mark 10: 45 "for the son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life for a ransom for many" To be a disciple of Jesus is not just agreeing with

what he says it means to walk by him as he spreads his message. We may not see him by us but if we are true Disciples of Christ he is walking along with us as we serve others. Are we hears only and not doers? In other words are we just giving him lip service or serving him in serving others? It is important to make sure we area walking with Jesus. To serve is Christ!!

May the Peace of the Lord be always with You!

Deacon Jeff Stugelmeyer



## The Annual Meeting of St Francis

**Thank you** to Joe Dietrich and Bernard Thomas for your service to St Francis for the last 3 yrs on the Bishop's Committee. Also to Jessica Aaron for her service as Clerk.

**Welcome** to Mike Combs, Mike Finney and Steve Olmsted.

Mike Combs has been appointed as your new Bishop's Warden. Jim Telander has been appointed as your new People's Warden and Mike Finney as a new member. Steve Olmsted will serve as Clerk.

### The Messenger

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'19 Mike Combs, Mike Finney

# Sacred Worship



### 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

# Lent

BEGINS

Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>



Ash Wednesday Services will be held at:

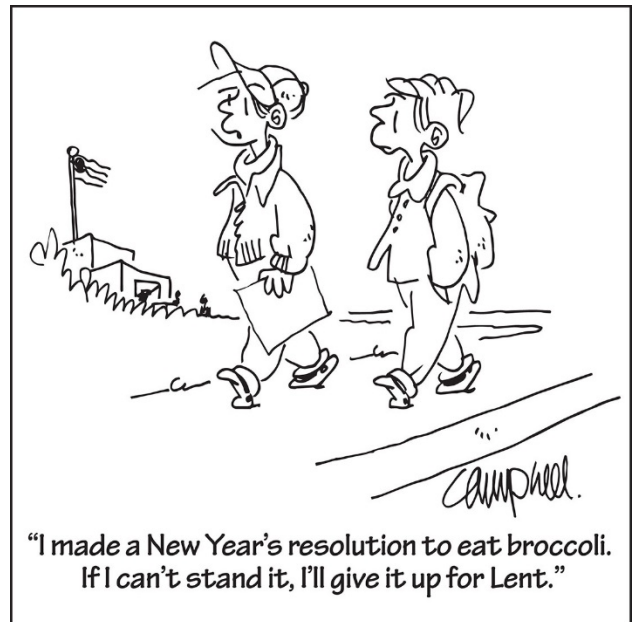
2pm - Chapel at O'Connor Woods  
7pm - St Francis Church

Reinaldo (Ray) Joseph Rodriguez

(December 2, 1922 - January 13, 2017)



May Ray and all the faithful departed,  
rest in peace



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

Please see an Usher for  
location.

# Serious Discipleship



Choir: Upcoming Rehearsals:  
March 5<sup>th</sup> - 8:30am

Coffee Hour Hosts: Sign up on calendar  
behind food table

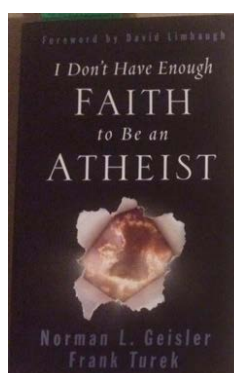
Altar Guild: Tues, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am

Daughters: Sat, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am

### Other Ministry Opportunities

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

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



Meet from 6:30 – 8:00pm in our hall



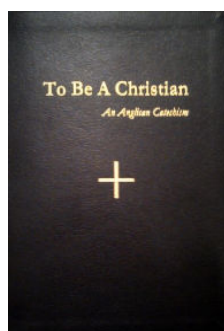
Our Diocese of San Joaquin Website:  
<http://www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net/>

Diocesan Newsletter:

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

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



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



February 5<sup>th</sup>

Habakkuk 3:1-19

Psalm 27

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Matthew 5:13-20

February 12<sup>th</sup>

Ecclesiasticus 15:11-20

Psalm 119:1-16

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

February 19<sup>th</sup>

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Psalm 71

1 Corinthians 3:10-23

Matthew 5:38-48

February 26<sup>th</sup>

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 99

Philippians 3:7-14

Matthew 17:1-9

*We're on the Web!*

*Visit us at:*

[www.stocktonanglican.org](http://www.stocktonanglican.org)

## 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**

## Feeding the Homeless under the Freeway





### February

7 <sup>th</sup>	Ken Sanchez
9 <sup>th</sup>	Rachel Telander
12 <sup>th</sup>	Willie Gaa
13 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Norman
14 <sup>th</sup>	Gloria Sanchez
17 <sup>th</sup>	Ted Yumoto
18 <sup>th</sup>	Jose Matulac
19 <sup>th</sup>	Marilen Gaa
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jim May
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ellie Berry
26 <sup>th</sup>	Fr. Phil Berghuis
27 <sup>th</sup>	Phil Spohn
28 <sup>th</sup>	Bernard Thomas



### February

24 <sup>th</sup>	Mr & Mrs Davy Emmatty
26 <sup>th</sup>	Mr & Mrs Jose Rosal

## Dave Ramsey

How to Save \$1,000 in One Month

### Baby Step 1: Save \$1,000—and do it quickly.

Without this first step, your money goals won't be accomplished. [Baby Step 1](#) teaches you to make saving a priority, and it gives you the cushion you need to stop using credit and start paying off debt.

Depending on how much experience you have saving money, Baby Step 1 could be a piece of cake—or it could sound downright impossible. We asked our [Facebook followers](#) how they would save \$1,000 in one month, and we got loads of advice.

### Work With What You Have to Save Money Fast

Lots of folks turned to the basics: good budgeting and cutting back on spending. “When we first started, I thought, ‘This will take forever!’” Joanie H. said in her post. “It took three weeks of staying at home, eating only at home, and sticking to a budget.”

Beata T. agreed, saying, “[Create a budget](#), and you'll see how much money you waste every month. You'll get to the \$1,000 in no time.”

Other posters had tricks to help them save, like stashing away every \$5 bill they receive or squirreling away all dollar bills and loose change at the end of the day. That might not add up to \$1,000 in one month, but it sure can help you get there.

**Eating out** was the top suggestion for cutting back on expenses, and many people advised wise spending in general. “Use cash,” Eve D. advised. “That really helps us see and feel our money.”

### Bring in More Money

One of Dave's favorite ways to get some quick cash is to sell stuff, and Dave fans are on board!

“**Garage sale, eBay or Craigslist!**” Traci M. said. “Sell [stuff] to make money and get rid of things you don't need!”

If you're not up for a full-on [garage sale](#), **sell some gold**, like Vicki G. You can easily make hundreds of dollars fast by selling your old gold or silver jewelry.

If your job allows, **overtime** is another great way to bring in extra money. If that isn't an option, consider using your skills or talents to earn additional cash.

“You can clean someone's house for an afternoon, or walk dogs, or show someone how to use a computer,” Jenna M. said. “Teach someone how to cook or teach them how to organize files. Even if it seems like just pennies now, don't take it for granted. It all adds up!”

### Save Money By Making Phone Calls and Doing Paperwork

Myra F. said she's making the wise move of **cashing out two whole-life insurance policies** to knock out Baby Step 1. Not only will she get whatever cash is available from the policies, she'll also save money on premiums by switching to term life insurance.

Additionally, you might be able to save money each month by shopping around for [better deals on life, health, home and auto insurance](#).

Lots of people like Tana M. and Hillary F. said they were planning to use their income tax refunds to build their baby emergency funds. That's a great use of this year's refund, but if you're consistently getting large refunds at tax time, you should change your tax withholding so you [bring more money home in your paycheck](#). No waiting and no giving the government a free loan!

### Believe You Can Save Money Fast

No matter what tricks you use or how much money you can dig up, you won't hit a savings goal if you don't believe you can do it.

“You have to believe you can do it,” Becky M. encouraged. “Acknowledge [that] you have to do it. And get to it!”



February 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Presentation of Jesus in the Temple 6:30pm Defending the Faith	3	4
5 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany 8:30am Catechism 9:30am Holy Eucharist	6	7	8 2pm Holy Eucharist - O'Connor Woods	9 6:30pm Defending the Faith	10	11
12 Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany 8:30am Catechism 9:30am Holy Eucharist	13	14	15	16 6:30pm Defending the Faith	17	18
19 Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany 8:30am Catechism 9:30am Holy Eucharist	20	21 Altar Guild 10am	22 2pm Holy Eucharist - O'Connor Woods	23 6:30pm Defending the Faith	24 St Matthias, Apostle	25
26 Last Sunday after the Epiphany 8:30am Catechism 9:30am Holy Eucharist Bishop's Committee	27	28				

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