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The Friars Quill

NEW YEAR 2016 REFLECTION

I invite all of us as a Church family to review 2015 and to preview 2016 prayerfully from the purview of our mission statement:

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

As a guide to our reflection, let me recall what we have said about our three priority ministries as interrelated moments of our Mission. It starts with the ***proclamation of the Good News of Salvation in Jesus Christ*** that leads to our vital encounter with Jesus Christ, our acceptance of him as our savior and our decision to follow him as our Lord in the fellowship of his Church.

Then comes the first moment proper: the deepening of the initial faith by means of a more systematic education in the faith (catechesis). This is ***discipleship***: the process of growing into the life of Christ by **embracing His way of life and making it our own way of life.**

In the concrete, this is realized in catechesis, small group book study, bible study, Advent and Lenten reflections, committee or family or personal spiritual reading and study.

The second moment consists of sacramental living, of prayer and spiritual disciplines that contribute to the growth and maturation of our faith. There are, above all, ***worship*** and fellowship that come into play in the process.

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In the concrete, this is realized by faithful Sunday worship, renewal of baptismal and marriage vows, prayer and fasting, regular confession, prayer and anointing of the sick, support and prayer for the clergy and Eucharistic ministers. There is also the prayer and intercessory teams, the choir and the altar guild, the acolytes, the readers and the Eucharistic ministers and even pastoral care of the sick, homebound, and bereaved through small notes in cards, brief phone calls and visits.

Selfless Service is the third moment – a kind of end moment or a sure sign of the maturity process. That is to say that all these moments sort of prepare us to a life of service expressed through in-reach (mutual service) and through outreach -- the outward journey into the world where God is at work.

In the concrete, service as in-reach builds and strengthens the inner life of our Church family. It is expressed by the ministries of ushers and greeters, set-up and take-down crew, hospitality group, Daughters of the King, child caregivers. Serving in leadership and committee positions are also service opportunities.

Service as outreach is headed primarily by our Deacon who makes the needs of the world known to the church, and who serves as the church's presence and response to the needs of the world. This is expressed in many ways: pastoral care of the sick, the homebound, those with difficulties; the ministry to newcomers and telephone/text ministry to the absent and in need, the love Stockton, food for families, homeless, bereaved ministries. There are also our local, national and international outreaches which have revealed the compassionate nature of our Church family.

Yes, this triple ministry will be the purview of our reviewing and projecting our budget. This will be our guide and our gauge of our efforts and strivings.

Finally, as children of St. Francis of Assisi, I would like us all to see and do all these from the merciful, compassionate and loving heart of our patron and model.

Fr. Woodrow C. Gubuan



Greetings and Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a good New Year! With the joy and anticipation of the New Year we get to celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. As the world seems to get ever increasingly busy we must keep in our hearts all that Jesus has done for us and humbly worship him with a joyful heart. I mentioned in a previous article with the new Church year that like the secular New Year that of New Year's resolutions. I ask you to again think about it! Think about renewing you're your commitment and resolve for Jesus by growing in knowledge and strengthening your foundation by learning about what the church teaches us about our faith. This will help us to understand what Jesus is trying to present to us and give us a better chance of letting people

know what we believe and how and why we believe it; so we may with confidence help lead others to the Christ which is Jesus. For instance too many people think that Jesus' last name was Christ! They use it like we use last names today and that is not what it is, I'm sure you know this. That Christ means the Messiah! Jesus is the Messiah.

At the writing of this article for the messenger I have yet to talk to Fr. Gubuan about when we can get to gather for Spiritual Direction which I am definitely in need of. Fr. has given me an outline of where we are going to start, which is exciting. It seems that the world wishes us to not get together so I ask for your prayers to help make it happen. Your prayers and support have an impact I'm not sure you are aware of. For instance I learned something myself about the feeding of the homeless that I mentioned once before but thought it would be encouraging to you now also. The Group feeding the homeless under the cross town freeway was not sure if God was closing that mission that they were providing. But with a donation made from St. Francis they were encouraged to remain and continue to present Jesus and his message among them. Your prayers are an important part to the group providing that service, even if you cannot help physically your prayers help sustain those who can. I urge you though to try to stop by at least one Saturday to see what is going on first hand, and to experience the joy in helping others.

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.



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

Please send all correspondence to:

St Francis Church
PO Box 4466
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St Francis gave Christmas presents to 15 children of the families we have been feeding each month. Thank you to the Selfless Service Committee for your faithful service. If you would like to help, see Nancy Thomas.



The Epiphany Service will be held on Wednesday, January 6th at 2pm in the Chapel at O'Connor Woods.



St Francis has been so blessed by the generosity of its parishioners that we have been able to give:

- \$500 to purchase Christmas gifts for the Butte Fire Families.
- \$500 to Lodi Adopt a Child to purchase Christmas gifts for children in need.
- \$500 to Mary Graham Children's Home to support those in need.



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



Christmas Greens and Poinsettias

- Phil & Karen Giambastiani in memory of their fathers, Art Aulwurm & John Giambastiani.
- Remy Balagey in memory of Parents, Sisters & Brother and in thanksgiving for loved ones & good health.
- Rachel Allangue
- Mike & Kim Combs in memory of their son, Alexander.
- Lee Atwater in memory of Patsy Atwater.
- Sam & Jerry Towne in memory of Les & Bernadine Town and Eunice & Denzil Kitchens.
- David Lind in memory of Davy Lind.
- Helen Arcala in memory of her husband, daughter & Mom and in thanksgiving for her birthday.
- Dolores Aulwurm in loving memory of Arthur Aulwurm Jr and departed family members.
- Helen Ripken in thanksgiving for family.
- Diane Stauffer in thanksgiving for her family.
- Liz Haines in memory of her husband, Richard.
Davy & Gracy Emmatty



January

29th Mr & Mrs Cliff Kenst



January

- 2nd Kirby Robinson
- 4th Ernie Beth
- 6th Wilson Melchor
- 12th Sally Kenst
- 16th Ben Sanchez
- 17th Kathy Lynch
- Ryan Vaughn
- 20th Helen Ripken
- 21st Samantha Towne
- 25th Kim Combs
- 29th Frank Berghuis
- 30th Karen Giambastiani



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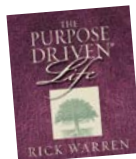
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Butte Fire Victim Delivery of Gift Cards from St Francis of Assisi and other gifts for the children for Christmas.

Book Study Class Meets on January 6th and 20th

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!



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 January 31st.



Happy 45th Anniversary of your priesthood
Fr Woodrow Gubuan



Christmas at St Francis

January 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 The Holy Name	2
3 Second Sunday after Christmas 9:30am Holy Eucharist	4	5	6 The Epiphany 2pm Mass at O'Connor Woods Book Study 8:30pm	7	8	9 DOK 10am
10 First Sunday after the Epiphany-Baptism of our Lord 9:30am Holy Eucharist	11	12	13 2pm Mass at O'Connor Woods	14	15	16
17 Second Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30am Holy Eucharist	18 Confession of St Peter, Apostle	19 Altar Guild 10am	20 Book Study 8:30pm	21	22	23
24 Third Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30am Holy Eucharist Annual Meeting 11:30am	25 Conversion of St Paul, Apostle	26	27 2pm Mass at O'Connor Woods	28	29	30
31 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany 9:30am Holy Eucharist						



Choir: Upcoming Rehearsals/Sundays:
January 10th - 8:30am

Coffee Hour Hosts: Sign up on calendar
behind food table

Annual Meeting:
Sunday, January 24th - 11:30am

Altar Guild: Tuesday, January 19th at
10am at Church

Daughters of the King: Saturday, January
9th at 10am



Dave Ramsey
Financial Peace

Are you Budgeting Your Time Effectively?

We are only human—we do it all! When people try to accomplish too much in a given time period, the end result is most often frustration and disappointment. Why do this to yourself? The classic book Boundaries by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend can help you gain control of your life by learning how to effectively prioritize.

We have talked about setting limits on someone else. **You also need to set limits on yourself.** You need to realize how much time and energy you have, and manage your work accordingly. Know what you can do and when you can do it, and say no to everything else. Learn to know your limits and enforce them, as Laurie did. Say to your team or your boss, “If I am going to do A today, I will not be able to do B until Wednesday. Is that okay or do we need to rethink which one I need to be working on?”

Effective workers do two things: they strive to do excellent work, and they spend their time on the most important things. Many people do excellent work but allow themselves to get sidetracked by unimportant things; they may do unimportant things

very well! They feel like they are doing a great job, but their boss is upset because essential goals are not being met. Then they feel unappreciated and resentful because they have put out so much effort. They were working hard, but they weren't placing boundaries on what they allowed to take up their time, and the really important things did not get their attention.

Say no to the unimportant, and say no to the inclination to do less than your best. **If you are doing your best work on the most important things, you will reach your goals.**

In addition to saying no to the unimportant, you need to make a plan to accomplish the important things, and erect some fences around your tasks. Realize your limits, and make sure you do not allow work to control your life. **Having limits will force you to prioritize.** If you make a commitment to spend only so many hours a week on work, you will spend those hours more wisely. If you think your time is limitless, you may say yes to everything. Say yes to the best, and sometimes you may need to say no to the good.

One man's ministry required a lot of travel, so he and his wife put their heads together and decided that he would spend no more than one hundred nights a year on the road. When he gets an offer he has to check his time budget and see if this is something he wants to spend some of his nights on. This plan forces him to be more selective in his travel, thereby saving time for the rest of his life.

A company president who was allowing work to keep him away from home too much made a commitment to spend only 40 hours a week in the office. At first, he really struggled because he wasn't used to budgeting his time and commitments so closely. Slowly though, when he realized that he only had so much time, he began to spend it more wisely. He even got more accomplished because he was forced to work smarter.

Work will grow to fill the time you have set aside for it. If a meeting does not have an agenda with time limits, discussion could be endless. Allot time for certain things, and then keep your limits. You will work smarter and like your work more.

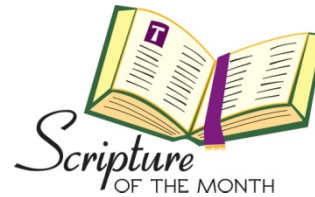
Take a lesson from Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, who, seeing Moses' lack of boundaries, asked him why he was working so hard (Exodus 18:14-27).

"Because the people need me," Moses said.

"What you are doing is not good," Jethro replied. "You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone" (vv. 17-18). Even though Moses was doing good work, Jethro saw that he was going to burn himself out. Moses had allowed good work to go too far. **Limits on good things keep them good.**



The Annual Meeting of St Francis Church will be held on January 24th following the Service



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

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January 3rd

Jeremiah 31:7-14
 Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a
 Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
 Psalm 84

January 10th

Isaiah 42:1-9
 Acts 10:34-38
 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
 Psalm 89:1-29

January 17th

Isaiah 62:1-5
 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
 John 2:1-11
 Psalm 96

January 24th

Nehemiah 8:2-10
 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
 Luke 4:14-21
 Psalm 113

January 31st

Jeremiah 1:4-10
 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20
 Luke 4:21-32
 Psalm 71:1-17

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