

THE MESSENGER

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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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The Friars Quill

Stewardship Appeal 2016

***Fr. Woodrow Gubuan**

In my Stewardship Letter to our Church Family of St. Francis of Assisi, I referred to these words of our Lord on San Damiano Cross to our patron saint as the central message of this Stewardship Appeal 2016: "... go rebuild my Church,"

This message contains the two important faces of our Appeal: (1) the building of the physical Church of St. Francis and (2) the building up of ourselves as the faith community of the Church of St. Francis.

The one face of our Appeal refers to finding a building and grounds in order to establish our Church home. Like the time when we were finding a home for our family to live and grow, we asked ourselves some very hard question: what can we afford to rent, to remodel, to build? Where is it ... safe and healthy neighborhood, schools, clinics, stores, recreational facilities and other community services accessible, etc. etc.? We talk about it; we discuss the pros and cons; we consult other people; we save for it; we pray.

This means that over and beyond our giving to the support of the mission and ministry of our faith community, we will soon be asked to give to the Building Fund of our Church of St. Francis.

The other face of our Appeal refers to building up the Church of St. Francis as a community faith. In the concrete, it means the sharing of our Time, our Talent and our Treasure to support the mission of St. Francis Anglican Church, namely.

***Serious discipleship,
Sacred Worship (& Fellowship),
Selfless Service.***

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We realize this stated mission by investing our TIME, TALENT, TREASURE our different ministries:

The Bishop's Committee together with the Vicar and Staff. The Transition Team. Building Committee. Building Fund Committee.

The Worship Ministries: Altar Guild, Music/Choir, Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, Ushers and Greeters, Set up and Take Down, Bulletins, Flowers, Prayer Team, Lessons and Carols

The Discipleship Ministries: Bible Study Groups, Book Study Groups, Catechism, Nursery, Daughters, Seasonal Speakers, Soup Suppers and Reflections

The Service Ministries: Hospitality Group, the Card, Casserole, Telephone Ministry, Food for Families, SAMS Project, Homeless Under the Bridge, Grief Ministry, Local, National and International Outreach, the Annual Ladies Tea, Pastoral Visitations

Most of us are already who are good and faithful stewards and are involved in our Church life, mission and ministries. The added call to us all is to involve our Faith Community in the larger community of Stockton. Let this be the fruit of our Stewardship.

Fr. Woodrow Gubuan



Deacon's
Corner

Shalom,
I wish to first say Happy
Thanksgiving! I hope everyone had
a safe and fun Halloween? You may

have started to notice that at the end of church during the dismissal I have been saying “our worship has ended our service now begins” This is what the Bishop says when he dismisses the congregation. This is to show that what we are now to do is to take the Gospel out into the world. So with that in mind I think it is important to go over what the church service is all about.

There are three basic things, for our intended purpose that are going on in the worship service. The entrance, the feeding, and the dismissal. I know there are numbers of things that we can cover for worship but these three is what I wish to go over and why. I will cover each of these and why we do it and what is meant for us.

First the entrance; what is the significance of the entrance into the church. It symbolizes the coming in from a pagan world. We are out in the pagan secular world all week long and it wears on us. The entrance show us that we have a place to go. But it is not only a place to go to get away but it so the body can come together for comfort and peace. It is the symbolic gesture of leaving behind the broken world to enter into the kingdom of heaven by way of the Cross!

Second the feeding; there are two types of feeding that goes on during our worship time. First we are fed by the word of God! This is to ensure that we have the proper understanding of what God has revealed to us in Holy Scripture. Then we are fed by the Jesus’ Body and Blood known as the Eucharist. This is to rejuvenate us as well as give us life, John 6:53 “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you” We come so that we will have life in us for our mission.

Thirdly the dismissal; the purpose of the dismissal is to send us out into the world again for the next week. This is so that we can carry the message of the Gospel out into the world that so needs to hear the good news of Jesus our Savior! What is going on is that now that we are rejuvenated and fed, so

we are to go out into the world to proclaim and feed the world the word of God. And the word is His Son our Savior Jesus! This is so that we can do our job of making disciples of all nations, and this is the duty of all of us, but mostly what is considered the laity! It is the job of clergy to equip you to full fill this mission.

Notice that we sing at the entrance. This is to be joyful at our returning from a pagan world to be in the presence of our Lord and Savior! Second we sing just before the dismissal because we are being refreshed and rejuvenated; and carry the message of the Gospel out into the world with a joyful heart. With our worship ended and our service in the world beginning, is really two sides of the same coin. Both are for the proclaiming of the Gospel and to show the world the true image of Jesus! Each serves to uplift the other. It is the worship time that gives us hope and energy to return to the world and the being in the world makes it more joyous to return to the worship time!

Now I do wish to make one thing clear. When talking of things like this, I am speaking of the people, not a building. It is the people that are the church! Not a building wherever we come together; but wherever we come together, there Jesus is present and celebrating with us!! When Jesus looks at the worship he is not looking at the building but his sheep that he so longs for them to hear his voice and follow Him!

May the Peace of the Lord be always with You!

Deacon Jeff Stugelmeyer



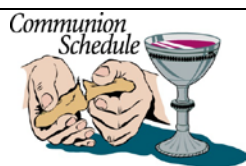
St. Francis Ladies' Tea -
Saturday, November 12, at
2pm in the Hearthside Room

Please join us for a delightful
afternoon of tea and
fellowship. Tickets may be

purchased for \$10 before and after
service.

Proceeds benefit two worthy outreach
missions: Food for Families and Sam Packs
(Sweet Angels of Mercy). Information:
Catherine Rhodes-Vaughn (209) 969-0629

Sacred Worship



Sundays

9:30am St Francis of Assisi
Fellowship Hall

2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the Month

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



Thank you to our Bishop Eric Menees for receiving 38 people into the Anglican Church during his visit.

Also thank you to our parish for donating \$863 to our Bishop's Pastoral Care Fund



Serious Discipleship



Choir: Upcoming Rehearsals:
 November 19th - 10am - Noon
 November 27th - 8:30am

Coffee Hour Hosts: Sign up on calendar
 behind food table

Bishop's Committee Meeting: Sunday,
 November 27th - 11am after the Service

Altar Guild: Tues, November 15th at 10am

Daughters: Sat, Nov 5th at 10am

Other Ministry Opportunities

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

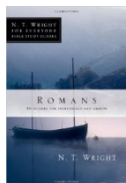
Child Care is Available each
 Sunday from 8:30am.

Please see an Usher for
 location.



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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.

November 6th

Job 19:23-27

Psalm 17

2 Thessalonians 2:13—3:5

Luke 20:27-38

November 13th

Malachi 3:13—4:2, 5-6

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

November 20th

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:35-43

November 27th

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 24:29-44



Set you Clocks back on
 Saturday Evening,
 November 5th before you
 go to bed



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!!!

Selfless Service



November

- 6th Fr Woodrow Gubuan
- 7th Aline DeEraso
Fr Jim Sweeney
- 14th Ruth Gubuan
- 17th Liz Haines
Norma Rosal
- 19th Alberta Rodriguez
- 20th Rose Beth
Roberta Dato
- 26th Grace Tan

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.



Your Stewardship Chairman, Mike Combs will soon be sending out stewardship information and pledge cards.



November

- 1st Mr & Mrs Jim May



"Its from our church... we've been called up for active duty."

As we pray each Sunday:
Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord, and of your own have

we given you. *1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*



**October Altar Flowers were given to the
Glory of God by**

Ted Yumoto in memory of Ethelmae Williams & John Yumoto

Chiara Melchor in thanksgiving for her birthday

Helen Arcala in memory of her dad, Mariano Bartolome

Ray and Alberta Rodriguez in thanksgiving for their great grandson, Theo

Isabelle Johnson in memory of her nephew, Marlon.

**Thanks to all who brought in sweatshirts,
sweaters and coats!!!**



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Dave Ramsey – Financial Peace

Can you believe it? Christmas is almost here. And by “almost here,” I mean it’s next month. **Next month!**

Hopefully, you’ve been stashing away money all year for your Christmas budget. But if you haven’t, you need to take advantage of the time you have left so you’re not paying for Christmas throughout 2015.

Here are a few tips to guide you along:

1. Set a dollar amount.

And stick to it! No matter what, do not spend more than that amount. It’s also important that your spending limit makes sense for your budget. If you’re already living paycheck to paycheck, it’s a terrible idea to spend hundreds of dollars on Christmas gifts.

2. Prioritize who you are giving to.

Guess what? Aunt Rose might not get a gift this year, and that’s okay. If you have \$100 in your budget, then you can either get 10 gifts worth \$10 or two gifts worth \$50. It’s your budget, so you can choose how to spend it. But you also need to accept the fact that some people might not make the cut.

3. Avoid the malls.

That’s difficult for me to say because I love shopping! But you can find better deals online if you spend the time and do the research. Obviously, you shouldn’t wait until December 23 if you want to buy something online. So give yourself some time for shipping and you’ll avoid all the stress that comes with shopping at the mall during the holidays.

4. Consolidate your time.

In other words, as much as it’s possible, do everything at once. Take one day and knock out all your Christmas shopping instead of spreading it out over three weekends. You’ll save so much time and hassle by taking this approach.

5. Keep Christmas in perspective.

Remember, this is just stuff, and Christmas is about more than just getting a bunch of stuff. If you have to cut back this year, don’t beat yourself up. Enjoy your time with family and friends. And know that you might have more flexibility in your budget next year.

I can’t stress that last point enough. If you’re totally stressed out over your Christmas budget, then you’re doing Christmas wrong.

Take a breath and remember why we celebrate this amazing holiday in the first place!

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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

November 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 All Saints Day	2 Commemoration of All Faithful Departed Mass at O'Connor Woods at 2pm	3	4	5 Daughters Meeting 10am Set Clocks Back
6 Twenty Fifth Sunday aft Pentecost - Proper 27 9:30am Holy Eucharist	7	8	9 Mass at O'Connor Woods at 2pm	10	11	12 Ladies Tea 2pm
13 Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 28 9:30am Holy Eucharist	14	15 Altar Guild 10am	16	17	18	19
20 Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King 9:30am Holy Eucharist	21	22	23 Mass at O'Connor Woods at 2pm	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27 First Sunday of Advent Year A 9:30am Holy Eucharist Bishop's Committee Meeting	28	29	30 St Andrew, Apostle			



St Francis
Animal Blessing
With Oxley and Abbey





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