



# THE FRANCISCAN STAFF

The Newsletter of the people of  
Saint Francis in the Valley Episcopal Church  
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*Our mission is to live as Christ's heart and hands in the world.*

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## Words From Warren . . .

Dear friends,

I hope the summer allowed you with time to relax, travel, and enjoy time with family and friends whether here in Green Valley or elsewhere.

As I write this article, I am preparing to leave for my vacation in August to spend time with Annette who went ahead of me. I look forward to seeing my boys, as well as my father who lives in Toronto.

Whatever you did through the summer, I hope you have come back to St. Francis in the Valley with renewed energy that will allow you to get back to the ministries and groups our church offers.

In this newsletter, there are many articles about upcoming activities including the Welcome Back BBQ in October. I encourage you to read up on what will be a very busy fall.

Please note two important meetings to be held at the end of September.

The first of several Town Hall meetings on Reimagine St. Francis will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, September 28, from 10 AM to NOON. Who are we and what are the hopes and dreams we want to achieve over the next two to three years?

Guest facilitator Karen Gusse will lead the discussions which will touch on some key points from the comment cards filled out before the summer.

We will also be looking at needs highlighted at a parish ministry review meeting with Canon Anita Braden and the Vestry held on May 18. The review identified three areas to enhance, that include Communication, Finance and Worship.

The second important meeting will be held after church on Sunday, September 29. Our Treasurer, Gloria Cadwalader, will host a financial update during the coffee hour using a slide presentation similar to the January Annual Meetings.

In discussions with Gloria, I felt it was important to let the Parish have a more in-depth presentation prior to the annual financial campaign. It will be an opportunity to ask questions and to help you make a more informed financial decision when the campaign starts in October.

In October, we begin a month to celebrate Creation Care and our Patron Saint, Francis of Assisi. St Francis Day will Be held on Sunday October 6. The Rev. Canon Debbie Royals, the Diocesan Canon for Native American Ministry, will be our guest preacher at 9 AM.

Like last year, we return to the church at 1 PM for the Blessing of the Animals in the church. Pet blessings will also be done in the courtyard for pets you may feel need to be outside.

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*Words From Warren, continued*

Please invite your neighbors, friends and their pets.

A Pet Memorial Service will be held at 2 PM at the Labrinth. Ashes of beloved pets can be placed in the Pet Ossuary at that time.

Lastly, I want to thank The Rev. Judy Turberg who piloted the ship while I was away, and for the many talented assistants and preachers: Fr. Ted Holt, Fr. Tom Neyland, Deacon Becky Williamson, and lay preacher Mike Kuebler.

If you have been away for the summer, I look forward to seeing you back in church as we ramp up for the fall.

Blessings and peace,

*Fr. Warren*

## Franciscan Focus

My sermon for September 1 in case you missed it is/was to illustrate stories of our Heart and Hands outreach team here at St. Francis. During the sermon you will hear from three of us telling their stories.

Heart and Hands is committed to using our hearts and hands to serve the marginalized, the broken and those in need. Our hearts and hands become the hearts and hands of Jesus. He said that when we serve others in need, we serve Him. He also said that the kingdom, or reign of God, is already here, even though it isn't fully realized. What this means is that heaven isn't limited to the future. It begins here and now. Our Heart and Hands storytellers are experiencing that vision as they serve, and they invite us to do the same. As we serve we learn to see ourselves connected to all creation, just as Francis did. This changes the way we see everything—ourselves, others and God. We discover that Jesus is alive and well within us, and we will listen to his Spirit guiding us into this vision which has been always here, waiting for us to receive it.

Blessings and love,

*Fr. Tom*

## Parish Offices will be closed...

Labor Day

Monday, 2 September

Indigenous Peoples' Day

Monday, 14 October

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## Book Sale 2024

You can help by donating books from your home library to be sold to our congregation and the public. Yes, we are inviting the public to our church to purchase books this year. The revenue from the sales will support our many ministries and expenses.

We need your donated books NOW so we can plan for set-up and staffing. We need your help volunteering for this event: Thursday, October 3, 2:30 PM - 4 PM for set-up; Friday, October 4, 8 AM to 1 PM, Saturday, October 5, NOON to 4 PM, and Sunday, October 6, 11 AM to 4 PM for sales and closing. If you can help, contact: Joyce Kaminski at [joykamin@hotmail.com](mailto:joykamin@hotmail.com)

We hope to have a large variety of genres both fiction and non-fiction. The books will sell for \$1 per pound. This is your opportunity to support St. Francis and open space in your home library to begin collecting new books for yourself. ✝

## From Your Treasurer

Did you know? This is how a recent conversation started when one of our parishioners asked me a question regarding RMDs and QCDs. That person had just learned that those at least 70½ are required to take a "Required Minimum Distribution" (RMD) from their IRA each year can make a "Qualified Charitable Distribution" (QCD) directly from their account and it will not be considered as taxable income; and if the person is 73 or older it will count toward their RMD for the year. "Yes, I did know." But, realizing that not everyone may be aware of this, I thought I would pass this information along. Now that we are past mid-year and beginning to focus on our financial/tax related activities, it might be a good time to research this opportunity, if you have not already done so. I DO NOT offer this as "tax advice," but only as an opportunity for you and/or your financial advisor to explore. Note: St. Francis in the Valley is considered a "QCD".

## Also from your Treasurer

While attendance at the "Time with the Treasurer" sessions has been very sparse (thanks to you who attended), I continue to hear of interest and concern about our financial status and policies here at St. Francis in the Valley. Given this, I will be hosting a "Financial Review" of sorts following our Service on Sunday, September 29. The "Year-To-Date" financial position will be shared along with relevant facts. Please pour yourself a cup of coffee, grab a cookie, and have your questions and concerns ready to share.

*Gloria Cadwalader*, Parish Treasurer

## Prayer Chain

For Prayer Chain requests contact Jim Ratley at 253-365-5093 or, via email, at [jnjrats@gmail.com](mailto:jnjrats@gmail.com).

## Senior Warden's Thoughts

If you did not attend or watch the First Sunday in August service, I would urge you to look at it on our website. Rev. Judy introduced us to an alternate (and canonically approved) version of our worship, and it used a more contemporary and inclusive language which I found very meaningful and expressive. Yes, I know—we already have our traditional (and much fought over) 1982 Prayer Book, Rite Two version which is in contemporary language. So why do we need to even look for more alternatives. We are used to it and comforted by its familiarity. And the Book of Common Prayer is a proud and revered Episcopal tradition. But I have to say that I found the service refreshing and spiritually stimulating. But then I'm one of those people who doesn't like to eat the same thing for breakfast every day. It gives my taste buds joy to experience a variety of flavors and textures, as long as it is within a healthy diet (Bacon is only occasionally on the plate, and then I pray for forgiveness). I guess what I'm trying to say is this: if you felt discomforted by the change, try to look at it again with an open mind, maybe re-read the text, and see if it doesn't add a dimension that you had not been aware of before. Be open to the Spirit.

PS: How are you coming with your efforts to meet people in the congregation you don't know? Any luck so far?

*Gary LaBarre*, Senior Warden

## How to Access Service Videos

Go to the Parish website ([www.stfranciscgvaz.org](http://www.stfranciscgvaz.org)), on the "HOME" page, scroll down to the bottom of the page where you will see the current video, click on the arrow ► green "Livestream" box to start the video, and enjoy!

## Saturday Eucharist

Our next Saturday afternoon Eucharistic celebrations are scheduled for September 14 and October 12 at 4 PM in the Parish Hall.

## Social Activities Team

### FALL ACTIVITIES

The Social Activities Team (SAT) is planning some really special activities for September and October. On Saturday afternoon, September 7, at 3 PM, The Rev. Judy Turberg will be presenting "In the Land of the Holy One," a talk about her travels to the Holy Lands. It will be an Ice Cream Social as well, and you'll be able to make your own sundaes. Yum!

On Friday, September 27, at 5 PM, our last 2024 Movie Potluck, Gerald Near will be presenting our Musical Movie. So bring your potluck and share Gerald's love of music—and a great movie: One of the greatest of all, he says.

On Friday, October 11, at 4 PM, we'll be having our WELCOME BACK BBQ to kick off the Fall. There will be hamburgers and hotdogs and all the fixings. Plan to come sit in our Courtyard and spend the afternoon with friends old and new. Tickets will be available for \$15 during the September Sunday signups.

The annual Trunk or Treat event will take place on Friday, October 25, from 5-7 PM on parish grounds. We will be providing a free hot dog dinner, Eegees slushies and plenty of candy for the visiting kids. We are starting to collect candy donations in preparation for the event. Bags of candy can be dropped off in the Parish Hall after the Sunday Service starting September 8, or anytime in the Parish Office during normal business hours. We will need several volunteers to make this event a success. If you are interested in decorating your trunk, serving food, or helping decorate and set up, please email [deborah@stfranciscgvaz.org](mailto:deborah@stfranciscgvaz.org) or call the office (520-625-1370 Ext 2).

For all our SAT events, the sign-up sheets will be in the Parish Hall on Sundays or call or visit the Parish Office during the week.

If you'd like to help out with any of our activities, contact Tisha Stril at [tishastril@gmail.com](mailto:tishastril@gmail.com) or Julie Reppenhagen at [jrepp@snet.net](mailto:jrepp@snet.net). Your Social Activities Team looks forward to seeing you all. Happy Fall! ❁

## Heart & Hands

▶ **THE ANIMAL LEAGUE OF GREEN VALLEY:** The Heart and Hands ministry's special project for September is the Animal League of Green Valley. It is a way to honor cats and dogs in memory of St. Francis' reverence for all life. The Animal League is a private, donation-funded, volunteer, non-profit organization. Their mission is to provide compassionate care, shelter, training, adoption opportunities, and emotional support for needy and homeless dogs and cats in the Green Valley area. Because the League is donation-funded, our donations will be greatly appreciated. They also need volunteers to help care for the animals. The league welcomes visitors in their Attic consignment store. Envelopes will be in pews during September. Directions for donations are at the end of the Heart and Hands articles. Please contact Sue Girardeau with any questions: 520-648-7962 or [suegirardeau@gmail.com](mailto:suegirardeau@gmail.com)

▶ **SISTER JOSE'S WOMEN'S SHELTER:** The shelter accepts donations of sneakers as well as unused hotel size personal items. Women not staying at the shelter can also go to the shelter to shower, wash their clothes and have a meal. Follow the expansion project which is adding more rooms, bathrooms and expanded dining room on their Facebook and Instagram sites. Money donations are always welcome.

▶ **FOOD BANKS:** The food bank is requesting canned meat products, vegetables, fruits, soups, and tomato products (low sodium, if possible). You can deposit your donations in the boxes outside the Parish Hall, one at the front door and another at the south door near the Chapel. Your offerings will be blessed on the first Sunday of each month.

▶ The Sahuarita Food Bank collects cardboard, including cereal box styles as well as clean milk cartons. The receptacle is located on the south side of the Food Bank, beside the Good Shepherd Church on La Cañada.

▶ Bring your Reusable grocery bags and Dollar Store bags and put them in the KINO box in Donations room. These bags will be put to good use by people returning home to Mexico. They could also use travel sized hygiene products, especially bar soap.

Money is always welcome for any of our ministries—simply write your check payable to St. Francis with the ministry name in the memo line and we'll take care of the rest. Drop your check in the Offering Basket on Sunday morning, or drop it off at the Parish Office during the week.

And most importantly—if you have a Passion for a Ministry—bring your voice to a Heart and Hands meeting the third Monday of the month at 10 AM in Meeting Room 2 across the hall from the Library. Money is always welcome for any of our ministries; simply write your check payable to St. Francis with the ministry name in the memo line and we'll take care of the rest. Drop your check in the Offering Basket on Sunday morning, or drop it off at the Parish Office during the week. ✝

## Festival of Trees

Planning for the 2024 Festival of Trees December 6, 7, and 8, hosted by St. Francis is well under way. And what an exciting event it is going to be. Dozens of Christmas trees decorated by community organizations and businesses will be on display—out front, in the courtyard, the Parish Hall, along the back walkway, and maybe even inside the church itself—for everyone in the community to enjoy.

Why is this such an important event for St. Francis? Simply put, it is a way of living into our mission of being Christ's heart and hands in the world. Our mission not only urges us to go out into the world, but it also urges us to bring the world to us. It also offers so many opportunities for parishioners to work together, much as the Tour of Homes did. Tommy and Craig Reid are coordinating the Festival so if you want to help, give Tommy a call at (520) 288-9393 or email her at [ctreid83@gmail.com](mailto:ctreid83@gmail.com). ✝

## Voices from the Vestry

Hello again fellow parishioners, here we are, grateful for another opportunity to shine light on us (your Vestry). Lately some of us have been asked about how one becomes a member of the Vestry. That seems like a question worth pursuing.

Here's what the St. Francis bylaws have to say about the Vestry: "All communicants in good standing are eligible for nomination and election to the Vestry... clergy, other than the Rector, and paid lay staff are not to serve in leadership positions such as Vestry... immediate family members are not to serve together on the Vestry..." That's pretty clear, right? Of course, the Bishop can waive any of those conditions if she wants to, but it's not very likely. And you might remember from last month's discussion, a member can only serve for three years then not again for at least one year.

Our Vestry has nine elected members (the Senior and Junior Wardens are not counted in this number – see last month's discussion for why) and three new members are elected each year. The three of us whose terms are up at the end of this year are Joyce Davison, Joyce Kaminski and Cheryl Tardy-Albin. They have served admirably, and we thank them for their dedicated service. We will be sorry to see them go. At our November Vestry meeting Fr. Warren will appoint a nominating committee of at least three people to find candidates who have, again according to our bylaws and policy, "...been faithful in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God..." That's all of you – right? Only one member of the nominating committee has to be a Vestry member, so if you have a strong desire to help shape the future of St. Francis, email Lou Terry, Clerk of Vestry, at [thirdangell@cox.net](mailto:thirdangell@cox.net) and tell her you'd like to be considered for the nominating committee.

If you think you might actually like to serve on Vestry, we recommend you get copies of St. Francis bylaws and policy manual, available

in the church office, and give them a thorough read. You also might want to talk with current Vestry members and – a radical idea - attend a Vestry meeting. The next one is Tuesday, September 10 at 4:00 pm in the conference room. And there's a really good book by Christopher L. Webber entitled *The Vestry Handbook* that talks about the role of a Vestry member and a lot of other things pertaining to the governing of the church. If you're interested, you can borrow a copy from the St. Francis library.

We are lucky to have so many talented folks here, many of whom have served on Vestries at other churches in other parishes. If you are one of them, could it be time to share your knowledge and experience with St. Francis? Just something for you to think about.

We had a number of other things we wanted to talk about, but we've already taken up more space than we should have, so we will leave until the next newsletter the topics of what we do and how we do it. Please remember, each of us is dedicated to open and honest communication. We want the best for St. Francis, and we know you do too. So let's talk.

Sincerely,

*Your Vestry*

## Bible Study

### WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

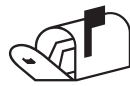
There will be an eight week Bible Study on "Women of the Bible" conducted by Mike Kuebler, starting October 8 at 10:30 AM and running until NOON in the Parish Hall. Signups for the class will begin in September after the Sunday service. ✿

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## Letters

*Dear Friends, Many thanks for your loving care, concern, and compassion toward Bob and myself during the last few weeks. The meals, rides to the hospital and dog walking, as well as your beautiful cards and messages, will never be forgotten.*

*Bob's cancer was not something we expected, and it certainly occurred very quickly.*

*Although I am still dealing with the surprise of it all, I am looking forward as best I can and will be moving to Washington state to be near my daughter, Christianne. I have been blessed having Todd and Christine with me also helping me figure out my new life in a new place. Blessings to all, Marybeth Bates*

## Parish Choir

Rehearsals for the Fall choir season begin Thursday, September 26, at 2 PM in the Choir Loft. We are always eager to welcome new members and new members are always needed in all sections of the Choir. If you would like to become a member, email the Choirmaster ([gerald@stfranciscvaz.org](mailto:gerald@stfranciscvaz.org)); he will be delighted to hear from you.

## Ongoing Need

We are always looking for more volunteers: we need crucifers (to carry the Processional Cross before the Choir and Altar Party during the Opening Hymn), servers (to assist at the High Altar in various ways during the service), Altar Guild members (to perform those indispensable tasks of preparation for the Eucharistic Liturgy each time it is celebrated), ushers and greeters (to welcome and assist worshippers at services), and soundboard technicians (to make things audible). If you lack experience in these areas of service, fear not! We are here to train you. Let Fr. Warren know you're available to assist. ✝

## Handbells

The St. Francis Handbell Ensemble will begin rehearsals Monday, September 23. We need a few more people to ring with us. If you would like to learn to play handbells, please join our ensemble.

Basic music reading skills are helpful, such as knowing how to "count" the various types of notes and being able to discern whether a note is a line or space note on the musical staff.

If you are interested, please contact Handbell Director Sophia Witte at 520-509-5037 or [smw\\_witte@yahoo.com](mailto:smw_witte@yahoo.com). ✝

## St. Francis Phone App

You can access the church directory from your phone. Search for MinistryOne in your device's app store. It should be a purple cross logo. (Sometimes it says Church by MinistryOne). Search for our church using our zipcode, 85614, we are the only church that shows up. You will then log in with the email address and phone number the church has listed in the directory. Your personal profile will show you more information than is made public to others. If you have any questions or need assistance signing up please contact Megan at [megan@stfranciscvaz.org](mailto:megan@stfranciscvaz.org) or come into the office Mondays or Wednesdays between 10 AM and 12 PM. ✝

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 – Geoffrey Hill  
2 – Janet Hill  
3 – Liz Dorgan  
4 – Eva Jenkins  
5 – Donald Hart  
6 – Carol Covert  
7 – Julie Breitenbucher  
7 – Joan Henrich  
7 – Gilda Nelson  
8 – Wally Mullaly  
10 – Pamela Barnes  
10 – Anne Gillespie  
10 – Jack Ross  
10 – Michael Staples  
11 – Tom Neyland  
11 – Susan Tenney  
11 – Kristi Thompson  
11 – Kathryn Wanek  
14 – Andrea Paredes  
15 – Barbara Bundy  
15 – Mista Wilt  
20 – Pat Ghoca  
20 – Gary LaBarre  
22 – Judith Burgess  
23 – Kate Hutson  
24 – Eric Gough  
25 – Paula Altamirano  
25 – Barbara Glover  
26 – Mark Eckstein  
26 – Susanne Reed  
28 – Nancy Milsovic  
28 – Ralph Walker

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 – Norman & Gilda Nelson  
6 – Stephen & Dorothy North  
8 – Bill & Marie Miller  
8 – Wally & Helen Mullaly  
18 – Kenneth & Joan Jakubiak  
21 – Fr. Warren & Annette Leibovitch  
24 – George & Shirlee Schappach  
26 – Paul & Janet Ohri  
29 – Geoffrey & Wendy Hill

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 – Ronald Aigner  
4 – Ken Adams  
5 – William Holt

5 – Fred Phillips  
6 – Diane McAllister  
7 – Patricia Peissig  
7 – Ellen Sax  
9 – Ed Hook  
9 – Charlotte Neyland  
10 – Sandra Eagan  
10 – Joseph McCarthy  
10 – Nancy McGibbon  
11 – Millie Roach  
11 – Judy Sackman  
12 – Jim Ratley  
13 – Sandy Barnard  
14 – Stephen Secaur  
15 – Thomasina Reid  
17 – Stan Ravine  
18 – Tisha Stril  
19 – Tim Dorgan  
19 – Mitch Ghoca  
22 – Larry Howell  
23 – Judy Bush  
23 – Ann Tenpenney  
24 – David Egan  
24 – Sophie Luffman  
24 – Nancy McGuire  
26 – Sandy Eckstein  
27 – Robert Long  
28 – Becky Williamson  
28 – David Wright  
29 – Jim Barnes  
29 – Tracey Riley

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 – Reg & Tamara Kahrmanis  
2 – Fred & Pris Junggren  
11 – Christopher & Kristin Green  
23 – Theresa & Gerald Bonser  
23 – Jim & Linda Schawel  
24 – Russ & Kim DeMarco  
30 – Lloyd & Patricia Schultz  
31 – Mark & Tisha Stril



PARISH GROUP MEETINGS  
**Altar Guild:** meetings called as necessary  
**Border Ministry:** meetings called as necessary  
**Daughters of the King:** 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 9:45 AM in the Vulliamy Room  
**Finance Committee:** meetings called as necessary  
**Green Team:** meetings called as necessary  
**Handbell Ensemble:** Mondays, 10 AM in the Choir Loft  
**Heart & Hands (Outreach):** 3rd Monday, 10 AM in the Conference Room  
**Library Committee:** 4th Tuesday, 1 PM in the Library  
**Memorials and Special Gifts:** 2nd Wednesday, 10 AM in the St. Francis Room  
**Men's Group:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 9 AM in the Conference Room  
**Parish Choir:** Thursdays, 2 PM in the Choir Loft  
**Prison Ministry:** meetings called as necessary  
**Saint Francis Trust:** meetings called as necessary  
**Social Activities Team:** 4th Monday, 2:30 PM in the Conference Room  
**Stephen Ministry:** meetings called as necessary  
**Stewardship Committee:** meetings called as necessary  
**Vestry:** 1st Tuesday, 4 PM in the Conference Room  
Parish meetings and events are listed in the announcements section of Sunday service leaflets and, via email, in NEWS FROM THE PEWS. If you would like to be added to the email list, contact Finance Officer Deborah Harby (*deborah@stfrancisgvaz.org*) 520-625-1370.



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### Forward Day by Day

FORWARD DAY BY DAY devotional booklets for August, September, and October are available in the Parish Office during the week, and on Sunday mornings you can find them in the Parish Hall.

### Video Reflections

Fr. Warren provides short weekly Psalm video reflections. They are updated Thursdays on Facebook and YouTube. Past videos back to March 2020 are also available.

### A Gift of Flowers

If you would like to give a gift of flowers to be placed on the High Altar in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for many blessings, please call Carol Berg at 520-373-5770 and let her know of your interest. If she is not at home, just leave a message with your name and phone number and she will return your call. Flower donation is \$35.

### 2024 Parish Statistics

#### TRANSFERS IN

Judy Davis  
Jim & Nancy McGuire  
Jill Mulligan  
John Stephenson  
James & Paula Moore

Dorothea Berke  
Miriam Berke

#### TRANSFERS OUT

Judith M. Craig

#### DEATHS

Louise Hursh  
Dick Kosnick  
Joan Henley  
Vince Remillard  
Norma Pool  
Charles Gardner  
Bobbie Lawson  
BrandE Faupell  
Barbara Workman

### 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.

### RESERVING MEETING TIME AND SPACE AT SAINT FRANCIS

Individuals wishing to reserve meeting space at St. Francis and/or discuss room set-ups should make those arrangements through Office Manager Deborah Harby. It is **essential** your meeting be logged into the Master Calendar. If you need it, be sure to ask for 'set-up' and 'clean-up' time as part of your booking.

One week prior to your event please inventory the pantry next to the kitchen and let Deborah know if there are enough supplies to meet your needs. A parishioner usually shops for us twice a month. Thanks for your help and cooperation.

### GETTING YOUR EVENT INTO

#### PARISH PUBLICATIONS

Sunday Bulletin notices should be sent via email to the COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE by NOON the Tuesday prior to the Sunday you wish the notice to appear. Notices should be in written form and sent via email whenever possible.

*Franciscan Staff* material should be sent via email to the COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE NO LATER THAN the 10th of the month preceding publication.

#### ADDRESS CHANGES

Please let us know if your e-mail address, street address, zip code or telephone number changes. Get in touch with Deborah Harby in the Parish Financial Office to update your information for our records.

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