



January 13, 2021

## ***A Message from Mo. Jan+...***

The Collect for this coming Sunday is:

*Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Light is such a wonderful image and metaphor. Jesus, the light of the world, shines brightly in our hearts and lives. Do we see that light in ourselves, in others? A colleague once preached a sermon using light where he referred to a camera dark room (obviously before digital!). He said trying to make a dark room truly dark is almost impossible. There always seems to be pinpoint of light coming from somewhere. I understand that as how we are with God. God's light is always coming from somewhere, even when we are in our darkest moments. We are the ones who close the blinds or shut the door, not God. Ever present, ever hopeful of our response, God is always with us just as we are to be with and for each other.

The message for today is to open up to God's light more fully than ever before. Illuminate your soul by partaking of God's word and sacraments. Be thinking of what you will add to your spiritual life this Lent (it is only a month away!)

God Bless you, my friends.

***Mo. Jan+***

### **Next DOK Meeting**

The Daughters of the King will have their monthly meeting this Saturday, January 16, at 9:00am via Zoom.

### **Annual Meeting**

On Sunday, January 31, 2021, at 1:00pm we will hold a parish-wide Zoom conference to conduct important church business and we need your attendance. The Zoom link will be sent out later this month. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact David Lutz (575-640-6571).

### **Second Sunday Supper**

If anyone would like to help distribute meals at Second Sunday Supper, please contact Nancy McMillan at 575-635-5832 or [nmcmlilla@nmsu.edu](mailto:nmcmilla@nmsu.edu). It takes a little over an hour at 4 pm on the second Sunday, and social distancing is maintained. It is such a delightful event every month that we would like to share the experience with anyone who would like to join us!

### **Vestry Slate of Candidates**

We have solicited candidates for the 3-year Vestry terms to begin this year. The nominations received to-date are Dick Hiss and Dee Singh. The slate of candidates will be voted upon at the January 31 Annual Meeting.

### **Offline Registration for Vaccine**

If anyone knows a person who cannot register online for the COVID-19 vaccine, you can call the New Mexico Dept. of Health at 528-5001 and explain that you would like to add a name to their list of those who cannot be contacted by email. All you need is their name, their telephone number, and their DOB.

### **CASA Informational Zoom**

Currently, nearly 200 children and teens are living in foster care in Dona Ana County. Mesilla Valley CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) recruits, trains, supports, and supervises community volunteers to advocate for children in foster care. Since the pandemic, there has been significant attrition of CASA volunteers and an unfortunate increase in child abuse cases. To this end, St. Andrew's CASA board members, Rebecca Cram and Wendy Beserra, will host an informational Zoom session with guest speaker Brandie White, CASA Program Director. Ms. White will provide information about the foster care system as well as volunteer opportunities to support the work of Mesilla Valley CASA. Please join us Friday, January 22, 2021 from 5 pm - 7 pm. Below is the Zoom link to join the presentation. For additional information, contact Rebecca Cram by phone at 575.652.1688 or by email at [rebakcram09@gmail.com](mailto:rebakcram09@gmail.com).

### **CASA Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83920392789?pwd=YlVrc0toeTFqTUeZab25obkxUdz09>

### **Durable Medical Equipment**

Carolyn Richmond will be handling the durable medical equipment beginning February 2, 2021. Thank you, Carolyn, for continuing this ministry. The equipment will be relocated to the church property.

### **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) with drive-through Communion immediately following

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

**Thursday @ 12 noon** - Noonday Prayer with Saint of the Day: Ted Howden (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.

## **This Week's Birthdays**

Conchita Jones (January 13)

Irene Juarez (January 13)

Barbara Chandler (January 14)

Sylvia Phillips (January 14)

Karen Henderson (January 15)

Bill Blohm (January 16)

Ben Taylor (January 16)

Morgan Knight (January 17)

Joyce Anglin (January 20)

## **This Week's Anniversary**

Frank and Priscilla Parrish (January 20)