

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

### OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BARBEQUE PARTY & THE LESSON OF THE ASCENSION

The 40-day period of Lent is over. We are now in the next 40-day period from the resurrection of our Lord to his ascension. During these forty days Jesus appeared 10 times to his disciples to console, to strengthen and to confirm them in their life and mission.

On the day of the Resurrection, Jesus appeared five times to his disciples: 1) To Mary Magdalene at the sepulcher. 2) To the women as they left from the tomb. 3) To Cleopas and the other disciple on the road to Emmaus. 4) To Peter, alone. 5) To the eleven Apostles, excepting Thomas.

Jesus appeared five more times as recorded in the gospels: 6) A week later, to the eleven Apostles including Thomas. 7) By the sea of Tiberius (i.e. the sea of Galilee), when there was the great capture of fish. 8) On the mountain of Galilee, when Jesus gave the great commission in (Matthew 28:19). 9) When they were at table, according to Mark 16:17-18).

10) And, finally, Jesus appeared to them at Bethany before he ascended to heaven. On the mountain of the ascension, Jesus said to his disciples, "*You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and all over Judea and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.*"

Jesus commanded them to be his witnesses. What Jesus MEANT by being WITNESSES was suggested by the following gospel verse: "*After saying this, as they watched, he was lifted, and a cloud removed him from their sight.*"

Jesus was gone. His physical presence -- when people could feel the touch of his hands, hear his voice, look at his face and capture the expression of his eyes -- is over. But His seeming absence was

just symbolic of his new and hidden presence. His physical presence limited him to time and space. In this instance, His new hidden presence enabled him to be present among us everywhere and always.

It was in this hidden presence that he commanded his disciples, *you will be my witnesses*. It meant to say that after the ascension, it is through the humanity of us his followers ---- through our human words and deeds that the hidden presence of Christ is again made visible and tangible everywhere and for all times.

This is the context of the command "*you will be my witnesses.*" This is the function of Christian witnessing: to make Jesus visible in the world through the testimony of our words and deeds, indeed of our personal and corporate life.

The May 13, 2017 Neighborhood Barbeque that we are hosting is an integral part of our community witnessing. It is our simple way of making the hidden presence of Jesus visible and tangible, in our joyful fellowship, in our friendly games and generous cooperation and sharing.

Let this be our gentle but constant reminder in all that we plan and do.

† Fr Woodrow Gubuan



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Shalom,

I hope everyone had a joyful Easter celebration. The risen Christ is proof that our faith is not in vain, that he accomplished what he said he will do and that gives us hope for what he will do for us in the future. It is where we place all our faith; not on what we don't know, but what we do know through apologetics and the Gospels!

Here we are in the month of May and will be celebrating Mother's Day. We honor our mothers because they not only gave us life, but nurtured and took care of us. Plus in the Bible we have the fifth commandment to honor our father and mother. We can take a few lessons from Jesus on this. Honor doesn't mean that we do this when it is convenient or easy, but in the little things as well. Remember in John chapter two, Jesus was not ready to show signs of His power, but at the wedding feast in Cana Jesus' mother asked for his help. So he turned water into wine to honor her. This was his first miracle, and sounds like it was an inconvenience, but His love for his mother was more than any inconvenience. Jesus even thought of His mother even while on the cross, he made sure his mother was taken care of, He committed her into the care of the beloved disciple.

We can get wrapped up in our own lives and put off honoring those who gave life to us. So take the time while you have to love and cherish every moment you have with them. Honoring them with the conviction and love that Jesus had for his mother, the Virgin Mary. We must remember that we are all broken and need the redeeming act of Jesus dying on the cross. It is because Jesus loved us first, that we are able to love others, especially our mothers. So on this mother's day make sure to show her that you love her as Jesus loves her, and give her a big and loving embrace to show her she is appreciated.

May the Peace of the Lord be always with You!

Deacon Jeff Stugelmeyer



# Sacred Worship

## Maundy Thursday



## Good Friday





### Easter



Communion  
Schedule



Sundays

9:30am St Francis of Assisi  
Fellowship Hall

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month

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

Chrism Mass in Fresno - April 6<sup>th</sup>



On the Thursday before Holy Week, the bishop, joined by the priests of the diocese, gather at the Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass. This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop.

Here the bishop blesses three oils — the oil of catechumens (*oleum catechumenorum* or *oleum sanctorum*), the oil of the infirm (*oleum infirmorum*) and holy chrism (*sacrum chrisma*) — which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year.

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

Please see an Usher for location.



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

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

Daily Office Resource

<http://legereme.com/office>



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!!!**

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Ascension will be celebrated at  
O'Connor Woods on  
Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm

O'Connor Woods is located at  
3400 Wagner Heights Rd,  
Stockton

# Serious Discipleship



Choir: Upcoming Rehearsals:  
May 7<sup>th</sup> - 8:30am  
May 14<sup>th</sup> - 8:30am

Coffee Hour Hosts: Sign up on calendar  
behind food table

Altar Guild:  
Meeting - Tues, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am

Daughters: no meeting in May

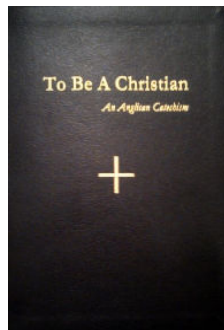
Bishop's Committee Meeting: Sun, May 28<sup>th</sup>

### Other Ministry Opportunities

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

St Francis Church has begun the Anglican Catechism for all who would like to be Baptized or Confirmed at 8:30am on Sundays

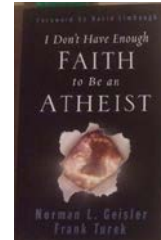
For more details or talk to Deacon Jeff or Cyndi Telander



Bishop Menees visit to St Francis Church Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

Come visit with our Bishop

Deacon Jeff is sharing a Thursday Night Series called "Defending the Faith"



Meet from 6:30 – 8:00pm in our hall

**You may still attend the series.  
All the information is wonderful.**

*We're on the Web!*

*Visit us at:*

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

### The Messenger

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

# Selfless Service



May 7<sup>th</sup>

Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:13-25

John 10:1-10

May 14<sup>th</sup>

Acts 17:1-15

Psalm 66

1 Peter 2:1-12

John 14:1-14

May 21<sup>st</sup>

Acts 17:22-34

Psalm 148

1 Peter 3:8-18

John 15:1-11

May 28<sup>th</sup>

Acts 1:1-14

Psalm 68:1-20 or 47

1 Peter 4:12-19

John 17:1-11



May

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mr & Mrs David Lind
- Mr & Mrs Bill Aaron
- 9<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Warren Osgood
- 20<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Jim Holman
- 21<sup>st</sup> Fr & Mrs Woodrow Gubuan
- 30<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Augustin Nwaogu

## Neighborhood Barbecue!!

**St Francis Church will host a barbecue on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 3pm with games and a train for the neighborhood, to reach out and let them know we are in their area if they need a church home.**

**We will need many volunteers to make this a successful event.**

**There are sign-up sheets on the back table for things like: Set Up, Water, Chips, Cookies, Plates, Utensils, Games, Info Table and Take Down.**

**Check it out.....there is something for everyone to help with.**



May

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jerry Towne
- Isabelle Ceballos
- 4<sup>th</sup> Barbara Foy
- 5<sup>th</sup> Yvonne Brown
- 13<sup>th</sup> Becky Clover
- 14<sup>th</sup> Jessica Aaron
- 19<sup>th</sup> Missy Kenst
- 21<sup>st</sup> Terry Beth
- Donna May
- Dina Osgood
- Gary Crowder
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Christina Guardado
- Richard Byars
- 24<sup>th</sup> Isabel Johnson
- 26<sup>th</sup> Erlinda Agarao
- 31<sup>st</sup> Steve Olmsted

May 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Defending the Faith 6:30pm	5	6
7 <b>Easter IV</b> 8:30 Catechism 9:30 Holy Eucharist	8	9	10 2pm O'Connor Woods Mass	11 Defending the Faith 6:30pm	12	13 St Francis Barbecue 11am - 3pm
14 <b>Easter V</b> 8:30 Catechism 9:30 Holy Eucharist	15	16 Altar Guild Meeting 10am	17	18 Defending the Faith 6:30pm	19	20
21 <b>Easter VI</b> 8:30 Catechism 9:30 Holy Eucharist	22	23	24 2pm O'Connor Woods Mass	25	26	27
28 <b>Bishop's Visit</b> 8:30 Catechism 9:30 Holy Eucharist Bishop's Committee Meeting	29	30	31			



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