

# THE SAN JOAQUIN ANGLICAN



## *The Bishop's Corner*

*The Right Reverend Eric Vawter Menees*

As we begin the New Year many important things are taking place. Politically, we are inundated with news of the political candidates and their every statement – factual or not! Economically, the price of oil has been driving the rise and fall of the stock market. Ecclesiastically, an extremely important event took place in Canterbury, England January 11<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>, which was referred to as the “Primates Gathering”.

After visiting all of the provinces of the Anglican Communion, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, called a gathering of the primates (Archbishops) to address the wounds in our communion caused by the unilateral actions of the Episcopal Church and the preparation for similar moves by the Anglican Church of Canada.

The Primates of the Anglican Communion gathered to speak the truth in love with courage and deep conviction. They gathered to discuss the impact of the actions of the Episcopal Church in departing from the faith once delivered and the teachings of Christ and the Apostles. This conversation began in 2003 following the consecration of Gene Robinson as Bishop of New Hampshire and then again in 2007 at the gathering of the primates in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania where the primates agreed to be under authority to God and His Word and to one another and not act unilaterally.

We in the Diocese of San Joaquin know first hand that there was no follow up to the Dar es Salaam meeting and the lawsuits and depositions (defrocking) of over 700 faithful clergy ensued. This past summer the Episcopal Church caused further pain and suffering in the Anglican Communion with the approval of same sex marriage rites.

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## *BISHOP'S SCHEDULE AND DIOCESAN CALENDAR*

February 1-3—Bishop attending the Ordination, as Bishop for the Ordinariate (RC), of Bishop-Elect Steven J. Lopes; Houston, TX

February 5-7—Second Vestry and Bishop's Committee Retreat

February 9—Shrove Tuesday

February 10—Ash Wednesday

February 14—Bishop @ St. Clement's, Woodlake

February 15—Diocesan Office Closed—Presidents' Day

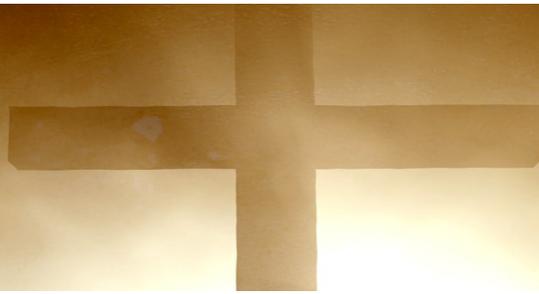
February 15-19—Bishop Leading Diocese of the South's Clergy Retreat

February 20—Diocesan Council Meeting

February 21—Bishop @ St. Luke's, Merced

February 22-27 Bishop Traveling for Meeting of Western Bishops and Meeting of Taskforce on Holy Orders

February 28—Bishop @ St. Mark's, Shafter



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While I was not present in Canterbury, the news reports of the meeting give us cause for hope and pride in the actions of the primates from the Global South, GAFCON and our own Archbishop Foley Beach who was received as a full and equal partner. In true godly fashion, Christian brothers held one another to account, shared the pain and suffering that the departure of the faith has caused in their provinces around the world as well as here in North America, and in the end imposed sanctions on the Episcopal Church. These sanctions remove the Episcopal Church from the governance bodies of the Anglican Communion for a period of three years and call upon them to repent and return to the faith and witness of Christ and the Anglican Church. While on the surface this may not seem like much, I believe that calling the Episcopal Church to re-examine their actions and, ultimately, decide to walk together or apart from their Anglican brothers and sisters around the world is significant.

I am grateful to God for our GAFCON and Global South primates who were bold for the Gospel and pray that we are all inspired to do the same.

Below you will find hyperlinks to the statement of the primates, an interview with Archbishop Foley and different articles from the religious and secular press. I commend them all to your prayerful reading and viewing.

Here is Archbishop Foley's interview with AnglicanTV posted on January 17.

<https://youtu.be/xlSx3QQkIo>

Here is the GAFCON statement:

<https://americananglican.org/current-news/gafcon-media-statement/>

The official statement from the Primates Meeting:

<http://www.primates2016.org/articles/2016/01/15/communique-primates/>

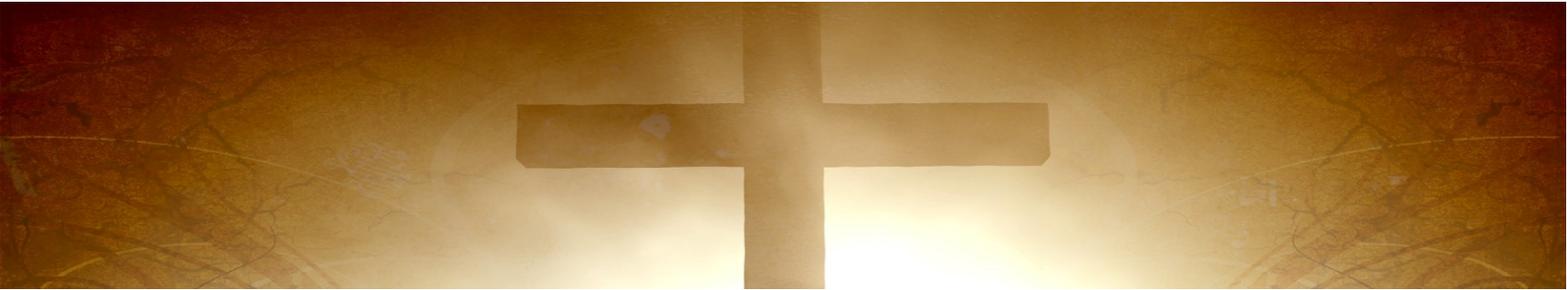
Here is a news story from fox news:

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/01/15/what-anglican-episcopalian-schism-means.html?intcmp=hphz11>

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## Transitions:

- We welcome the **Rev. Canon Franklin Mmor** to the Diocese of San Joaquin. Canon Mmor is from Nigeria and will be assisting us with evangelism in the Nigerian Community and all communities in the diocese. He will be centered at St. Anselm's, Elk Grove, with Fr. Jim Sweeney.
- We rejoice in the birth of **Henry David Holman**, who was born January 20<sup>th</sup>. Henry is the son of David & Laura Holman and grandson of Fr. Ron & Mimi Longero.
- In January the **Deacon Melinda Barrow** has begun a new ministry at Good Shepherd, Reedley.
- On January 27<sup>th</sup> the **Rev. Michael Law** was installed as the Rector of St. John's, Porterville.
- On January 28<sup>th</sup>, the **Rev. Canon Tony Monreal** was installed as Vicar at Epiphany, Corcoran.



The **Fr. Ian Burgess** was deployed last month to the middle east with the Nevada National Guard as a Chaplain. Please keep Fr. Ian and his family in your prayers over the next ten months as Fr. Ian serves the Lord and his country overseas.

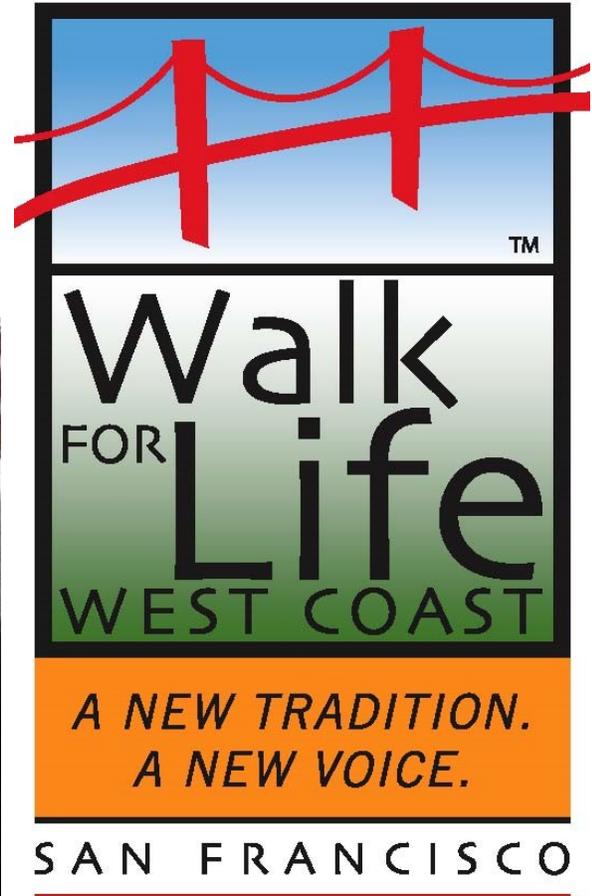


***Prayer for those in the Armed Forces of our Country:***

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*BCP, page 823*)

# Walk for Life—West Coast 2016

What a thrill it was to be with brothers and sisters from all over the Central Valley and especially from diocesan congregations: St. Anselm, St. David, St. John, St. Mark & the Cathedral!



# Lenten Mite Boxes

## Focus Country: Kenya

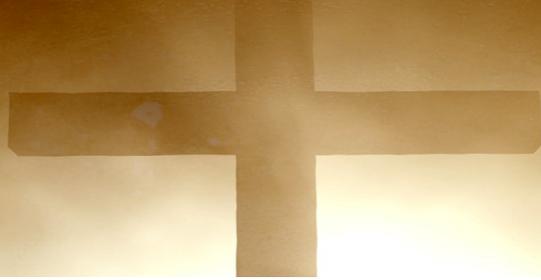
ARDF is excited to offer high-quality materials to help you and your church get involved including prayer guides, mite boxes, and activity sheets that will help you and your congregation learn about God's heart for the poor and the Anglican Church around the world.

Each week during Lent, participants will learn something new from our prayer guide about our Anglican brothers and sisters around the world and in Kenya. Participants will have the opportunity to place a small donation in a mite box on their behalf. Most importantly, there will be suggested prayers for our brothers and sisters around the world. Consider challenging the adults in your congregation to match or double what children raise with their mite boxes!

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SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY  
*Anglican 4th Day of North America*

**Mark Your  
Calendars Now!!**



*The Anglican 4th Day Weekend No. 7  
is scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup> – 31, 2016*

Core Team includes:

Frank & Carolyn Reed / Janet & Kevin Robinson / Candy Townsend / Jeannie Longman

Team applications are now being accepted for the Next A4D Weekend. Please submit your applications as soon as you can so that the Core Team can start planning. Team meetings will start up on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Please visit our website at [www.a4dsanjoaquin.com](http://www.a4dsanjoaquin.com) for applications and mail them to

Annie Curtier 1740 W. Jackman St. Lancaster. 93534 or call/text 661-433-6889.

For more information and retreat reservations, please contact Annie Curtier, Lay Director



# Chrism Mass

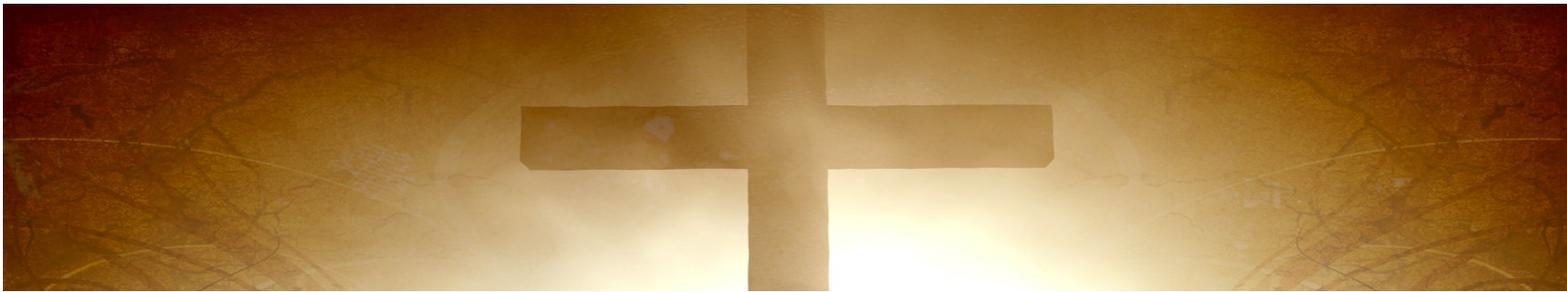
Thursday, March 10, 2016

10:00 am (Gather at 9:30 am)

Chapel of the Holy Innocents, St. James' Cathedral

*RSVP to office by February 25*





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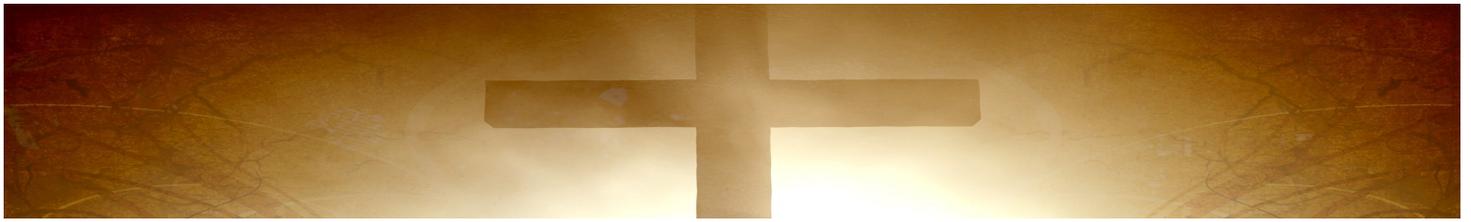
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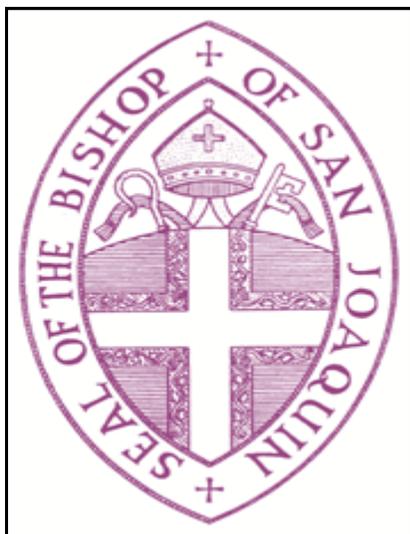


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Thank you!