



The Bells of Saint Mary

May 2011

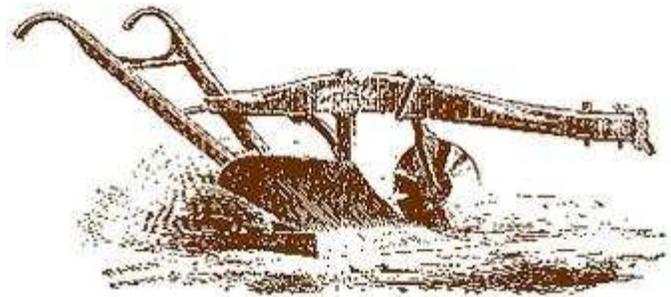
With My Hand on the Plow: Being Easter People

How could we not? That is the question of this life. How could we not be Easter People? Having made the long walk together through Easter...into Jerusalem with Palm fronds and crosses before us...through Gethsemane and the betrayal...all the way to the Cross and Good Friday...and the wonders of the Easter Vigil and the celebration of the promise kept on Easter Sunday...having made this walk together, how could we not be Easter People?

Being Easter People is all about how we live as Christian people. It is not just doing what we are supposed to do...what we have been taught...it is about doing for others because our hearts have been transformed by what Jesus

has done for us. I think the challenge is in seeing ourselves in a positive light, instead of always measuring ourselves by how or when we have fallen short.

It would be possible to go through every day seeing how we do wrong, how we fall short, how our motives are not as good as we might want them to be, or how we perceive Jesus wants us to be...and at the end of the day feel defeated and tired. It would be possible to make it through the day and go to bed realizing that "I am just not very good at being an Easter People". And that would be the Devil getting a



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hold on you. But it is also possible to focus instead on the good you do. It is possible to see your efforts in the light of the words we embrace every time we participate in the Holy Eucharist..."Do this to remember me". It is possible to live a life of awareness...awareness of why we went through Lent together...awareness of what Jesus has done for us...and awareness that our lives are better because we have Jesus in our hearts...and then act like it.

I am fond of saying to you "because you believe, you must act like a believer". It seems like a simple thing to say. When I was growing up I was taught to show respect to my elders, how to eat properly at a table, and when to speak and when to be silent. I was taught good manners. They became part of who I am as I grew older, and became a part of who I am that I sought to teach to my children...so that what I learned that I thought was important would continue. I don't see the basic principles of Christian living to be any different. Here at St. Mary's we work hard at teaching our youngsters those principles, so that we are reinforcing the things you are teaching your kids at home. We expect that to happen. And what we teach each other as adults should be no different. We cannot hold our children to a different standard than we hold ourselves to. Children learn most effectively by experience. And what they observe their parents and their role models doing, they will try to do. That is why having our children be our worship leaders on the last Sunday of the month is so important...we are communicating that they are full Eucharistic members of our community. Just like you are. So, it is very important that you come to church and participate fully in the ministry of Being Easter People.

Participating fully includes regular attendance, pledging to the church, and joining in the work of the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. That may mean feeding homeless people, or pulling weeds, or serving on the Vestry or participating in any number of other opportunities offered here by the church. It means taking seriously what we are doing here for the work of the Gospel, joyfully.

Let me suggest a couple of ways to keep it going. Pick up a Forward Day by Day from our tract rack, and read it every day. Always say your prayers, regardless of where you are, before eating a meal. Never take the Lord's name in vain. Remember that the Lord does not damn things...the Lord only blesses. Stop by the church at least once during the week. Come in the church and say a prayer...or sit quietly for ten minutes, or come by and say hey to those of us who are here all the time. I would love to see you!

Monday through Thursday, Elizabeth is here in the office. Trudy is here on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and Deacon Judy, when she is in town, is here every day. The church office is closed on Fridays, but you can always get into the church during the day, as Valley Haven is here on Fridays.

Be intentional in your walk. Being Easter People is about acting deliberately. It is about being aware. It is about thinking of the other person before you think of yourself...and it is frequently about just plain being nice. Really.

Don't worry...you'll do fine. You already do. Just remember that the more aware you are, the more you will notice the good works of others...and the more you encourage others, the more you will find yourself being encouraged. Changing your life begins with one act of kindness done without regard for who notices. And all of a sudden, you will come to realize that you are happier, you are more complete, and you are Being Easter People...which is exactly why you came to Christianity in the first place.

With my hand on the plow,
Fr. Michael+



Deacon Judy Lin, Fr. Michael, and Valerie Ward, Deacon-in-training, bless the palms. (Don Lown Photo)



May Work Party

If you are a member of Team Mark, it's your turn to help keep the church looking good on May 14th at 8:30 AM. Members are: Joe Gonzales (team leader), Peter Drus, Joe and Kathy Gonzales, Cory and Anne Gusland, Dan Hayes, Heidi Holdsambeck, Margie Coe, Frank and Jane Longley, and Donato Ricci. If you are not a member of one of the work party teams, please feel free to join one!

My Journey
By John Beeler

I started to write this article in 2008, after reading about the stir the outgoing Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster (England) caused with his remarks about atheists. I have not found the full text of what he said, but from what little I read, it sounds like his speech "generated more heat than light", to paraphrase what President George H. W. Bush said about a different debate. I was going to write something more general, but then I decided it would be best just to write about my own experiences.

Let me tell you about my own journey through the wilderness:

One of my first memories of church was a Sunday when the epistle reading was from Revelations chapter 4. Don't ask me to be the lay reader for this! I couldn't keep a straight face then, and I don't think I could even today. The spiritual content went straight over my head; I just noticed the bizarre imagery.

Another thing I remember from my youth is not understanding what I was being asked to believe. For example, I knew of no way to interpret the Bible other than to treat it 'literally' -- as if it were a collection of newspaper articles or the like. I remember disliking children's stories at that age -- I thought they were meaningless or condescending -- so I wasn't going to be talked into thinking of the Bible as literature. Today, about forty years after hearing that weird language, I see Revelation as a parable of the choices we all have to make in life, whatever era we may live in.

I also remember a Science teacher (whom I otherwise greatly admired) demonstrating the parallels between the scientific reconstruction of the past and Genesis 1. (This was at a private school, so Madelyn Murray O'Hair, who lived about thirty miles away, couldn't sue.) I could not get past my 'literal' mindset to see the merit of his thinking. "Six days" meant 144 hours, which meant 8640 minutes, and "let there be" meant a loud voice calling out, and having its bidding done instantly. It did not occur to me to ask who was looking at that clock, or who might be listening to that mighty voice, or what medium would carry the voice (given that air would not yet have existed). I should note this was a few years after I became an atheist.

Going back to before I became an atheist, I don't recall any coherent attempt to explain to me what Christianity was about. Mom took me to church with her for a while when I was about seven, but Dad did not like that particular Episcopal church, so he did not go along. That may have confused me. (Mom eventually learned to let Dad choose any Episcopal church in the area, and my younger brother grew up in the church. He eventually experienced some kind of spiritual crisis and joined Calvary Chapel.)

A few years later, I went to a summer Bible Camp at a nearby church with a neighbor's children. For some reason I don't remember, I never connected with the camp and 'dropped out' after a few weeks. When the camp ended, the kids who'd stayed got a 'gift' of some toys, which the neighbor's children bragged about. I was upset about this, and somehow the experience helped me decide that God did not exist. (I should note that my mom tells me that another neighbor told me that God did not exist, but I don't remember that.)

Now that I reflect on this episode, it seems to me that it shows again that I didn't understand what Christianity was really "about". I also wonder about the wisdom of the camp giving those toys to the kids -- what was that supposed to mean to them? Mom thought I was a little young to be deciding that I was an atheist.

I was having other problems too -- I got teased a lot at school, which drove me to tantrums and banging my head against the wall, and increasingly I avoided social occasions. The one bright spot for me was academics -- a change of school (to the private school I mentioned earlier, and then to a good public high school) helped a lot in that respect.

Today, after reading the Bible and thinking about it more carefully, I can see that it was not meant to meet the standard to which we hold a policeman's testimony in court, or the similar standard we expect newspapers to meet. "We hold the Bible to be true and complete in that it contains all that is necessary for salvation" -- words I either did not hear or didn't understand as a child -- makes sense to me now. But I only came to this understanding about ten years ago, after I joined/rejoined the Episcopal Church.

I ran into a lot of "Campus Crusade for Christ" types while I was in college, but their arguments weren't persuasive to me. I remember a biting critique on the campus newspaper's editorial page that listed some of the words in one crusader's vocabulary: "foolosopher, evilution, and (are you sitting down): 'Osin City' ". Telling me that "a lot of people who plan to convert at the eleventh hour die at 10:30" didn't cut any ice either, because as far as I was concerned, I was already doing the best I could to get ready for whatever was coming.

The attacks on "Evilution" did not impress me either. Even without specialized knowledge in the various fields involved, I could spot a lot of the bad reasoning in the 'debunkings' I was offered. I knew enough about what happened to "Piltdown Man" to know how the scientific community responded to fraud, and that lesson was reinforced by taking college science classes taught by scientists, and by considering how quickly the Watergate conspiracy had unraveled. (Judge Sirica voted for Nixon five times by his own admission, but 'threw the book at' the burglars when they refused to tell investigators who they were working for.) I knew that covering up one burglary was child's play compared to organizing and enforcing the kind of vast facade of lies that would be needed to prop up Evolution if it really was "bad science".

At Thanksgiving one year, one of my cousins, who was a youth minister at a church, invited me to his home for a 'conversation' (about an unspecified topic!) while I was visiting our grandmother nearby. My grandmother, who was very leery of religion, advised against making the visit, but I felt I ought to go anyway. I got treated to some hard-sell proselytizing, and was loaned a copy of "Evidence that Demands a Verdict" by Josh McDowell. That book did not make a convert of me, but I did lose enough sleep over it that I had to mail it back to my cousin a week later, with a note telling him that I didn't want to discuss the subject any more. I could not even wait until my next visit at Christmas; that book had to go back immediately.

By this time I had gone from atheism to agnosticism (in other words, from flatly denying that God exists to being unsure about it either way). Several things helped turn me back into a believer. One was seeing my parents read "Forward Day By Day" when I visited them. This gave me an

understanding of a sensible alternative to the fundamentalist Christianity that is usually more visible in this country. Also, when I visited relatives, I started going to church with them. When I visited my Aunt and Uncle in Porterville, I would go to the Church of Christ with them. When I visited my parents near Charlottesville, Virginia, I would go to the Episcopal Church with them (there were a lot of Episcopal churches there for Dad to choose from.)

Another thing that helped was becoming more concerned about less fortunate people, including co-workers who got into trouble with management (I had joined the Union at work), and the homeless as well (I had come to realize that I had Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, and that many of the homeless had more serious disorders.) "There but for the grace of God go I."

As I tried to start a homeless shelter with a group of fellow volunteers recruited through a newspaper ad, I noticed that we were getting a good deal of help from Saint Mary's and its parishioners. I also noticed that Ron Saladino, my supervisor at work, with whom I got along very well, went to Saint Mary's. When I started dating Lauren Howard, and she told me she was going here, I finally decided that there must be a message in all of this -- this must be where I belong! I started going to Church with her, and kept going, if only occasionally for many years, after she left.

As many of you have noticed, that wasn't the end of my struggles. I continue to wrestle with questions like "Why does God allow so many people to do so much evil?", and especially "Why does God allow his name to be slandered?" (I am not certain who is defaming God, but with all of the contradictory statements made about God, it seems someone is.) I have a hard time understanding forgiveness, and get upset about silly mistakes I make.

The good news is that this Church has become a place of healing and refuge from the storms those questions cause. When I stray into the minefields in which the questions seem to be planted, I find it is best to simply ask God's forgiveness for wasting those minutes of my life, and move on to other things.

From Fr. Michael:

Given that the theme of this month's edition of the Bells is "Being Easter People", I just want to say that I am so proud of John for having the courage to write this article. I love our church because it does not demand of us a "lockstep" kind of Christianity but encourages us to struggle and seek to understand where our faith is in our daily lives and practice. To be able to look back and reflect on where we are today, as John has done so courageously in his article, is a great example of what it means to be a member of the church and to embrace the love of God, wherever it may take us.

Thank you John, for sharing your journey with us.

What's your story? Submit your journey to john.beeler@verizon.net for future issues.

The Vestry Speaks

The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hello and happy Easter season!

Your vestry had the pleasant task of welcoming our new vestry clerk, Mr. Stewart Johnston, for the remaining of 2011.

We then got down to work studying Mathew 28:8-15; of all the observations made, the one that was new to most of us was the made by Fr. Michael: he said that the day after Easter both faith and sin occurred. Just after our sins where forgiven sin occurred; that's mankind.

We then got to work discussing the numerous ministries our church has. Outreach had good news: we made our goal of 100 backpacks for the August 6th distribution at Thomson Park. This was in part made possible by our youth selling root beer floats raising \$230. Thank you, youth.

Lompoc clean up day will be June 11th; more will be forthcoming during May.

One area that we realized needs immediate addressing is Newcomers. We presently have no process for follow up of newcomers. This will stifle our growth. Any one can help, and should contact Helen Free or Fr. Michael, if interested.

The rest of the meeting was informative with little action presently required.

May God bless this vestry and its work, Amen.

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MISSIONAL MINISTRY IN THE GRACE MARGIN with Eric Law

**“The next generation is looking for relationship –
first to belong and secondarily to believe.”**

Peggie & Howard Gould, Trudy Ardizzone, Patricia LoCicero, Jeanne Johnston and I, along with Fr. Michael and members of St. Peter’s Church in Santa Maria, spent a weekend in March with Eric Law at a workshop on *Missional Ministry in the Grace Margin*. We didn’t know exactly what we were in for. What is a “grace margin” or a “missional ministry”? Through a series of individual and group activities, new ideas and terms were explained and explored.

First, Respectful Communication Guidelines were clarified, and we all agreed to communicate in that manner.

Through small group Bible Study, we practiced “Mutual Invitation”, a way to ensure that everyone who wants to speak has the opportunity. The role of the

leader/facilitator is to explain the process and share the power. We connected authentically, and began to build relationships by using each others' names, listening without interrupting, and speaking personal truths in relation to scripture.

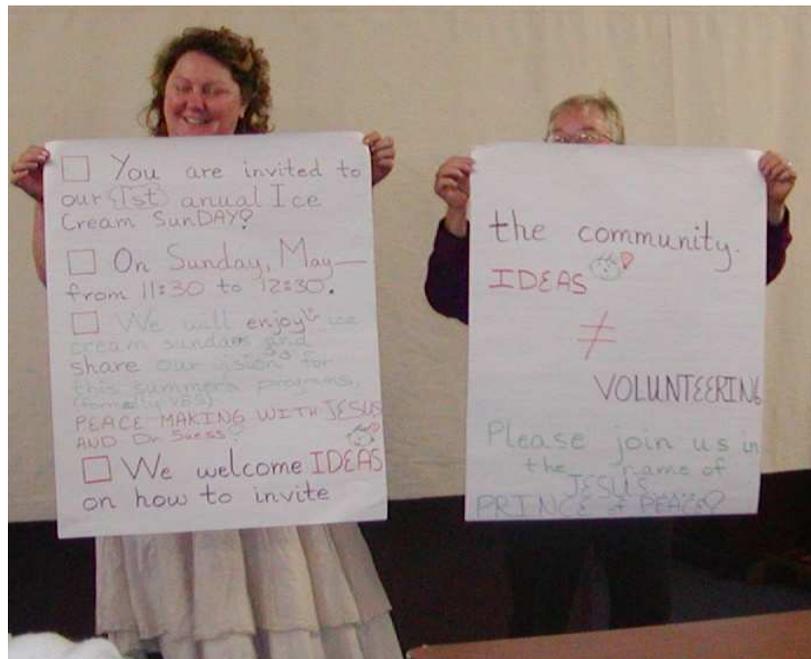
To clarify "authenticity" we continued to use Mutual Invitation to share and listen to each other's first authentic faith experience. Personal testimonies are authentic, not contrived. Eric explained that exploring these authentic faith experiences help to find fresh ways to connect with, to welcome, the emerging generation.

Next, we were asked to imagine a young man and young woman who had never been in a Christian church, never opened the Bible. All their knowledge of Christianity and other religions is through TV and movies. As one of these persons, what comes to mind when you hear the word: Christian? If they asked you, "Why are you a Christian? And why do you belong to a church?", how would we answer? We listed what being a Christian IS...and what being a Christian is NOT. We listed what belonging to the church IS...and what belonging to the church is NOT. Eric added that someday when you are handing out food to the homeless or attending a funeral, or reading to kids in a park or unlocking the door and making coffee for members of AA, someone will ask you why you are doing this. Hopefully, I'll be able to answer that I'm a Christian and what that means. *First build the relationship.*

Later, we got into smaller groups within our own churches and chose a "goal-driven" ministry that interacts with those not already members of the church. We described what this ministry will look like if it is "relationship-driven".

We considered what boundaries St. Mary's unknowingly has that exclude people from joining. *How do you join a family?* We did another Bible study on John 8: 1-11, using Mutual Invitation, to reflect on exclusive acts, and how Jesus transformed those acts into gracious inclusion.

We listed our fears and hopes if St. Mary's ministry leadership changes from goal-driven to relationship-driven. The "Grace Margin" is between the familiar (way-



Glenna Baker and Peggy Gould display the results of their exercise at the workshop. (Howard Gould photo)

we've-always-done-it) "safe zone" and uncomfortable (where ministry leaders feel threatened by new ideas) "fear zone." The Grace Margin is where compassionate listening and respectful communication takes place. Power is shared, ministries happen, and outsiders feel welcome to explore through prayer, Bible Study, songs, and liturgy.

Finally, we listed ministries currently happening at St. Mary's. We also listed places, other than the church building, where people gather in Lompoc. The ministries and locations were matched up at random and pairs of workshop participants attempted to describe this "Missional Ministry." Some ideas were really out-there, while others seemed very possible. The exercise got everyone thinking in a "missional" way, connecting positively with individuals in the community who may have a no idea or a negative idea of Christians or belonging to a church. Want more information about? Talk to me.

Glenna Baker

SUMMERTIME GIVING

As you plan your vacations and summer weekend trips, please remember your financial pledge to St. Mary's. Attendance, and giving, tends to drop during the summer months, and it is essential that we closely monitor our income and expenses. We miss you when you are gone, and want to hear the stories of your travels when you return.

Sincerely, Your Vestry

DRIVERS NEEDED

Our Outreach Ministry Team Chose Lompoc's "Meals on Wheels" to receive \$500 this quarter. It was brought to the team's attention that this unfunded organization is very small, yet is filling a large need in our community. The regular meals are made at the Lompoc Hospital, while those for people on restricted diets come from the Convalescent Care Center. Those who cannot afford the meals are subsidized, but the subsidy falls short of the actual cost of the meal. Unfortunately, the bequests they were relying on dried up some time ago.



In addition to money, "Meals on Wheels" is short on volunteer drivers. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday, except for Christmas. Perhaps two or more of us could form a team to cover a route of less than 12 meals one day per week, picking them up at 10 a.m. from Lompoc Hospital or 11 a.m. from CCC. **Please call Melva Lewis @ 736-3257** to find out which days drivers are needed. Need more information about? Talk to me.

Glenna Baker



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Financial Statement

As of 03/31/2011

Undesignated checking & savings

Designated checking *

Parish mortgage

\$72,980

\$50,514

\$349,338

Income

Expenses

Net income/(loss)

\$25,832

\$27,426

(\$1,594)

\$77,908

\$80,929

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\$74,049

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BURN the MORTGAGE fund:

Transfer to General Fund in 2010

* BURN the MORTGAGE Designated Acct.

\$54,792

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May Birthdays

Melanie Mackey	5/01
Patricia Baker	5/08
Patti Balcena	5/08
Jazz Kazianka	5/08
Raymond Down	5/09
Stephanie Bastian	5/10
Allie Kazianka	5/10
Rob Holdsambeck	5/13
William Montgomery	5/13
William Cady	5/18
Louise Hodges	5/18
Judy Lin	5/20
Ann Glasgow	5/21
Aubrey (Bud) Owen	5/21
Laurie Olsson	5/22
Michele Pittenger	5/22
Samuel Ricci	5/24
Maxine Smith	5/24
Dan Hayes	5/25
Jeanette Daley	5/27
June Ryan	5/28
Kimberly Smith	5/31

The Blue Envelopes

Last year, at Pentecost, I invited all of you to join in the campaign to retire our mortgage on the church. Through sacrificial giving, many of you have joined in and to date, we have raised over to \$60,000 in our efforts to end last year with a balanced budget (accomplished!) and raise money towards retiring the mortgage on our church (in progress). Through some of the roughest economic times that any of us have ever seen, (I say some, because many of us lived through the Great Depression before we came to the Great Recession) many of you have continued to give towards this goal...for which I thank you so much for thinking of the future of our church. We are coming to the end of the campaign...officially on June 12th, Pentecost, and I want you to know that while that is the “ official ” end of the Blue Envelope campaign to retire our mortgage, we have until September of this year to make a difference in what that final figure will look like.

Many of you have talked to me about whether or not you can continue to give towards the goal, and I have always said yes you can. Most recently I have been in conversation with a parishioner who wants to make a very substantial gift to the cause of burning the mortgage, but cannot do it until September...so if you want to continue your giving towards our goal, or if you want to start giving towards our common goal...please do. We have close to \$25,000 in hand right now...and we need another \$40,000 to 50,000 to realize our goal, so if you can make a gift of any size, please let Roger McConnell, or any member of the Vestry know.

What we are about is the future of our church. Your Vestry has imagined what ministry here at St. Mary ' s will look like when the first \$48,000 of every year is not devoted to paying interest to the bank on our mortgage. By mid-summer, our mortgage will be down to under \$350,000, and coupled with the sale of the old Rectory, we will be very close to having enough money to pay it off by September. What we are trying to avoid is re-financing the debt again, and therefore spending money on interest and terms of a new loan that we should be spending on ministry.

Please pray and consider again giving whatever you can give to this most important work our Vestry has called us to. I asked you last year to give sacrificially to your church so that we could give to our children and grand-children a debt-free church...and we are so close to accomplishing that...with God' s help and our giving, I believe we can accomplish this Big Holy Audacious Goal and celebrate our sacrifice for the future.

With my hand on the plow,
Fr. Michael+

Bede the Bat

Happy Easter to all my friends at St. Mary's!
It's me, Bede, the Bat in the St. Mary's Belfry.



I'll bet that if you've been in the Episcopal Church for any length of time, you've heard people say, "I'm a Christmas Person" or "I'm an Easter Person." To tell the truth, I like both. I love the story of a Baby being born in a manger and growing to manhood. However, to be even more truthful, I'm an Easter Person. There's something exciting about following the story that had begun over 30 years after that birth in Bethlehem, watching it reach its end and knowing that it wasn't the end at all. It was the beginning. "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again." Easter is knowing that the story of the divine yet human Jesus is now OUR story. We now know so much more than we ever knew before. The carpenter's Son has gone to prepare a place for us. There are many rooms there and our story will continue in that place.

The whole earth tells a different tale at Easter. The poinsettias that were so popular at Christmas are replaced by the lilies of Spring. The chill of Winter is replaced by soft breezes and brighter days. The Baby has grown up and learned and taught. He has attracted faithful followers and multitudes who hear His words and are changed. We, too, have heard His words. We were told at Christmas why He came, but now, at Easter, we understand for the first time that He was and is truly the Messiah. We say the words each Sunday in church: "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again." It was only when He rose that the story became true and life-changing for His followers and for all of us.

The carpenter's Son who overcame the world has told us of the preparations He is making for our eventual journey home. His Father's house has many rooms and one of them is for each of us. His story is one for the ages. It is a story that evolves from birth to death, from earthly life to eternal life, from Winter to Spring. For me, Spring means rebirth, new life, the Resurrection and that's why I'm an Easter Person. The gifts we give each other at Christmas are replaced by the gift He gave to us at Easter -- the greatest gift of all -- life eternal with Him in His Father's House.

Hope your Easter was filled with hope and joy and the love of the Risen Christ.

Blessings from Bede the Bat

Prayers of the People

We ask that you hold these persons in your Daily Prayers.

Lord, open our hearts to your perfect will and to your loving nature; that we can faithfully intercede on behalf of those we bring to you now in prayer:

**Isla Hill, Stan Sheldon, Sheila Holley, Kathryn Gibson,
Tom Welch, DeDe Dunn, Paula Larson, Baby Avery Jane,
Ellen Burch and Patty Townsend.**

And those serving in the armed forces remembered by our parishioners:

**Travis K, Matt S, Carl F, Brandon, Robert S, Emily O, Tom P, Bob R,
David B, Rick T, Jason D, Tim C, Ed M, Lance L, Jaime C and Paige H.**

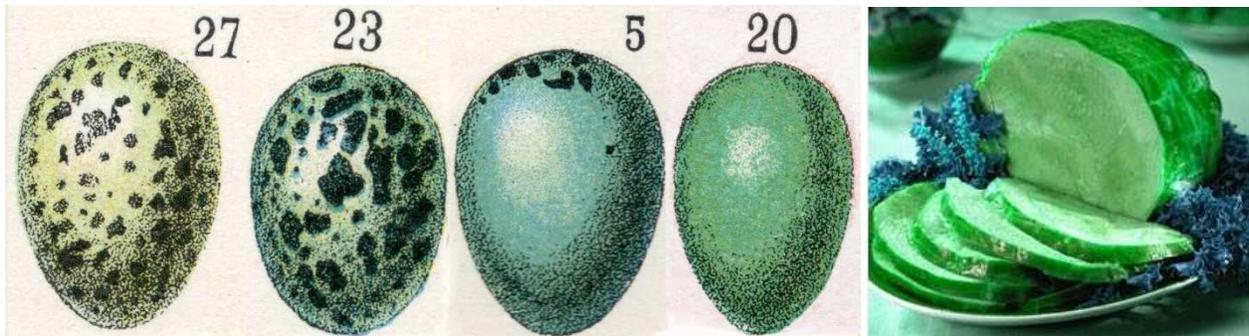
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Please Note:

Prayers of the People will be updated monthly. If you would like to add or continue a name to the POP, please fill out a Pink Prayer Request slip or Pew card, submit via our website www.stmaryslompoc.org, call any of our Prayer Tree members, or email Stephanie Bastian at jeffnsteph95@msn.com. Thank you!

“Whenever two of you on earth agree in prayer, it will be done by My Father in Heaven.” Matthew 18:19

In Our Next Issue:



Eggs: Adolphe Millot (from Nouveau Larousse Illustré), 1897

Ham: John Beeler (and Corel Photo Paint), 2011

Green Eggs and Ham