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## The Friars Quill

### ON BEING A FATHER: A REFLECTION

On this June issue of the Messenger, we celebrate Father's Day. So it seems good and praiseworthy to remember and honor our fathers. For nowadays, fathers do not get as much attention as others. Statistics published years ago attest that Mother's Day is the busiest day of the year for long distance companies. On the other hand, Father's Day is the day for most collect phone calls.

Speaking of fathers, I wish to share a personal reflection on being a father from the point of view of my baptismal name. In the Church I was baptized, the priest required my mother to add the name of a saint to my first name. So it came to pass that I was baptized: Joseph Woodrow.

My mother told me that my saint's name has a special significance as a constant reminder to live up to the standards set by my namesake: St. Joseph. I have always taken this seriously that it proves to be a lifetime of trying and of trying again and again to be like him.

The Gospel describes St. Joseph as a just man (Mt. 1:19). This defining character of Joseph appears through his roles and responsibilities as a husband, a provider, and a father.

Joseph was a just husband. The strength of this character of Joseph was tested when, engaged to be married to Mary, he learned that she was pregnant. Not wanting to cause a public scandal, he considered dismissing her quietly. [Mt. 1:19] Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and told him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife for the Child that was in her was from the power of the Holy Spirit. [Mt. 1:20]

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Consequently, as we know, Joseph took the Mary as his wife. [Mt. 1:24] Joseph is a loving and protective husband indeed.

Joseph was a just provider of the Holy Family. As the Gospels teach us, Joseph had anxieties in life as we all do. When he went with Mary to Bethlehem to register, "while they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child." [Lk. 2:6] Mary gave birth and laid Jesus in a manger because "there was no place for them in the inn." [Lk. 2:7]

Then we hear of another anxiety of Joseph when an angel appeared to him in a dream and told him to take the Child and His mother to Egypt. For Herod sought out Jesus in order to kill Him [Mt. 2:13] when he heard that a child had been born King of the Jews. [Mt. 2:2] Joseph was indeed a just provider, a duty he performed in obedience and trust in spite of the difficult circumstances.

Joseph was a **just father**: The last mention of St. Joseph in the Gospels was when Jesus was twelve years old and the family made their annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Jesus stayed behind in the Temple without the knowledge of His parents. For three days, Joseph went through great anxieties. [Lk. 2:41-8] Not only did he have to cope with having a lost his Child Jesus, but he also had to support Mary who must have been worrying to death.

This episode ended with the finding of Jesus “who went back with Mary and Joseph to Nazareth, where he was obedient to them.” (2:51) Indeed Joseph was a father to Jesus. Firstly, by trade, Joseph was a carpenter and as a good father passed on of his craft to Jesus. Secondly, as a good father he passed on his Jewish faith to Jesus. By doing so, Joseph affirmed for all of us fathers the dignity of work and of manual labor. Additionally, his example of being a teacher of faith challenges us fathers to embrace our crucial responsibility in teaching and raising our children in the Christian faith.

St. Joseph persevered in his roles of husband, provider, and father with fidelity and love. What an awesome model and exemplar for us to follow.

Just as the Lord God has entrusted his son Jesus and his mother Mary and Joseph, let us also entrust our roles and responsibilities as husbands, providers and fathers to his powerful protection.

Fr. Woodrow Gubuan



Hello Everyone,

Here it is June and the summer is almost here. Although the last week in May was cool, the summer heat will soon be upon us, make sure to take care during the heat. Stay cool whenever possible and drink lots of liquids. We must remember to look after friends and family during the heat that is coming as with the rain we got it might be very humid, and the humidity can dehydrate us and drain ones strength.

As I was trying to think about what to write in this article, the thought came that June is considered the month weddings. So I thought I would talk about weddings. Jesus’ first miracle was the wedding feast at Cana where we turned water into wine. This is noteworthy, in that Jesus uses the marriage picture to describe what it is going to be like in heaven. And we have the saying in Revelation 19:9 “Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb”.

Why is the marriage analogy used to describe the joys in heaven? Like in a marriage where two people join together this could be a way to show how heaven and earth will join together when Jesus comes again it will be a joyous occasion, the two, heaven and earth, will exist together under the Rule of God and we will have a great banquet to celebrate the occasion.

That’s why marriage is so important in the church and why Jesus said in Mark 10:9 therefore let no man put asunder what God has joined together. When the two are joined they are joined in a covenant By God, this is a symbol of the covenant that Christ gives us that being given to him that no man can take us from him; and when the new heaven and new earth come together it will be like a marriage, we being the bride and Jesus the Bridegroom. John the Baptist exclaimed about Jesus in John 3:29 “He who has the bride is the bridegroom; the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice, therefore this joy is mine now full”.

So for those who are to be married this month and throughout the rest of this year let us rejoice and be joyful for their union through Jesus, that they become one by the grace of God! And share in the love of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!!!

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

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED.....



What is Ray doing with all those plastic bottles and aluminum cans he collects at church?

Ray decided he would like to donate all proceeds from his collections to the Hospitality committee or to Daughters of the King.

So, he would like to encourage you to do the same. If you are unable, you may bring in CA REDEMPTION plastic bottles and aluminum cans to the church and Ray will take care of them.  
Thank you and God bless you.

# Sacred Worship

## Mother's Day Celebration



Our  
Lovely  
Mothers



Loving God,  
we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us,  
whose love is so precious that it can never be measured,  
whose patience seems to have no end.  
May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them.  
We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love  
or time, or patience.  
We ask you to bless them with your own special love.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.



## Serious Discipleship



### 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



**Choir: Upcoming Rehearsals:**  
June 5th - Pentecost

**Coffee Hour Hosts: Sign up on calendar**  
behind food table

**Bishop's Committee Meeting: Sunday,**  
June 26<sup>th</sup> - 11:00am

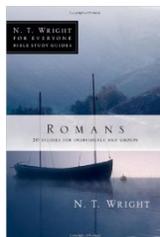
**Altar Guild: Tues, June 21<sup>st</sup> - Potluck Lunch**

**Daughters of the King: Sat, June 11<sup>th</sup> - 10am**



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

Bill Aaron is leading us on Paul's  
writings to the Romans using the  
Study Guide by N.T. Wright's  
Romans at 8:30am on Sundays.



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, give it to Kim or call the church office  
565-0648

**Then watch your emails!!!**



### June 5<sup>th</sup>

I Kings 17:17-24  
Galatians 1:11-24  
Luke 7:11-17  
Psalm 30

### June 12<sup>th</sup>

II Samuel 11:26—12:10, 13-15  
Galatians 2:11-21  
Luke 7:36-50  
Psalm 32

### June 19<sup>th</sup>

Zechariah 12:8-10; 13:1  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Luke 9:18-24  
Psalm 63:1-8

### June 26<sup>th</sup>

I Kings 19:15-16, 19-21  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Luke 9:51-62  
Psalm 16

## Selfless Service

### *Father's Day Celebration June 19<sup>th</sup>*



June

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Carolyn Lawrence  
Quirino Foronda
- 5<sup>th</sup> Warren Osgood
- 11<sup>th</sup> Ellen Arcala
- 12<sup>th</sup> Lisa Yumoto
- 19<sup>th</sup> Barbara Smart
- 20<sup>th</sup> Ken Moeckel
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Eileen Lichtenberg
- 25<sup>th</sup> Jim Thompson
- 29<sup>th</sup> Catherine Vaughn
- 30<sup>th</sup> Daniel Nailles



June

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr & Mrs Quirino Foronda
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Brett Chamberlain
- 9<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Paul Sigwart
- 21<sup>st</sup> Mr & Mrs Ken Berry
- 27<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Bill Thomas



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.



### **May Altar Flowers were given to the Glory of God by**

- Mr & Mrs Bill Aaron in Thanksgiving for their  
Wedding Anniversary  
Daralyn Tejano  
Robinson Family
- Frank & Marianne Berghuis in memory of her  
father, Walter Wright
- Frank & Marianne Berghuis in memory of her  
mother, Mildred Wright
- Helen Arcala in memory of her daughter Vanessa  
and her mom, Graciana
- Isabel Johnson in thanksgiving for her birthday  
Steve & Agnes Olmsted in memory of  
Rev. Robert and Edna Olmsted

St Francis of Assisi Anglican  
Church will be making an  
outreach donation to the  
Stockton Pregnancy Center in  
the amount of \$200  
Watch for other opportunities to  
donate!!

### Funeral Service of Kirby Robinson



### **Saint Michael's Youth Conference Southwest**

June 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

Thank you for all your support to be able to send two of our youth, Rebecca Telander and Isabelle Ceballos



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

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

***Our Deacon, Jeff Stugelmeyer is blessed with an opportunity to take a trip to the Holy Land in September with the Men's Promise Keepers Group.***



***Donations for his trip expenditures would be appreciated!!!***

June 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Third Sunday After Pentecost – Proper 5 9:30 am Holy Eucharist	6	7	8 2pm Holy Eucharist – O'Connor Woods	9	10	11 St Bamabas, Apostle DOK Meeting 10am
12 Fourth Sunday After Pentecost - Proper 6 9:30 am Holy Eucharist	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 7 Father's Day 9:30 am Holy Eucharist	20	21 Altar Guild Potluck 11am	22 2pm Holy Eucharist – O'Connor Woods	23	24 Nativity of St John, the Baptist	25
26 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 8 9:30 am Holy Eucharist Bishop's Committee Meeting	27	28	29 St Peter and St Paul, Apostles	30		

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## 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

