

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

The Season of Growth

In my June article in the Messenger, I wrote about what Pentecost meant to us as St. Francis Church at this juncture in our life's journey. The three key words that should remind us of the meaning of Pentecost to us, are: (1) **STAY TOGETHER:** *"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised..." Acts 1:4;* (2) **PRAY:** *"¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem ... and they all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers." Acts 1:12-14;* (3) **MISSION:** *"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ... and tongues of fire ... came to rest on each of them ... and all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit ..." Acts 2:1-4.* Henceforth they began the mission of proclaiming the Good News.

We are now in the Season after Pentecost. It begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent. It is also called the Season of Growth. It picks up from that Pentecost day, when the disciples opened the door of the upper room and went in mission into the streets of *"Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth."* As the Acts of the Apostles puts it: *⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer..... ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." Acts 2:42ff*

This Season after Pentecost as the Season of Growth is signified and symbolized in our life as a worshipping community as well. The Church vestures that adorn the altar and are worn by the clergy are green to signify that growth in the life of the Church. The theme of the readings expresses the Church's fulfilling the great commission thus causing the growth of the

Church. The gospel readings cover the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus as he goes from village to village.

It is against this backdrop, that I am inviting us all to view our decision, as St. Francis of Assisi Church through the leadership of our Bishop's Committee, the Transition Team and the Clergy to embrace and enter into a Season of Growth. It is a decision to grow in Christ.

By the time you read this article, you will have heard about and made this decision I am talking about.

Hopefully, we will also have committed ourselves to study and to reflect together Rick Warren's book *"The Purpose Driven Church"* in order to deepen the understanding of our decision and its implications to follow Lord's call to us to grow in Him.

Above all, we pray that this study will lead us to understand that our focus is not the building up of the physical but of the spiritual building of the Church as the people of God. As Rick Warren puts it: *"If you will concentrate on building people, God will build the church."*

Let us continue to stay together in prayer.

† Fr Woodrow Gubuan

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Shalom,

I hope you have a safe and fun 4th of July. For us Americans this is the time we celebrate not only our independence but our free will to choose.

That was one of the fundamental rights that the fathers of our country fought for. For instance freedom to choose how to worship. This is in the first Amendment along with free speech and freedom of religion. Allowing people to choose if and how they want to worship God. Keep this in mind as I try to answer the question of why doesn't God make a world without sin and keep people from going to hell. One of the objections that atheists put forth is that if God can do anything, He could have made a world that has no sin or that he can just do away with sin allowing everyone to be in heaven.

First of all God did create a world without sin! But man chose to sin, thus disrupting creation and infecting it with sin. God created us to love him and have a relationship with Him. For this to happen Man must have three things. First man must have reason. It is through reason that man can discover truth and think about his origin; his purpose; and his destiny. Second man must have freewill. Man must have freewill in order to choose to reason about such things and whether he wants to pursue them or not. Third man must have love. In order to pursue something to reason about, man must have a love to do so; so that it peaks his interest to freely choose to reason about such things. Just like the God whose image we were created in, we have reason, freewill and love.

For God to eliminate sin, God would have to take away man's reason, freewill, and love. If God takes away man's reason, freewill, and love, then God takes away humanity and we become less than the animals, not being able to ponder the beauty of this world. God would in fact then commit evil himself, which God cannot do, and by doing so would in fact take away our ability to either choose to be with God or not and would in fact condemn all creation to hell with no hope of salvation!! Because we would not be able to

comprehend or understand anything without reason, freewill and love, so no matter where we would be, we would be in hell whether with God or not.

In order to truly love something, have the freewill to choose that love and to be able to reason to follow, we must be able to have a choice of both good and evil. This is the only way that these three fundamental forms of logic and work. If any one of the three or all are taken away or suppressed in order to make everyone be with God is problematic. There is a big problem with that point of view!!! In order to make everyone (whether they want to or not) be in the presence of God. Remember that heaven is where God is, you cannot be in heaven and not be with God. So in order for God to not only show His Love to the world, he had to let the world have reason, freewill and love, even though some might sin and reject him; God never wants his creation to reject his love!! But to truly have and experience love, God must allow man to reject Him. So God knowing man would reject him if they had reason, freewill, and love could either condemn man from the beginning to hell without redemption or salvation, thus committing the most evil anyone could do. Or he could let them have their reason, freewill and love so they could enjoy God's love or if they wish reject it.

May the Peace of the Lord be always with You!
Deacon Jeff Stugelmeyer



Come Celebrate
Independence Day with
patriotic hymns
Sunday, July 2nd

Sacred Worship



Sundays

9:30am St Francis of Assisi Fellowship Hall

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month

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

Daily Office Resource

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Childcare Available

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

Please see an Usher for location.



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!!!

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

Diocesan Newsletter:

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



Serious Discipleship



Choir: Upcoming Rehearsals:
July 2nd - 8:30am

Coffee Hour Hosts: Sign up on calendar
behind food table

Altar Guild:
Potluck - No Meeting in July

Daughters: No Meeting in July

Bishop's Committee Meeting: Sun, July 30th

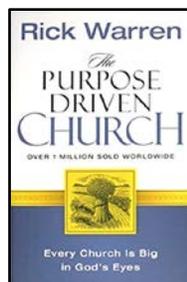
Other Ministry Opportunities

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

St Francis Church will look at
Studying together Rick
Warren's "Purpose Driven
Church"

If you would like to buy your
own copy, check here.

https://www.amazon.com/Purpose-Driven-Church-Every-Gods/dp/0310201063/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1498577199&sr=8-2&keywords=purpose+driven+church



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



July 2nd

Isaiah 2:10-17
Psalm 89:1-18
Romans 6:1-11
Matthew 10:34-42

July 9th

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:1-21
Romans 7:21—8:6
Matthew 11:25-30

July 16th

Isaiah 55
Psalm 65
Romans 8:7-17
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23rd

Wisom 12:13, 16-19
Psalm 86
Romans 8:18-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 34-43

July 30th

I Kings 3:3-14
Psalm 119:121-136
Romans 8:26-34
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-50

Selfless Service



July

22nd Mr & Mrs Jerry Towne



July

2nd Emily Arcala

Dan Tejano

11th Valerie Nolan

Mike Combs

Cliff Kenst

16th Remy Balagey

18th Taylor Berry

23rd Nick Grimmett

25th Jose Dato

28th Gloria Eich

31st Donna Lind



July

16th Archie Hays, husband of Carolyn

19th Richard Haines, husband of Liz



June

Paul & Mary Sigwart in thanksgiving for their Wedding Anniversary

Cat Rhodes Vaughn in loving memory of Margaret and John Rhodes

Mike & Kim Combs in memory of their son, Alexander

Kristian Petersen in memory of Roberta Sue Stevens Petersen

Under the Freeway Ministry the First Saturday of Every Month

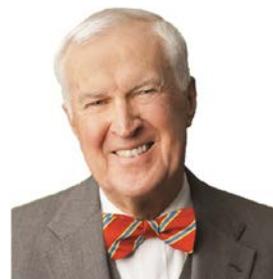


Our ladies are always in need of ladies toiletries, such as small shampoos, deodorants, lotions, lip balms, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc, underwear as such. See Samantha Towne for more info. This is an awesome ministry to the homeless women of Stockton.

This ministry piggy backs on the Downtown Feeding of the Homeless on the First Saturday of the Month.

See Deacon Jeff for more details.

ROBERT W. FOY



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May His Soul, and the souls of all the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, Rest on Peace.

Amen

July 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Pentecost IV 8:30 Catechism 9:30 Holy Eucharist	3	4 Independence Day - Office Closed	5	6	7	8
9 Pentecost V 8:30 Catechism 9:30 Holy Eucharist	10	11	12 2pm O'Connor Woods Mass	13	14	15
16 Pentecost VI 8:30 Catechism 9:30 Holy Eucharist	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Pentecost VII 8:30 Catechism 9:30 Holy Eucharist	24	25	26 2pm O'Connor Woods Mass	27	28	29
30 Pentecost VIII 8:30 Catechism 9:30 Holy Eucharist Bishop's Committee Meeting	31					

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**Saint Michael's
Youth Conference
Southwest**



I had an amazing time while at the Saint Michael's Conference Southwest. We attended four services daily: morning prayer, mass, evensong, and compline. Everyone there is totally sweet they completely understand any issues that you happen to confront them with. It is an absolutely fantastic opportunity for the youth who want to create a stronger relationship with God and yourself. The camp is a great opportunity to escape the everyday world of social media, video games, and television by learning more about the Church and Bible. There are so many different aspects that are brought of classes and discussion groups that most people typically do not think about. The topics brought up are subjects that a lot of people tend to forget about. At this one-of-a-kind camp, 'Michaelites' learn to communicate with other people through team building activities and skills. Any adolescent attending this camp, such as I have, will see it is an opportunity that would be unfortunate to miss. I am extremely glad that I chose to make this trip, and I hope that next time around, we would have some more of our church youth group there.

Victoria Dato



"We want to thank our church family for allowing us to attend the St. Michael's Conference in Texas. It

is very difficult to describe how profoundly impactful this week was.

The decision to attend St. Michael's Conference is the best decision we have made in our young lives. The glory of God and the protection of St. Michael seem to surround every camper, counselor, and staff. The classes gave essential knowledge of the Christian faith, and the discussion groups stretched even them most intellectual camper.

We could go on and on like this for several more paragraphs - talking about Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, amazing off-topic discussions in class, walking in the rain, being surrounded by a small army of priests, the incredible bonds formed with other campers and priests, and the in-depth discussions of the Bible. Words don't adequately capture the week.

We feel blessed to have a church family that is supportive of this type of experience for the youth. We were changed, and we hope to use that change to bless the people of St. Francis. "



Jonathan and Rebecca Telander



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