



June 16, 2021

A Message from Mother Jan...

An Attitude of Gratitude

"What a precious privilege it is to be alive – to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love."

Marcus Aurelius

God created heavens and earth and US! Psalm 139, says, *"For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well."*

We are made in God's own image, perhaps not physically, but certainly spiritually. We are created to be in relationship with God and to spread the message of love in order to build up His Kingdom, God's Kingdom on earth. When we face each day with gratitude, we see things through a gratitude lens. We are grateful for that red light in order to take a deep breath and say a prayer; we appreciate the kindness of a server and let them know. It is with an Attitude of gratitude, that we can reflect God's love to the world because we "feel it".

Manifesting God's love of us into the world is our call as Christians. I invite you pray a prayer of gratitude each day. Here is one for your reference:

Heavenly Father, thank you that you are the source of all true joy in life. Your word says that everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer. Please help me to receive all the good gifts you give me with thanksgiving and gratitude in my heart. You have loved me and have freed me from my sins by Jesus' blood. To you be glory and dominion forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Blessings,

Mo. Jan+

Seeking Welcome and Orientation Committee Volunteers

The Vestry is looking for volunteers to serve on a Welcome and Orientation Committee for the new Rector when a call is made. This Committee would help our new Rector get to know us as a

Parish, plan welcome events, logistically assist the Rector with the move here to Las Cruces, introduce the Rector to the wider community and introduce the wider community to our new Rector. Again, the exact scope of work would be for later discussion. This opportunity would be a rewarding way to get to know our new Rector and provide vital and necessary support to ensure our first impression with the Rector is a positive one. If you have any interest in serving on this Committee, please contact Sarah at standrewslc@gmail.com or contact any Vestry member by June 30. Thank you!

Drive-through Communion to End after June 27

The number of drive-through communicants has dwindled to the point where it makes sense to continue offering it only through the end of June. As an alternative, if you would like to have a Eucharistic Visitor come to your location for Communion, please let the church office know and arrangements can be made.

Painting of the Parish Hall

The “Our Church” team has begun its work. The interior walls of the Parish Hall are being painted this week. Stay tuned for news about other projects around the church to ensure we have a safe, beautiful space now and for years to come.

Can We Resume Coffee Hour?

As Bishop Hunn states in his most recent communication to the Diocese (see above), as of June 13 we may offer coffee hour(s) after Sunday worship services. Would you be interested in being a “barista” on Sunday mornings? We envision the coffee hour to be held in the courtyard, with a server pouring and preparing cups of coffee/tea. There will be no food yet; we’ll hope for a lifting of this constraint soon. If this sounds like something you can help with, please contact the church office. We all look forward to resuming this fellowship, so any help in this ministry would be welcome!

Men’s Breakfast Resumes

The pre-COVID Men’s Breakfast resumes meeting on Thursday mornings at 8:00 at A Bite of Belgium.

Parish Prayer List

You may have noticed a new item in the Special Prayers for the Week at the end of each Sunday service bulletin: a Parish Prayer List. We have replenished the supply of Prayer Request forms in the church pews. Feel free to complete a form and place it in the offering plate. Names on this list will appear (first names only) in Sunday bulletins and will be coordinated by the church office.

Prayer requests for the Daughters of the King (DOK), are separate from the Parish Prayer list. DOK prayers are confidential and will be left on the DOK list for prayer until they hear otherwise. DOK prayer requests may be placed in the locked wooden box in the Narthex next to the candles. Requests will be picked up each week and submitted to the other Daughters for

prayer. For any questions or any other personal requests or needs, contact Candace Fitch (canbf044@aol.com).

DRG Policy Changes Regarding COVID

There are three developments regarding Covid regulations and changes in Diocesan Policy. These policy changes are effective June 13th, no exceptions. This will allow time for congregations to make the information known within their parish.

1. **Distinction between public worship and small group meetings:** Masks and social distancing will still be maintained in public worship because children are still vulnerable and there are others who are immune compromised who should be considered. The bishop also feels that this keeps someone new to the church from feeling unwelcome if they prefer to be masked. The good news is that By Consensus, smaller groups like vestries and classes, where the likelihood of someone walking in off the street is small, can take off their masks if: a. everyone is vaccinated and b. no one objects. However, if even one person objects, or even one person is not vaccinated, then you must be masked.
2. **Outdoor gatherings** like coffee hour and parish picnics can take place without masks if coffee and goodies are served individually (no congregating around the coffee urn) by a masked and gloved person. For a parish picnic, the DRG encourages brown bagging it.
3. **Congregational singing** through masks can take effect on June 13th.

Worship Services

Please note the following opportunities to worship with us:

Sunday @ 8:15am - Rite I Eucharist (in-person)

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 in Kendrick 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

Adrian Sinicki (June 16)
Marthe Wygant (June 17)
Daniel Fuller (June 18)
Jim Kimball (June 18)
Betty Watson (June 18)
Noah Mathis (June 19)
Time Farr (June 20)
Bodhi Eckhart (June 22)

Anniversary

Ed and Kathy Morrow (June 21)

Please pray for our ministry:

St. Andrew's Music ministry