

ANNOUNCEMENTS

17 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 17 – LENT II

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

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 18

- 9:00a Morning Prayer – Chapel
- 10:00a Home Tour Mtg – Conf Room
- 10:00a Outreach – Library
- 1:30p Grief Support Group
– St. Francis Room
- 2:00p Home Tour Drivers
– Vulliamy Rm

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

- 9:00a Staff Meeting – Library
- 10:00a Home Tour Drivers
– Vulliamy Rm
- 1:00p Stephen Ministry – Library/
Conf Room/Vulliamy Rm/St.
Francis Room
- 5:00p Search Committee – Library

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

- 9:00a Holy Eucharist – Chapel

5:00p Stations of the Cross – Crtyrd

5:30p Lenten Supper – Parish Hall

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

- 9:00a KBI Breakfast Prep – Kitchen
- 10:00a Communications – Conf Rm
- 12:30p Seekers Discussion – Conf Rm
- 2:00p Parish Choir – Loft

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

8:00a Bulletins – Library

ANNUAL TOUR OF HOMES

10 AM – 4 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

No Parish events scheduled.

NEXT SUNDAY

MARCH 24 – LENT III

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

☼ **THIS WEEK – STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND LENTEN SUPPER** – Our Lenten Series *Life Transitions* continues this week on Wednesday with Stations of the Cross–led by the Daughters of the King–at 5 PM in the Courtyard and, at 5:30 PM, a soup and bread supper (dinner tickets available at \$6), followed at 6:15 PM by speaker Fr. Greg Adolf, who will address the topic *The death and resurrection of Christ as a model for spiritual transformation*.

☼ **TOUR OF HOMES 2019** – The time is here for our 2019 Tour of Homes, St. Francis' major fund raiser. It will happen

this Friday March 22, from 10 AM to 4 PM starting at St. Francis. We have six lovely homes to see (free transportation provided), delicious refreshments, gourmet delights to buy, a silent, auction as well as our Talents Unlimited Boutique. Tickets for \$25 can be purchased online at our website, stfrancisgvaz.org, or at the Parish Office. Please buy your tickets and spread the word about the Tour to your friends and neighbors.

There is still an urgent need for goodies for the Gourmet Table and the reception area, and we can always use additional volunteers. If you have any questions or wish to help, contact Sandy Eckstein (seckste2@gmail.com) or Julie Reppen- hagen (jrepp@snet.net).

Please help make the 2019 Tour of Homes a great success so we can help others in our community. Thank you.

➔ **GOURMET TABLE** - PLEASE help us with the Tour of Homes Gourmet Table with your homemade goodies, such as baked goods or other specialty items, for our guests to purchase. Contact Mark Eckstein (Az9261954@gmail.com) and bring your contributions to the Parish Hall on March 21, from 9 AM-2 PM or before 8 AM on March 22.

➔ **HOME TOUR DRIVERS ORIENTA- TION** – 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.

☼ **STEPHEN MINISTRY SUNDAY** – March 31 is Stephen Ministry Sunday. Please join us for a very special coffee hour between services to honor all our St. Francis Stephen Ministers (past and present) and to celebrate the commissioning of our newest Stephen Minister. We look forward to celebrating with you.

☼ **NEWS FROM OUTREACH** – *Did you remember your empty Easter Basket and grass for the kids at the Crossroads Mission?* The big green box is in the Parish Hall for your offerings. We hope to have 100 baskets to fill on April 18. Thanks; the children are counting on you.

☼ **CAN YOU OFFER A RIDE TO CHURCH?** Helen Symes, who lives at La Joya in La Posada, would like a ride Sundays to the 10 o'clock service. Do you have room for Helen and her light-weight wheelchair? Contact her at (H) 520-648-4170 or (C) 520-954-3470.

☼ **VESTRY MINUTES** – St. Francis' Vestry meets in the Conference Room each month at 6 PM on the second Tuesday. Meetings are open to every member of the Parish. Minutes of the most recent meeting are available to you in the Parish Office.

☼ **YOUR HELP NEEDED** – Because of the bountiful rain and snow this win-

ter, 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.

🌀**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 21, the group will continue to view and discuss 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.

☀️**NEED A RIDE TO A PARISH EVENT?** – Our Men’s Group offers rides to those in need of transportation to Parish events. If you are unable to provide your own transport and would like to schedule a lift, call the Parish Office, 625-1370.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA – St. Paul’s, Winslow

SAINT FRANCIS MINISTRIES – The Lectors

PRAY FOR THOSE SUFFERING IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT: Mason Fletcher, Barbara Gonzales, Kim Kessing, Stephanie Huszar, Vern Hughes, Doris Kuzmak, Bonnie Kleeberg

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

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!