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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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From our Rector

“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to....” -Acts 2:11

The Season of Easter ends with the Feast of Pentecost. This transition is very profound and something worth taking the time to contemplate and explore. The joy of the Easter and the glory of resurrection are extended through us to the world through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead now dwells in us (Romans 8:11). The Holy Spirit in us enlivens our hearts to God, and enables our service to others. The Feast of Pentecost is the glorious feast where we contemplate the reality of what it means to be the Church, which is Christ's very presence in the world. The Church of God is a unified body made up of many parts and over and over in Scripture we see that every part of the body has value and purpose and a mission to fulfill. As we can see in the Acts passage above, “all” were filled with the Holy Spirit, not just the apostles, or the leaders, but ‘all’ those gathered as the Church there in Jerusalem. The Spirit filled young and old alike, the Spirit filled rich and poor alike, the Spirit filled men and women alike, there was no one left out of the Spirits filling in the Church gathering at Pentecost. This is something we should really take seriously and explore the implications. If this in fact true... which it is... then every one of us who has been baptized into Christ has been filled with the Holy Spirit. This means that each and every one of us has value, purpose, and a mission!

As your priest one of my main jobs is “to equip the saints for the work of ministry” (Ephesians 4:12). This means that I am called not to be the one who does all the ministry in the Church, but instead I am to be the person who works to equip YOU for the work of Ministry that you have been unique called and gifted to do. It is my highest joy to see people unleashed into the ministry God has called them to. My hope is that during this season of Pentecost there would be a fresh stirring up of the Holy Spirit at St. Francis Anglican

Church and we would see more and more people equipped, supported and sent out to do the good works God has prepared for them to do (Ephesians 2:10).

If you would like to explore what this might look like in your own life and the life of our Church, please talk to me and let us set up a time to talk over a meal, or coffee/tea, and we can explore any ministry God has put on your heart, or discern together what type of ministry and world of the Gospel God may be calling you into. May this Pentecost season be one where we all live our lives Filled with the Holy Spirit of God for the sake of Stockton, the San Joaquin Valley, and for the sake of the World.

Peace be with you all

Fr. Joshua+



Sunday, June 9th

Don't forget to wear Red!!!

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Deacon's Corner

Shalom,

Have you ever watched a scene in a movie or have been sitting in a public place such as a park or restaurant and heard people say the words I love you someone? And as the scene in the

movie continues or as you observe, you begin to wonder if they really meant it when they said that they loved the other person? The words are there maybe with some superficial gesture but there is no substance to their actions. We have all heard it, he/she says they love someone but they don't show it! And then we have the opposite, where you can tell when two people are in love even though no words are said, you can see it in the way they treat each other, you can see it in their actions! We may say to ourselves, if they love each other why don't they show it.

The Gospel reading today starts off with love, John 14:21 *"Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he is the one who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."* For some more background, and to give us better a clearer picture, we need to take a look at vs. 15-16 of this chapter where Jesus says *"If you love me you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper."* Jesus is showing us that faith consist not only of trusting in Him but, trust is rooted in love. In other words, He is telling us that the faith we have is not only in what Jesus says, but what He says is encompassed by love. Love is active and not static, it is dynamic and not lethargic.

An example of where we might see this, is in the debate of faith and works, and the Gospel reading today should give us clarification. Let me first state that it is by faith alone that we are saved as Paul states in Ephesians 2:8-10 *"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not of your own doing; it is a gift of God. Not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."* But faith if it is active would have good works. James 2:17 *"So also faith by itself, if it does not have works is dead."* The good works are not ours but Jesus's, and if we love Jesus, that love will produce works, again the works of Jesus.

N.T Wright points out that what James is implying when he is talking about Faith without works is dead, and I would say what Jesus states in today's passage as well, about he who has His commandments and keeps them It is he who loves Him, is that they are not talking about an empty affirmation, a bare

acknowledgement, a shell a husk, a body without spirit, but faith and love a meaningful, rich and lively trust in a loving God. That what matters is a faith working through love, not simply checking a box marked "I believe in God" and hope that will work, because it won't.

For instance, take myself as a deacon, I'm not a deacon to try and work my way into heaven! Or to make points because I am saved! No! I am a deacon because I let Jesus's love flow through me. I am shy and an introvert. I don't like talking to crowds. Except when I talk about Jesus, then I get enthusiastic! I love talking about my Lord and Savior. Little did I realize when I got baptized 9 years ago, He would call me to be a deacon? It is Jesus love that compels me to be active not static, to be dynamic not lethargic. See I couldn't be a deacon without Jesus's love! The works that come out of me are the works Jesus chooses to work through me, they are not mine but His! I couldn't do it without the help of Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Jesus tells us the Father will send us a helper, vs. 26 *"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you"* Love helps us grow and become stronger, it does not leave us abandoned, vs. 27 *"Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you, Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."* Jesus will help us love Him. He will teach us and bring to mind all He has said if we just open our hearts and allow the Holy Spirit to dwell in us.

Keeping Jesus's commandments or works can be seen as an outward and visible sign of the inward and invisible love that we have. Like baptism is an outward and visible sign of an inward and invisible grace. The love that indwells in us for Jesus, should burst forth visible towards others. Translating that faith, love, belief into actions even when it seems impossible, or dangerous. That is a love that matters, it is the real thing not just some trivial platitude or a checked box hoping that is it. We need to allow Jesus to take hold of our hearts and let His light shine to the world through us in love!

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



Sacred Worship



Sunday, June 16th

Join us for a delightful coffee hour especially for our Fathers, Grandfathers and Great-grandfathers

Communion
Schedule



<u>Sundays</u>	
9:30am	St Francis of Assisi
<u>1st Saturday of the Month</u>	
10:00am	Holy Eucharist
<u>3rd Friday of the Month</u>	
12noon	Healing Service

St Francis Church offers a healing service on the **Third Friday** of every month at 12noon. The May healing service will be on June 21st. (Note Change in Date)



Holy Communion on the First Saturday of each month at 10:00am is open for all, but especially an opportunity to gather and praise God before we "Go and Make Disciples" in the different ministries St Francis offers in our community.
Join us June 1st @10:00am



*Child Care is available each Sunday
@ 9am.
Ask an Usher for Help*

Taizé Goes on the Road By Gigi Kemalyan

Well, more accurately maybe I should say Taizé is going "down the street!" Please join us for our final Taizé prayer evening before we take a summer break, and come sing with us at beautiful Morris Chapel at the University of the Pacific, Friday, June 7 at 8:00 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family who need respite and renewal. Just being in the Chapel with its colorful stained glass windows and wonderful acoustics, singing calming and uplifting prayers, and resting in a few minutes of sacred contemplative silence will lift your spirits.

The evening's song selection includes familiar Taizé chants like *Jesus Remember Me*, *O Lord Hear My Prayer*, and *Veni Sancte Spiritus*; Michael Richardson's beautiful Taizé-style round *Agnus Dei*; and three Byzantine chants from the Greek Orthodox tradition dating back to the days of the early church. You already know the *Trisagion*, we sang it every Sunday at Mass during Lent! The other new songs can be heard on YouTube:

Agnus Dei - https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=3CI7IBY_YRU
Great Prokeimenon - <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=6HMSxSu2p-o>
Christ is Risen Doxastikon - <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=8r58Sz3geOY>

Note the change in start time: June 7th Taizé Prayer starts at 8:00 p.m., lasting until about 9:00 p.m. Afterwards you are invited to stay in silent prayer for as long as you like. We have access to the Chapel until 10:00 p.m.

Find silence, solace, and a song in your heart as we pray and worship together at Morris Chapel on June 7. May our prayers arise as incense, an evening sacrifice pleasing to our God.

**Taizé Prayer & Byzantine Chant
Friday, June 7 at 8:00 p.m.
Morris Chapel, UOP
3601 Pacific Ave, Stockton**

Serious Discipleship

2019 Book of Common Prayer

ACNA has announced that the new 2019 Book of Common Prayer is available for purchase.



<http://bcp2019.anglicanchurch.net/index.php/purchase/>



Daily Office Readings Study

Sundays @ 8:30am

Our Diocese of San Joaquin Website:

<https://www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net/>

Diocesan Newsletter:

<https://www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net/newsletter.html>



Are you interested in getting plugged into a ministry at St Francis?

Contact the church office 565-0648
M-F 9am - 1pm



Daily opportunities to read/hear the Word:

<http://www.missionstclare.com/english/>

<https://crossroadsabbey.podbean.com/#>

<https://anglicanpastor.com/heres-the-acnas-final-daily-office-lectionary-in-a-single-spreadsheet/>

<https://first5.org/>

St Francis Church Lending Library



Take a look at our books in the Fellowship Hall.

You may purchase or borrow and return the books on the bookshelves. It is all on the honor system.



June 2nd

Acts 16:16-34 – Psalm 68

Revelation 22:10-21 – John 17:20-26

June 9th

Acts 2:1-11 – Psalm 104

1 Corinthians – John 14:8-17 or 20:19-23

June 16th

Isaiah 6:1-7 – Psalm 29

Revelation 4:1-11 – John 16:5-15

June 23rd

Zechariah 12:8-10, 13:1 – Psalm 63

Galatians 3:23-29 – Luke 9:18-24

June 30th

1 Kings 19:15-21 – Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 – Luke 9:51-62

Homeless Women's Ministry

1st Saturday of Each Month
after the 10:00am Service

The Homeless Women's Outreach Ministry distributes toiletries and other necessities to women in need.

Donations of travel sized toiletries are especially needed, 24 bags of personal hygiene items are distributed.

Selfless Service

Feeding of the Homeless with Dcn Jeff on the First Saturday of the Month near the DMV office around 11am. See Dcn Jeff for more info.



Altar Guild: Summer Potluck

Choir Rehearsals: June 2nd

Coffee Hour Hosts: See Cat Rhodes

Daughters: June 8th @ 10am

Taizé: June 7th @ 8:00pm-Morris Chapel, UOP

Other Ministry Opportunities

Acolyte - Lector - Prayer Team

Collection Counter - Hospitality

Usher - Homebound Ministry

Senior Ministry - Homeless Ministry



Formerly Pregnancy Resource Center of Lodi

A Big "Thank You" to all who donated to the Directions Medical Clinic.

Each gift, big or small, is a simple way to support the Directions Medical Clinic.



June

- 4th John, Phillip Giambastiani
- 9th Bob, Barbara Foy
- 18th George, Diane Stauffer
- 28th Don, Sandra Bradbury



May Altar Flower Donations

Ceballos Family in memory of Elinore's dad, Alberto

Steve and Agnes Olmsted in thanksgiving for Steve's 70th Birthday.

St Francis Church extends the body of Christ to our homebound by sending cards each month.



Shut-in Outreach

They are available for you to sign on the table under the welcome sign. 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.

Please keep in your prayers our Homebound:
Erlinda, Luciana, Sandra, Colleen, Gloria,
Quirino & Beatriz, Jane, David, Marvin, Kathy,
Jane, Claude & Barbara and Liz.



June

- 2nd Mr & Mrs Quirino Foronda
- 4th Mr & Mrs Ted Yumoto
- 9th Mr & Mrs Paul Sigwart
- 27th Mr & Mrs Bill Thomas



June

- 3rd Caroly Turpin
Quirino Foronda
- 5th Warren Osgood
- 11th Ellen Arcala
- 12th Lisa Yumoto
- 19th Barbara Smart
- 20th Ken Moeckel
- 22nd Bill Thomas
- 25th Jim Thompson
- 29th Cat Vaughn
- 30th Kristian Petersen



The Academy Camp **NorCal - June 23-29**
 William Jessup University
 Blow your mind, grow your faith, and
 rediscover your world at a Christian
 rite of passage. **SoCal - July 21-27**
 Biola University

[Learn More and Register - christianadulthood.org/camp](http://christianadulthood.org/camp)

William Jessup University is in Rocklin, Ca
 Camp is for Christians Ages 15-20
 The theme this year is called "Endure".
 Please see Fr Drake if you are interested.



Mike Finney has a Bible Study at his home each month. His next meeting is June 23rd at 5pm. Please contact him at mikeandfresca@yahoo.com for more info and his address.

Christian Fellowship Night

FRESNO GRIZZLIES

There will be fireworks and a post game concert from **Micah Tyler** Christian musician

If you are intrested contact your Priest and have them reserve tickets with the diocesan office

August 9th
6pm
Tickets \$15 per person

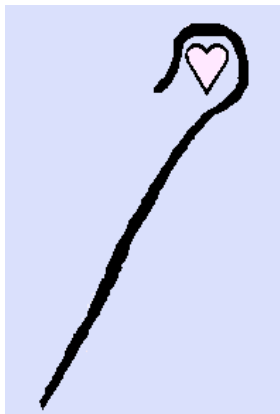
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June						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Saturday Service 10:00am
2 Ascension 9:30 Holy Eucharist	3	4	5	6	7 Taizé 8pm at Morris Chapel, UOP	8 Daughters 10am
9 Pentecost Wear your Red! 9:30 Holy Eucharist	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Pentecost II Happy Father's Day 9:30 Holy Eucharist	17	18	19	20	21 Healing Service 12noon	22
23 Pentecost III 9:30 Holy Eucharist Vestry Meeting	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Pentecost IV 9:30 Holy Eucharist						



Shepherd's Love

The primary purpose is to provide financial assistance, educational and religious materials to orphanages in Uganda

St Francis Church has been asked to partner with Shepherd's Love.

Please watch for more information on how we can help and partner with them.

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