

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10 MARCH 2019

☼ **HOME COMMUNION** – If you or someone you know would like to have a home visit or the Sacrament brought to you at home, please call Fr. Smythe or Rev. Pam at 625-1370. We bring the Sacrament to those who are ill or to anyone who cannot attend services for any reason.

TODAY

MARCH 10 – LENT I

8:00a Holy Eucharist II
10:00a Holy Eucharist II
2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 11

9:00a Morning Prayer – Chapel
10:00a Home Tour Mtg – Parish Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

8:00a Men's Group – Conf Room
11:00a Social Activities - Conf Room
5:00p Search Committee – Library
6:00p Vestry – Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel
9:30a DOK – Vulliamy Room
5:00p Stations of the Cross – Crtyrd
5:30p Lenten Supper – Parish Hall

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

9:00a KBI Breakfast Prep – Kitchen
12:30p Seekers Discussion – Conf Rm
2:00p Parish Choir – Loft

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

6:00a KBI Breakfast Prep – Kitchen
8:00a Bulletins – Library

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

8:30a Day of Discovery – Parish Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

MARCH 17 – LENT II

8:00a Holy Eucharist I
10:00a Holy Eucharist I
2:00p Centering Prayer – Chapel

☼ **THIS WEEK** – STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND LENTEN SUPPER – Our Lenten Series *Life Transitions* begins this week on Wednesday with Stations of the Cross—led by our Vestry—at 5 PM in the Courtyard and, at 5:30 PM, a soup and bread supper, followed at 6:15 PM by speaker Chris Erickson, RN, BA, Valley Assistance Services Executive Director, who will address the topic *Ever-changing interpersonal dynamics with aging*.

☼ **THIS WEEK** – SOLO JOURNEYERS – Mark your calendars for Monday, March 11 (please note change of date). It has been some time since we last got together, so we would like to meet for dinner at Manuel's Mexican Restaurant at 5 PM. We have a room reserved for the Solo group. Please sign up in the Parish Hall after services.

☼ **THIS WEEK** – DAY OF DISCOVERY – Plan to attend this important event on Saturday, March 16, when you—the

members of St. Francis—are invited to express your concerns and desires for the future of the Parish as well as your thoughts concerning the kind of leadership that’s just right for us.

The event will run from 9 AM until 3 PM, with registration at 8:30 AM; and there will be a break for a catered lunch. Here’s your opportunity to be part, and an important part, of the Rector search process.

☼**LENT PROGRAM** – This year we have put together another great Lent program with, of course, a wonderful homemade soup supper, great speakers and a theme that should touch home for all of us in some way. The title of our program is “LIFE TRANSITIONS: Living in the New Normal.” Because of the inevitability of change we are always in transition at every age in our lives. But different periods of time present different challenges and different experiences of transition. Our speakers will talk about transition from several viewpoints and enrich our understanding of how we can best meet the challenges of transition as we try to live in what may be called “the new normal.” The Lent program takes place on five consecutive Wednesdays beginning March 13. Each evening begins with the *Stations of the Cross* at 5 PM, then supper at 5:30 followed by our speaker at 6:15. Please sign up for the supper so we have enough food to serve all. Our program

is open to the public. Invite your friends and neighbors. If they wish to join us for the supper be sure they sign up by calling the office or just come for the talk.

☼**NEWS FROM OUTREACH – EASTER BASKETS ARE IN OUR FUTURE.** Once again the Outreach Committee has pledged to make 100 Easter Baskets for the children at the Crossroads Mission in Nogales. We can do this if each one brings an empty Easter Basket and a package of grass to church during the week. There is a big green box in the Parish Hall for your donations. Later on we’ll begin to collect wrapped candy and small toys. On April 18 at 10 AM you are all invited to the Parish Hall for an hour of fun filling the baskets.

☼**HOME TOUR DRIVERS ORIENTATION** – All Home Tour drivers, please attend one of the two meetings: Monday, March 18 at 2 PM in the Vulliamy Room, or Tuesday, March 19 at 10 AM in the Vulliamy Room.

☼**YOUR HELP NEEDED** – Because of the bountiful rain and snow this winter, weeds are overflowing our church’s landscaping. The growth is too great for Craig Reid, Mitch Ghoca, and our Sextons to keep under control, and we need your help. If you are able to rake and hoe and work at your own convenience in the next few weeks, with direction from Craig, we want you. Please contact Julie

Reppenhagen (jrepp@snet.net).
Julie Reppenhagen, *Junior Warden*

☀️**NEWS FROM THE BOUTIQUE** – Looking for that unique gift but don't have time to go shopping in Tucson? Our St. Francis Boutique has many beautiful items, including gorgeous jewelry recently purchased at the GEM & MINERAL SHOW, beautiful all-occasion cards for under \$3, and we have fresh Green Valley pecans, so you don't have to make a special trip to the Orchard. Remember that all profits from the Boutique go directly to the Rector's Discretionary Fund to assist the needy in our Green Valley Community. Because you shopped with us last year, we are giving \$3,000 to that fund this month. Thank you St. Francis parishioners for making that possible! It's a win/win deal when you shop in our Boutique! We're open on Sundays after each service. Come see!

☀️**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** – We are again sponsoring a series of grief Support Groups at St. Francis. The next session will begin Monday, March 18, and run five consecutive Mondays from 1:30-3:30 PM. The group is open to the community, non-denominational, no charge, and facilitated by Jeannie North, BSN, MC. If you or anyone you know might be interested in attending, call the Parish Office (520-625-1370) to register or to obtain additional information.

☀️**TOUR OF HOMES 2019** – The great 2019 Home Tour is Friday, March 22. But to make the Tour a success, we need your help. We still need volunteers to drive, to assist with the Silent Auction, to act as Hostesses in the homes and in the Parish Hall where we serve refreshments to our attendees. For our bakers, we need baked goods to serve to our guests in the Parish Hall and we need all sorts of goodies to sell at the Gourmet Table. There will be sign-ups in the Parish Hall after the 8 and 10 o'clock services today and next Sunday. You can also contact Sandy Eckstein (seckste2@gmail.com) or Julie Reppenhagen (jrepp@snet.net).

☀️**CRUZANDO FRONTERAS DONATIONS** – Thank you for supporting Cruzando Fronteras with your donations! Lately there's been a flood of families arriving at their Nogales, Sonora shelters while awaiting an asylum hearing, and they continue to need our help. Monetary donations are most helpful. Donate through the Cruzando Fronteras webpage at fronteras.azdiocese.org, or drop a check made out to St. Francis with "Cruzando Fronteras" in the memo line in the offering baskets or at the Parish Office. They also currently need (greatest needs capitalized): • sleeping bags • blankets • pillows • hotel shampoo/soap/lotion • towels • backpacks • UNDERGARMENTS (all sizes—men/women/children) • jackets • long pants/jeans • sweaters • slippers

• SNEAKERS (toddlers & teens) • shoes • socks • feminine products • diapers (all sizes) • wipes • TOILET PAPER. Small and medium sizes are preferred for adults. Bring in your new or clean, gently used items and drop them in the boxes in the Parish Hall. Thanks!

☀️**GREAT CONCERT** – Our friends at TRUE CONCORD VOICES AND ORCHESTRA will be performing Mozart's magnificent *Requiem* and Morten Lauridsen's popular *Lux Aeterna* at Valley Presbyterian Church at 7 PM on Friday, March 29. Gerald has tickets priced at \$25 for general admission and \$40 for reserved seating.

☀️**SEEKERS DISCUSSION GROUP** – On Thursday, March 14, we will begin the video lecture series by Bart D. Ehrman titled *From Jesus to Constantine*. Meetings begin at 12:30 PM in the Conference Room. All are welcome.

☀️**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** – We are fortunate to have professional individual Spiritual Direction available to us at St. Francis. For an appointment please call Charlotte Neyland at 720-298-2750.

☀️**PRAYER CHAIN** — For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, at ijnrats@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS

THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA – St. John's Episcopal - Lutheran Congregation, Williams

SAINT FRANCIS MINISTRIES – The Greeters

PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT: Shoo Adams, Mason Fletcher, Kim Kessing, Stephanie Huszar, Vern Hughes, Doris Kuzmak

FOR ALL THOSE SERVING IN HARM'S WAY: Mike Davis, Matthew Day, Brandon Brownlee, Shane Gunderson, Issac Noone, Ian Gunderson, Chase Helgeson, Jackson Vaughn

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: John Zimmerman, Leon Adams, Olive Clapp

A complete calendar of Parish and Non-Parish events, as well as other news and information about the Parish, is available on the St. Francis website: www.stfrancisgvaz.org. You can also access the Diocesan website from there. Check it out!

☀️**HELP WANTED** — Neal Hursh (neal@stfrancisgvaz.org) could use your help monitoring our sound system on Sunday mornings. He will also train you to do it. A great way to help your Parish.

☀️**KINO BORDER INITIATIVE DONATIONS** – KBI continues to collect clothing and toiletries for migrants who arrive at the border in Nogales, Sonora with little or nothing. Please consider contributing some of the following items to the box in the Parish Hall: men’s pants, 28-34; women’s pants, small & medium; women’s tennis shoes, flip-flops, and sandals up to size 7; men’s tennis shoes, 8-9½; jackets for men and women; underwear for men and women, small & medium; toiletries: soap, toothpaste, shampoo, body lotion, deodorant. **PLEASE DONATE ONLY ITEMS LISTED**, and remember that clothes should be clean, in good condition, and appropriate for our climate and for basic working conditions. Monetary donations are also welcome; please make checks out to St. Francis Church with KBI in the memo line.

☀️**LA JOYA COMMUNION SERVICE** — A reminder to all residents of La Posada that we offer a weekly Service in the Celebration Room at La Joya. Gary La-Barre leads a weekly service of communion from the reserved sacrament. One of the clergy leads a service of Holy Eucharist once a month, usually the second

Wednesday. You are welcome to attend even if you’re not a La Posada resident.

☀️**COVENANT FUND CHRISTMAS CARD PARTY** – The 22nd annual Christmas Card Party will be held on Friday, December 7, at 5 PM in the Parish Hall. Heavy appetizers and desserts will be catered by the 19th Hole, but there’s no cost to participants for meal or drinks. The mission of the fund is to enable those parishioners of St. Francis who find themselves in need of financial help to get it right here at our own church.

Here’s how it works: instead of purchasing and mailing Christmas cards to all your friends at St. Francis, get one card, sign it, and bring it to the party. Your card will be used to decorate the Christmas tree in the Parish Hall for everyone to enjoy. Contribute the money you save on postage and cards to the Covenant Fund. If you plan to join us, sign up in the Parish Hall after services; or you may call the Parish Office—before November 29, please—to make a reservation. Reservations are necessary to give an accurate count to the caterer.

☀️**MEMORIAL GIFTS** — The Memorials and Special Gifts Committee works with the Rector to make decisions regarding appropriate and meaningful use of memorial funds as they are donated to St. Francis Church. Wishes of the family are strictly adhered to and spiritual

and aesthetic benefits to the Parish are carefully considered in the use of both designated and non-designated funds. The congregation is invited to offer suggestions to the Committee for ways to enhance the beauty of our church. Call Marleen Bell at 399-4744 or contact any Committee member.

⚙️**NAMETAGS** — Are you wearing yours? You know who you are, but our visitors may not. Give them a break by proudly wearing your nametag. Need one? Let the Administrative Assistant know and she will make one for you.

⚙️**STEPHEN MINISTRY** – Stephen Ministers: just what are they, who are they, and what do they do? Simply put we are lay people from the Parish who are trained to walk beside someone who is going through a difficult time in his or her life. We meet, we listen, we provide a compassionate heart, a shoulder to lean on, and confidentiality.

If you think you might like to explore becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact one of us: Marybeth Bates (206-259-0361) or *emmyemex@yahoo.com*, Mark Eckstein (443-807-2277) or *az9261954@gmail.com*, Cheryl Tardy-Albin (520-235-9031) or *ltybbear1@gmail.com* or BrandE Faupell (435-512-0286) or *bfaupell@gmail.com*.

⚙️**ALTAR FLOWERS** – Would you like to have flowers on the altar on a certain

Sunday? Flowers can be given in loving memory of someone or in thanksgiving for persons or for a special date and occasion you wish to celebrate. Call the Parish Office or Carol Berg (373-5770) with your request. Donations are \$35.

⚙️**CENTERING PRAYER** — Sunday afternoons at 2 PM in the Chapel, followed at 2:30 by tea and light refreshments and a short video presentation in the Conference Room. Centering Prayer is an ancient form of meditative or contemplative prayer suggested by Jesus. For further information, call James or Sophie Luffman at 520-505-7932.

⚙️**IMMIGRATION TALK ONLINE** – Thanks to all who came to hear Alyson Ball's talk on immigration last Tuesday! If you couldn't attend, you can find a YouTube video of virtually the same presentation recorded last November at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_8-WeeDYIF0 – or google "Alyson Ball on immigration." It was a wonderful presentation!