



May 5, 2021

A Message from Mother Jan...

Happy Cinco de Mayo!

I've been reading a little book, THE WAY OF GRATITUDE. It is a wonderful tome and I highly recommend it. In the next few weeks, I'll share some of the nuggets of wisdom and insight I have gotten from it.

First and foremost, gratitude is an attitude. Yes, I know you have heard me say that a lot, and I will continue to say it. We can wake up and choose to be grumpy or choose to be grateful. I choose to be grateful. When I make this choice, I see God in everything. It is easy to see God in the beauty of a sunrise or sunset, yet I wonder if we see God in the ordinary things in life: caught at a red light? (offer prayers for people you think about) appliance broken? (maybe the repair person needs to hear about Jesus). When we look for ways to share our faith in what we say and do, we will find them. Smiles and warm "Hellos" are a first step. When we are grateful for what we have, we leave behind or give to God, what we don't have. Problems diminish, fear is overcome, and we express the joy of Christ in our hearts. Gratitude is an attitude.

Saying Thank You is also a part of gratitude. Here is a quote from G. K. Chesterton:

You say grace before meals. All right. But I say grace before the concert and the opera, and grace before the play and pantomime, and grace before I open a book, and grace before sketching, painting, swimming, fencing, boxing, walking, playing, dancing and grace before I dip the pen in ink.

Praise and Thank God for all things and in all situations. Then listen and learn what God has in store for you.

Blessings and Thank you for all you are and all you do,

Mo. Jan+

Pentecost Choir

We have permission to form a choir for Pentecost! (barring more regresses.) We will be using the Praise Band area of the sanctuary during the offertory of the 10:00 service, and we will be well-spaced. For now, masks will be required, <sigh>, but at least we can do it! If you're even a little interested, please join us for this one. We have diminished numbers and the piece is extra easy. Some of you may have sung it previously: *Spirit Like a Falling Dove*. Cory is preparing things so you can practice the song from home. Then the choir will meet May 19 at 7:00pm in the choir room for a nice, open-spaced, short (20-30 min.) choir rehearsal. Anyone can participate. Contact Cory Gasparich with questions (575-386-0522 or corygasparich@gmail.com) Hoorah!

Bookkeeper Office Hours

If you need to meet with or speak to our Bookkeeper, Debbie Frazier, below are the office hours that she will keep when she returns to Las Cruces on June 9:

Monday 8:00 – 2:00

Tuesday N/A

Wednesday N/A

Thursday N/A

Friday 10:00 – 2:00

Debbie is frequently at the church at other times and would be happy to meet with people. Please call first. Alternately, you may call Debbie at 406-930-1155 or email her at cpacando@hotmail.com

"Moms or Mentors" (MOM) with the Rev. Jan Hosea

All are invited to the Zoom gathering on May 22 at 10AM for a fun exploration of biblical women who were moms and/or mentors to other women. Join in to learn what the relationships of Elizabeth and Mary, Naomi and Ruth, Leah and Rachel, Sarah and Hagar can teach us. We'll consider how we also are and can be mentors and moms (biological or not) to those with whom we interact. Email Cindy Davis for the Zoom Link.

Pentecost: Break Out Your Red Outfit!

The liturgical color for the day of Pentecost is red. We invite parishioners who attend the in-person Pentecost service to wear red that day, May 23.

Piano Available

The Yamaha piano in the Gathering Space needs a new home. If interested, make your best offer! Contact Mo. Jan if you have questions. Thanks.

From the Search Committee . . .

We would like to thank the St. Andrew's family for your prayers, support, and patience as we have gone through the lengthy process of advertising for our new Rector. We are now at the end of the application process and have received 4 applications for the position. The application deadline is May 10th. Later in May, the Search Committee will conduct Zoom interviews with the candidates. From those interviews, one or two candidate(s) will be chosen for an in-person

interview. We ask for your continued prayers that the candidate that God has chosen for St. Andrew's feels the tap on his or her shoulder and answers the call.

Two Services on Sundays!

To meet the demand, we have begun to offer two services on Sundays, one at 8:15 (Rite I) and one at 10:00 (Rite II). Please note the times! There will be drive-through Communion following the 10:00 service only. **The 10:00 service will also be live-streamed through Facebook.** When attending the church, please enter the building through the doors in the Gathering Space, and exit through the doors facing Alameda. Facemasks are required, and we will enforce social distancing. See you there!

Morning Prayer Resumes on Tuesday

Beginning May 11, in-person Morning Prayer will be offered in Kendrick at 9:30am. It's a small group of folks, but everyone is welcome!

Memorial Service for Edie Henry

There will be a graveside service for Edie Henry on Saturday, June 11 at 2:00 at Hillcrest. All are welcome. The restrictions on the number of people who can attend have been lifted. I know the family would appreciate your prayers and presence. The Rev. Catherine Lemons will officiate. May her soul rest in peace and rise glory.

Please Help: Sound and Video Ministry

We're looking for a few volunteers to help control the sound and video during worship services. The larger the team the better, and the tasks are simple. Please prayerfully consider if this ministry calls to you. Training will be provided. If you have questions or would like to get involved, please contact Bruce Brown at 575-740-9402.

Wanna Play in the Dirt? Beautify the Church Grounds?

The Gardening Guild at St. Andrew's is looking for volunteers to help us keep the church grounds looking attractive. All ages and skill levels are wanted. If you're interested, please call Ed Morrow at 575-339-8640.

Ushers Wanted

Now that services are held at the church, we're looking for more ushers to assist during the services. If this idea appeals to you, please contact the church office (or Bob Anderson) to sign up. Training will be provided.

More Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for a volunteer to serve as the church's **Treasurer**. The Treasurer will have the dedicated support of the Bookkeeper, Debbie Frazier, and the Bookkeeper Assistant. Training will be provided. If you have questions or want more information, please contact Mo. Jan (505-250-1610).

We continue to solicit volunteers to join the **Our Church** committee, intended to keep the church in good order and as attractive as possible. This will be a source of pride to see our church looking her best. It may also encourage applicants to our Rector Search process. All interests and skill levels welcome. If you have questions or would like to join the team, please contact Bruce Brown (575-740-9402).

***Voice in the Desert* Publication Changes**

The slow-down of the pandemic has affected our monthly newsletter, *A Voice in the Desert*. Demand for publication has dwindled, so we have reconfigured the publication schedule. The newsletter will be issued quarterly—beginning with the issue for Jun-Aug—until the new rector has been installed, the pandemic continues to lift, or communication needs arise. The deadline for the Jun-Aug issue is FRIDAY, MAY 21. If you have questions or material to publish, please contact the church office. Thanks for your patience during this uncertain time.

Memorials for Memorial Day

In honor of Memorial Day, we would like to create a list of parishioners' special memorials, military or otherwise. If you would like someone's name put on the list, please contact the church office (saintandrewslc@gmail.com). Deadline for submissions is May 26.

We will celebrate a special service on Memorial Day, May 31, at 5:00pm. The service will be offered in-person and live-streamed through Facebook.

Mobile Directory

Since 2017, we have enjoyed a mobile version of the pictorial parish directory with the aid of Life Touch, the company that took the portraits for us. Regrettably, Life Touch is closing at the end of May, which means we will lose access to the database and software that allows us to update and use the mobile directory. (Our directory is stored on Life Touch's server and the update software is proprietary to Life Touch.) As a final measure, you may download a PDF of the directory by clicking [HERE](#). Then you may keep, store, or print as desired.

Request from the Church Office

Please help us keep the church office tidy. If you leave non-food items in the office, please put your name on the items and specify why they are in the office. Thank you.

Use of the Church Building

If you have any type of meeting or event you would like to schedule at the church, please complete and return a [Building Use Permit](#). This will prevent scheduling conflicts and will ensure the church calendar is up to date. Thank you.

Second Sunday Supper

If anyone would like to help distribute meals at Second Sunday Supper, please contact Nancy McMillan at 575-635-5832 or nmcmilla@nmsu.edu. It takes a little over an hour at 4:00pm 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! The next Supper is this Sunday, May 9.

Service Schedule

Please note the following opportunities to worship with us:

Sunday @ 8:15am - Rite I Eucharist (in-person and live-streamed via Facebook Live)

Sunday @ 10:00am - Rite II Eucharist (in-person and live-streamed via Facebook Live) with drive-through Communion immediately following

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

Tuesday @ 9:30am – Morning Prayer (in-person in Kendrick)

Thursday @ 12 noon – Rite I Eucharist and celebration of the saint of the day. (in-person and 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, 9:00am-2:00pm) 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.

Birthdays

Maicy Law (May 8)

Don Jones (May 9)

Jennifer Regalado (May 9)

Anniversaries

Arlo and Barbara Albers (May 5)

Please pray for our ministry:

Angel Tree Ministry