

THE MESSENGER

THE MISSION OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI ANGLICAN CHURCH
IS TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION
IN JESUS CHRIST THROUGH SACRED WORSHIP,
SERIOUS DISCIPLESHIP, AND SELFLESS SERVICE

November 2019

Growing Faith through Catechism

By Fr Joshua Drake

"Let's start at the very beginning
A very good place to start
When you read you begin with A-be-see
When you sing you begin with do-re-mi"
—Julie Andrews in *The Sound of Music*

In the wonderful movie *The Sound of Music* Julie Andrews' character teaches the von Trapp family how to sing, starting from the very beginning with the do-re-mi's. But as the movie progresses you see the kids excelling in singing as they have seemingly mastered the do-re-mi's. This reminds me of a music teacher in my college who was famous for saying, "Great musicians are simply those who do the basics consistently and with excellence." This has always stuck with me. My experience with learning the guitar was not like this. When I was young I was drawn to the guitar because of the music of several of my favorite bands. When I finally got a guitar my parents graciously found me



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a guitar teacher who started me off with the basics of scales and blues music. But I hated it. All I wanted to do was play rock 'n' roll and I scorned my lessons. I did not see the point of all the practice and scales and why he was teaching me how to play the blues—and not rock 'n' roll.

Eventually, after my insistent begging, he started to teach me select songs from my favorite bands. Then I discovered that the scales and roots of the blues were the foundation to the rock 'n' roll I wanted to play! However, sadly soon after this realization I was no longer able to take guitar lessons and I was on my own. But instead of progressing as a musician, I was content to merely focus on being a "guitar player." By this I mean, I stopped practicing the basics, I never completed my music theory study, and never learned how to sight read music and play it on the guitar. I did learn how to play sloppy and loud songs of my favorite bands at the time (who are not my favorite bands anymore). To this day this foolish mistake has been a great regret of mine. I often wonder what it would have been like if I had

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Deacon's Corner



Shalom!

Here we are in the month of November, wow! Where did the time go? With November here we will soon be celebrating

Thanksgiving. We will gather with family and friends, eat turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, topping it off with pie—probably pumpkin pie. And we'll be thinking of all the things that we are grateful for, like family and friends, work and good health.

On Thanksgiving Day there will be lots of prayers said. But why don't we say prayers during the whole month of November, starting with All Saints Day? In fact, why don't we pray for what we are grateful every day throughout the year whether it is Thanksgiving or not?

As we discovered in our Bible book study on Ephesians, Paul says a prayer to the believers at Ephesus that is a wonderful prayer for our friends, family, and church, and for each other:

"For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with might through his Spirit in

the inner man, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."
(Eph. 3:14-19 RSV)

Even though Paul was suffering, he prayed this prayer for the Ephesians.

If we are truly thankful, would we not want to pray this for everyone in our lives that we are thankful for? So this is my challenge to you this November: that we pray Paul's prayer for our coworkers, friends, family, neighbors, our church, and our clergy. And to not only pray this during the month of November but to continue throughout the year!

May the peace of the Lord be always with you!

—Deacon Jeff Stugelmeyer ♦

October Altar Flower Donations

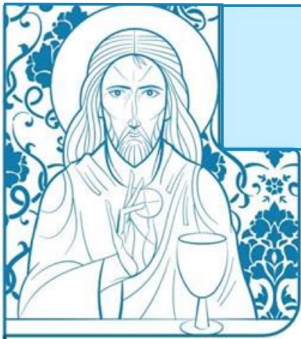
- 6 Kim Combs in memory of her mom, Darlene
- 13 Chiara Melchor in thanksgiving for her birthday
Jonathan & Emily Toccoli in celebration of the long hoped-for pregnancy
- 20 Ted & Lisa Yumoto in memory of John Yumoto
- 27 Ted & Lisa Yumoto in memory of Frank Williams



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's all on the honor system. ♦





Sacred Worship

Sundays 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist @ Saint Francis of Assisi
First Saturday of the Month - November 2 All Souls Mass
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist @ Victory Park, Stockton
(Held at Saint Francis if inclement weather)

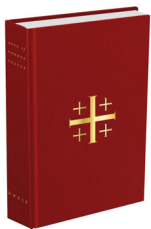
At least once a month: Healing Service

Watch Sunday bulletins and e-mail for when and where

Saint Francis Church offers a Healing Service



We will take the Sacrament out to a place of someone who needs healing and cannot make it physically to the church. **All are welcome** to come and share in that healing service as the body of Christ. The time and place will be announced in the Sunday bulletin and/or via e-mail. ♦



2019 Book of Common Prayer

Now available for purchase from Anglican Liturgy Press.

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

First Saturday Mass

Holy Communion on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. is open for all, but it is especially an opportunity to gather and praise God before we “Go and make disciples” in the different ministries Saint Francis offers in our community (see p. 5).

All Saints Day Mass

**November 2nd at 10:00 a.m. at
Victory Park near the tennis courts
1001 N Pershing Ave, Stockton**
(At St Francis Church if inclement weather)

Child Care is available each Sunday
at 9:30 a.m. Ask an Usher for help.



Taizé Prayer is on Hiatus

We will not have a Taizé Prayer service at Saint Francis Church in November and December.

Future dates will be announced in The Messenger, the Sunday bulletin, and on our website. Stay tuned! ♦

Serious Discipleship

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continued to learn and master the basics of not only guitar but of music. How much more enriched my life would be by being able to be a musician and not merely a “guitar player” with so many gaps in my musical education!

A couple of years ago, I finally decided to humble myself and go back and start my music education from the beginning, to pick up where I left off when I was 12 years old and try to fill in those gaps and the things I missed or skipped over. I can tell you it was not easy—but it has been worth it. And through that journey I have learned just how important it is to “do the basics with consistency and excellence.” And THIS is the essence of the Catechism. It is not just for new Christians, but it is the very foundation of our Christian faith, as it articulates all the foundational realities of our faith, God, salvation, prayer, the Church, the Bible, and more. These realities of our faith are things that can be articulated in simple language, but the depth of them can (and should) be explored for the rest of our lives.

Catechism:
exploring
the depth of
our faith

The reality of Christianity in the modern era is that the Church is fragmented and divided. Many of us grew up in churches that may have

not taught us the full counsel of God. Many of us grew up in churches that may have only focused on part of Scripture, or their particular theology, or their own slice of Church history. Thus there are often gaps in all of our formation and foundation. Thus it is a great thing for a community of believers to gather together and to sync up and grow together through the shared Catechism.

To this end, I would like to encourage you all to come to our 9:00 a.m. Catechism class on Sundays. I believe that by doing so, we as a congregation will start to live the Christian life together with excellence... much like the von Trapp family started to sing together with excellence because they all shared the same foundation of the do-re-mi's. ♦

Peace,

+ Fr. Joshua

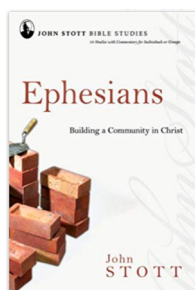


In Home Fellowship

Mike Finney holds a Bible study at his home each month. The next study is **Sunday, November 17 at 5:00 p.m.** Contact him at mikeandfresca@yahoo.com for more info and his address. ♦

Bible Study in Lodi

Deacon Jeff Stugelmeyer is offering a Bible study on Ephesians every other Thursday at Panera Bread in Lodi. The study guide by John Stott is available on Amazon for about \$5. This month we meet on **Thursday, November 7 and 21 at 5:30 p.m. at Panera Bread in Lodi, 2533 W Kettleman Ln.** ♦



Scripture of the Month



Date	Old Testament	New Testament
Nov 3	Ecclesiasticus 4:1-14 Psalm 149	Revelation 7:9-17 Luke 6:20-36
Nov 10	Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17	2 Thess 2:13-3:5 Luke 20:27-38
Nov 17	Malachi 3:13-4:6 Psalm 98	2 Thess 3:6-16 Luke 21:5-19
Nov 24	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46	Col. 1:11-20 Luke 23:35-43

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Selfless Service

Homeless Women's Ministry

Every First Saturday of Each Month
After the 10:00 a.m. Service

The Homeless Women's Outreach Ministry distributes toiletries and other necessities to women in need. Donations of travel-sized toiletries are especially needed. We distribute 24 bags of personal hygiene items every month! Please see Cat Vaughn for more information. ♦



Feeding the Homeless with Deacon Jeff

When? On the first Saturday of the month
Where? Near the DMV office around 11:00 a.m.

See Deacon Jeff for more info. ♦



Hospitality Help

Sunday Coffee Hour after Morning Mass

Hospitality thanks all of you who lend a helping hand during our coffee hour fellowship. Bringing a treat to share, helping with serving and cleaning up are always appreciated. Special thanks to Sam Towne and Ernie Beth for selfless service.



—Cat Vaughn ♦

We're Praying For...

Our Homebound: Isabel, Erlinda, Luciana, Sandra, Colleen, Gloria, Beatriz, Jane, David, Marvin, Kathy, Jane, Claude, and Barbara.

Clergy and Delegates attending the Diocesan Convention in Merced on Friday, November 8: Fr Joshua Drake, Deacon Jeff Stugelmeyer, Steve Olmsted, Mike Finney, and Jessica Aaron.



We Mourn with You:

Daralyn Tejano - *Katherine*
Lisa, Lauren & Jillian - *Kurt*
Carolyn Hays - *Lloyd*
Ruth Gubuan - *Giovanni*

Shut-in Outreach

Saint 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 under the Welcome sign. Please take a moment and sign them each week. Our shut-ins are so grateful and feel part of the parish of Saint Francis with this simple gesture. ♦



Get Involved

Shepherd's Love

By Agnes Olmsted

What a blessing for those who were able to join us to meet Bishop George Bagamuhunda at the Bishop's luncheon here at Saint Francis on October 24. He lives in the same town where the Twinomujuni Children's Home in Uganda is. When Bishop Menees asked Stephen and me to partner with Rick and April Dobbs in the Shepherd's Love ministry that oversees the home in Kabale, Uganda, we were honored. More than that, we were very humbled by the amazing work Rick and April have done in Africa for over ten years. We look forward to sharing more about this wonderful ministry in the coming months. ♦



Rick & April Dobbs at Twinomujuni Children's Home

Ministry Contacts

Altar Flowers.....	Church Office
Altar Guild.....	Fr. Joshua
Acolytes.....	Deacon Jeff
Collection Counter.....	Church Office
Daughters of the Holy Cross.....	Agnes Olmsted
Feeding the Homeless.....	Deacon Jeff
Homebound Ministry.....	Church Office
Homeless Women Ministry.....	Cat Vaughn
Hospitality (Coffee Hour).....	Cat Vaughn
Lectors.....	Terry Beth
Office Help (fold bulletins).....	Kim Combs
Prayer Team.....	Mike Griffin
Senior Ministry.....	Church Office
Taizé Prayer.....	Gigi Kemalyan
Ushers.....	Church Office



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

Talk to one of the ministry leaders listed above on Sunday, or contact the church office at:

209-565-0648
Mon – Fri 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Shepherd's Love

is a non-profit organization dedicated to the support of orphans and widows in Kabala, Uganda, in the Kigezi Diocese. If you would like to learn more, see Stephen and Agnes Olmsted.

NOVEMBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p style="text-align: center;">Daylight Savings ends November 3. Remember to set your clocks BACK 1 hour on Saturday night!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Church Office will be closed Nov. 1-11 while Kim is on vacation and also Nov. 28-29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.</i></p>						1 All Saints Day 2 Commemoration of the Faithful Departed 10am Mass at Victory Park
3 All Saints Day (transferred) Daylight Savings Time Ends 9am Catechesis 10am Mass	4	5	6	7 5:30pm Eph. Bible Study @ Panera in Lodi	8 Diocesan Convention	9
10 Pentecost XXII 9am Catechesis 10am Mass	11 Veterans Day Office Closed	12	13	14	15 11am DHC Newsletter Deadline	16
17 Pentecost XXIII 9am Catechesis 10am Mass 5pm Bible Study @ Finney's	18	19 10am Altar Guild	20	21 5:30pm Eph. Bible Study @ Panera in Lodi	22	23
24 Christ the King 9am Catechesis 10am Mass 12pm Vestry	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving 10am Mass Office Closed Thu & Fri	29 	30

November Birthdays

Fresca Finney	6
Fr. Woodrow Gubuan	6
Aline De Eraso	7
Evangeline Grace (Mei Mei) Drake	10
Liz Haines	17
Norma Rosal	17
Alberta Rodriguez	19
Rose Beth	20
Roberta Dato	20
Grace Tan	26



Wedding Anniversaries

Mr & Mrs Jim May	1
Mr & Mrs Ralph Clark	7

Upcoming Events

Nov 1-11	Church Office not staffed
Nov 2	First Saturday Mass 10:00 a.m. at Victory Park (<i>Commemoration of the Faithful Departed</i>) Feeding the Homeless 11:00 a.m.
Nov 3	Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov 15	Newsletter Deadline Daughters of the Holy Cross 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall
Nov 19	Altar Guild 10:00 a.m.
Nov 24	Vestry Meeting
Nov 28	Thanksgiving Day 10:00 a.m. Mass

Don't see your birthday or anniversary? Please let the church office know and we'll get you "in" next time! Call: 209-565-0648 or e-mail: sfaachurch@gmail.com



Online Resources

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SAN JOAQUIN

Our Diocese of San Joaquin Website:

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

Diocesan Newsletter: [https://](https://www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net/newsletter.html)

www.dioceseofsanjoaquin.net/newsletter.html

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/>

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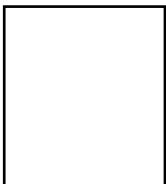
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