



November 18, 2020

### ***From Mother Jan...***

As COVID continues to rise, I offer this prayer in the hope that we can contain this disease by our diligent efforts to protect ourselves and our neighbors.

Let us pray.

With all our hearts and minds, let us pray to the Lord, believing God hears our prayers and sees our tears.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your servants who are sick with coronavirus. Give the power of your healing to those for whom our prayers are offered. May they be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care.

We pray for all in the community of St. Andrew's, Lord, we ask for your protection and safekeeping.

We pray for all in Las Cruces and the surrounding area, in the United States, and the world who are suffering from COVID, and also for those who need medical help for other illnesses or injuries. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, and protect all the medical professionals and 1<sup>st</sup> responders who are putting their own lives at risk.

We pray for the destitute and those deprived of access to medical care.

We pray for those who suffer discrimination because of the color of their skin or country of origin, especially those in detention centers.

We pray for those who put their lives at risk to work so that others may have essential services, and we pray for those who can't reopen their businesses.

In this time of trial, may the Resurrected Christ bring us hope, strengthen our faith, fill us with love and kinship, and grant us his peace. **Amen.**

*(Adapted from a prayer from The Rev Dr. Lin Lilley, St. Albans, El Paso)*

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New guidelines from the Diocese instruct that there be only one person working at a time in the church. Tommy will do his work in other parts of the building when Fran is at work. Sarah and I will work from home and only come in when others are not there. Please refrain from coming into the church building. This will be in effect until the end of the month. Please stay home! Be extremely careful with gatherings at Thanksgiving. I would like to be able to give thanks to God for ALL of you.

Hold on to that Attitude of Gratitude!

Mo. Jan

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If you haven't already, please turn in your 2021 [pledge form](#) **this week**. The Stewardship Committee will begin making phone calls Wednesday.

### **Drive-Through Communion This Sunday!**

St. Andrew's has received permission from the Bishop to continue offering our Sunday morning Eucharist Services and to offer drive-through Communion immediately following the 10:00 live-stream (11:00-11:30). Gluten-free wafers are available on request. Padrecita Jeanne Lutz will be by the Hospitality House to allow for traffic flow through the parking lot. We will gratefully accept your food and monetary offerings at that time as well.

### **Men's Club Thanksgiving Dinner Postponed**

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by the St. Andrew's Men's Club has been postponed, pending the re-opening of the church. We will keep you informed!

### **Arts and Crafts Online Auction Cancelled**

Due to unforeseen events, the Online Arts and Crafts Fair 2020 is cancelled. If you have donated an item and would like it returned please contact Christine at 575-520-3317 and she will return it to you. Thank you for your support and perhaps 2021 will be a better year.

### **Collecting Warm Clothes and Blankets**

Coats, sweaters and blankets are being accepted for donations to St. Bonaventure. Please bring your donations to the church before November 20, 2020. There will be a volunteer from St. Bonaventure picking up items on Saturday, November 21 at 9am from the church. For information, contact Christine Courtney at 575-520-3317.

### **Our Church**

Hear ye! Hear ye! Do you have a knack for interior and/or exterior design? Creating an efficient environment inside and outside? Your Junior Warden, Bruce Brown, is looking to create a committee of a few talented people who are willing to spend some time taking a look at our church campus. We are looking at where/how to make some changes, if needed, to maximize

our church for the future. You should be willing to see these possible projects through to completion. If you are interested, please contact Bruce at [nmgbruce@Gmail.com](mailto:nmgbruce@Gmail.com) or 575.740.9402. I would like to have the committee in place by the middle of December. I would like to have the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in December and then get going after the New Year.

### **Holiday Shopping**

With the upcoming holiday shopping season AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support St. Andrew's Hospitality House every time you shop, at no cost to you. Simply log on to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) instead of [amazon.com](https://amazon.com) and designate "St Andrews Hospitality House Las Cruces" as your preferred charity and 0.5% of eligible purchases come to the Hospitality House. That's all you have to do! When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) you are still shopping on Amazon with all of your already set preferences, wish lists, and purchase history, now with the added bonus that Amazon donates a portion of the purchase price to St. Andrew's Hospitality House. Happy shopping and thank you for supporting the Hospitality House!

### **Second Sunday Supper Christmas Gift Ideas**

Each month we have given our friends at the Community of Hope and Camp Hope some sort of gift in addition to a meal and a drink for Second Sunday Supper. Usually, it is a face mask, but this month, the DOK have blessed us with socks from Socktoberfest to give in addition to a face mask from Christine Courtney's team! Next month is Christmas month, so I am wondering if any of you have ideas of what we could give them. We have a lot of new toothbrushes, so we could make personal kits with a toothbrush, toothpaste, etc. Or we could give them all hand warmers. Or hats. Or... (insert your idea here)! If you have ideas, please email me at [nmcmilla@nmsu.edu](mailto:nmcmilla@nmsu.edu). We have a month to pull this together! Thanks. Peace, Nancy McMillan

### **Angel Tree Update**

All are invited to sponsor an "Angel" as part of the 2020 Angel Tree Ministry. "Angels" are local children of a parent who is incarcerated.

Here are instructions for sponsoring an Angel. One or more Angels may be sponsored!

1. Point your browser to <http://bit.ly/angeltreestandrews>

Type in our church id: 0OYS2

(Please note that the first digit is zero, then capital O)

You will see available angels. They look like the gift tags we would normally give you when you sign up to sponsor a child. Each child you sponsor will receive a gift card for \$22.00.

2. Click on the child or children you would like to sponsor. If that child has a sibling, you will see a message asking if you would like to sponsor the sibling(s) also. Click Yes or No.

3. When you are finished selecting children, go to "checkout". You will see the Angels you selected. You will see a message asking if you would like to sponsor their caregiver. Click Yes or No.

4. Now click "go to payment". You may click "ACH" to pay with your bank information or "Credit Card" to pay with a card.

5. Enter your payment information and click "Confirm payment".

That's it! There are 100 children waiting for our gifts this year, so please help as you are able.

Call if you have problems!

Liz Painter 505-215-3112

Silvia Schavz 575-644-1993

### **The Restoration Project**

The Restoration Project in the Episcopal Church was started by the Rev. Christopher Martin, Rector of St. Paul's in San Rafael, California. Disciple Groups, centered on three practices and seven vows implemented in small groups that meet regularly and nurture disciples of Jesus. The three practices are prayer, worship, and service.

The structure is based upon the premise that we all need to find a balance between inward practices (prayer) and outward practices (worship and service), and that we all need structures to hold us accountable to our best spiritual desires.

A Discipleship Group has existed at St. Andrew's since January of 2019. We would like to share our experience with other parishioners and invite anyone interested in more information to contact Scott Russell (575-571-4631 or [sr22017@gmail.com](mailto:sr22017@gmail.com)) or Judy O'Marr (575-405-0666 or [mimix6@gmail.com](mailto:mimix6@gmail.com)).

### **New St. Andrew's Website**

The Communications Committee is pleased to announce that the new St. Andrew's website has gone live. Visit <https://saintandrewslc.org/> to see the new site. This renovation is an unveiling of our church on the web for use by potential applicants to be our permanent rector. (There may be temporary glitches where the site is either unavailable or doesn't function properly. We're on it!). Enjoy!

### **Facemasks**

There is a continuing project of sewing facemasks for our friends at Second Sunday Supper. We are currently providing 70 masks a month, so if interested please contact Christine Courtney at 575-520-3317.

### **Bible Study: the Gospel of John**

Bible Study has begun! We're studying the Gospel of John. We gather via Zoom on Thursdays at 10:00. Click [HERE](#) to download the introduction and background document. Join the Zoom Bible Study by clicking on the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88455078005> (This same link will be used for each week.)

### **Virtual Services**

Please note the following opportunities to worship with us:

**Sunday @ 10:00am** - Rite II Eucharist (live-streamed via Facebook Live)

**Daily @ 7:00pm** - Compline (live-streamed via Facebook Live)

**Thursday @ 12 noon** - Noonday Prayer with Saint of the Day (live-streamed via Facebook Live)

### **How to Donate Food and Money**

Despite the church building closure, we continue to receive individuals and families wanting food. If you would like to donate food for our food pantry, please bring it by the church during church office hours of operation (Tue-Fri, 10:00am-1:00pm) and ring the bell. Someone will meet you at the door with further instructions to maintain social distancing.

Likewise, if you contribute financially on a regular basis, please continue doing so by bringing or mailing it to the church. You may mail it to the church (518 N. Alameda, LC 88005), or if you would like to bring it to the church, you may leave it in our secured mail slot on the wall near the door.

Support for the Second Sunday Supper each month is always greatly appreciated (we're trying to cover the monthly expense for approximately 70 meals). Feel free to send or bring checks to the church. Be sure to put "Second Sunday Supper" in the memo line of the check.

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### **This Week's Birthdays**

Sharon Bond (November 18)

Mary Gail Gwaltney (November 19)

Georgette Malooly (November 20)

Andre Richmond (November 23)

Anita Himes (November 24)

Hollis Fitch (November 25)

Alex Lenzo (November 25)

### **This Week's Anniversary**

John and Pat Nance (November 18)