

The Shepherd's Staff Newsletter

The Right Reverend D. M. Ashman

Mid December 2025

Seminary Courses beginning January 2028

The Spring Term at Saint Joseph of Arimathea Seminary will be taught in the Zoom format and begin on Tuesday, January Thirteenth. The cost per course is \$250.00 for credit and \$50.00 for audit. Laity are encouraged to attend. Please address any requests for tuition relief to the Provost at bishopashman@gmail.com. Please do not hesitate to ask for help if you need it.

When you sign up for your course(s), please send your registration (below – hard copy or email) to: the Provost (Bishop Ashman): bishopashman@gmail.com. Send your tuition and another copy of your registration to Canon Matthew Weber at 2316 Bowditch P.O. Box 40020 Berkeley, CA 94704 or saintannchapel@gmail.com – Do not send money to the San Francisco office

Saint Joseph of Arimathea Anglican Theological Seminary

Spring Term 2026 REGISTRATION
(HARD COPY OR EMAIL)

Name:

Address:

Email:

Cell Phone:

Parish:

Parish Priest:

Please list the courses you wish to audit or take for credit

The Following Courses will be offered

Latin 1, 2nd Semester begins on Tuesday, January 13th at 10:30 a.m.

World History beginning on Wednesday, January 14th at 2:00 p.m.

Note there is no prerequisite

Seminar on the Screwtape Letter beginning on Thursday, January 15th at 11:00 a.m.

Note there is no prerequisite. We will begin where we left off until we have examined all 31 letters

Advanced Latin Reading (Gospel of St. Luke) beginning on Friday, January 16th at 11:00 a.m.

Greek, 2nd Year beginning on Friday, January 16th at 2:00 p.m.

Confirmations at the Parish of Saint Mark

On Sunday, November Ninth, the Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity Bishop Ashman visited The Parish of Saint Mark in Portland where he celebrated the Mass, preached and confirmed four confirmands: Maeve Connor, Fergus Connor, Alexandre Akira Assise, and Timothy Darayash Tata. The parish family also recited with the Bishop the prayers for the Consecration of a Church; as Saint Marks is marking their one hundredth anniversary.



The Deanery of the Valley of the Sun

Father Ory Schultheis reports that on the Feast of Saint Nicholas, the Deanery of the Valley of the Sun in Phoenix at Christ Church presented a new crosier, with the permission of the Bishop Ordinary, to Coadjutor Bishop Peter Hansen. It was then immediately put into use the next day on the Second Sunday in Advent when two were baptized and five confirmed.



Left to Right, Chloe Appel, Bp. Hansen, Maggie Geselle, Brennan O'Connor, Michael Rucker and William Foley from St. Nicholas Church

Anglican Church Women December Report

Diocese of the Western States

Here we are at the beginning of a new church year, with Christmas only a few days away. We await the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ and are thankful for our many blessings. Annual reminders for ACW dues have been mailed, and we are grateful to those churches which have already sent their dues. Please try to have your checks and completed forms to us by January 15 th 2026 so that there is time to compile and print the annual Provincial ACW Roster in time for the Synod in April. Every parish, even if they have no active ACW group, should send a check for \$50.00 to Gillian Golden, President ACW-DWS, PO Box 558, Selma, OR 97538-0558. \$15.00 goes to Provincial ACW and \$35.00 to Diocese of Western States ACW. Please complete the form for each church, and, if there is no active ACW chapter, give a contact person for that church. Thank you all for your cooperation. It does more good than you can possibly know.

Reminders for requests for Lenten Mite boxes will be sent out shortly, as Easter is early next year, Ash Wednesday being February 18 th , 2026., and Easter is April 5 th , 2026. This year, almost \$2,000 was raised with Mite Box contributions, which go to Student Support at St. Joseph of Arimathea Seminary. This is such an easy way to contribute, and we aim for \$3,000 next year! Thank you to all the churches that participated this year, and you are remembered at the altar at the chapel at Saint Joseph of Arimathea.

Wishing you all a very blessed Christmas.
Gillian Golden. President ACW-DWS

Church of Our Saviour, Santa Barbara



Thanks to Father Philip Ternahan for his regular contributions at Church of Our Saviour, Santa Barbara

Confirmations at Saint Joseph's Seminary Chapel

On December fourteenth, the Rose Sunday in Advent, Bishop Ashman visited, preached and confirmed at the chapel. Father Longworth and Dean Napier celebrated the Eucharist.



*From Deacon Reno's Students
St. John the Baptist in Omaha*



Thank you to Deacon Ron Reno who teaches his students art and religion; and assists Father Andrews at Saint John the Baptist Anglican Church.

Editor's Note: Please try to send Christmas Pictures: bishopashman@gmail.com