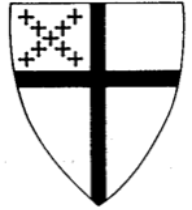




# The Staff



Jesus said, “I say to you who hear: Love your enemies,  
do good to those who hate you,  
bless those who curse you,  
and pray for those who spitefully use you.”

March 2020

Give me my scallop-shell of quiet  
My staff of faith to walk upon,....  
and thus I'll take my pilgrimage.  
— Sir Walter Raleigh

Luke 6:27-28 (English Standard Version)

**Anglican worship of Jesus Christ and Biblical preaching of the Good News.**

## **DIOCESE OF THE RIO GRANDE**

Jesus Christ, *Head of the Church*

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Michael Hunn, *Bishop*

The Rev. John Tober, *Rector*

The Rev. Dr. Frank Williams, *Assisting Priest*

“ Are you capable of risking  
your life for someone? Do it  
for Christ.

—Pope John Paul II

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## *From the Rector's Desk*

“If you will only heed his every commandment that I am commanding you today—loving the Lord your God, and serving him with all your heart and with all your soul—then he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, and you will gather in your grain, your wine, and your oil; and he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you will eat your fill.”  
Deuteronomy 11:13-15



Dear St. James Family—

Happy Autumn! It looks as though Fall has finally fallen. As we gear up for the busiest season of our year, I'm reminded of the bounty we enjoy that surrounds us. The fields of cotton on my commute home look ready to harvest, and the pecan orchards we pass while walking Luna look ready to begin the fall drop.

Rain is life in the desert. With rain Creation blesses us with livelihood and comfort. As we come to the end of the rainy season, we need to consider how we can shepherd the rainfall we receive and the springs that give life to the desert.

While we take time to marvel at the change in Creation that surrounds us, let's recall that there is also much to be done. Harvest is on the horizon. Advent is down the road. It's a good time to take stock of our place in God's Kingdom and what we can give back from the first of our personal harvest.

As a reminder, our in-gathering for the year is right around the corner, at our combined service on November 10th. I know you've been inundated with a flood of messages about giving to the church, but I ask you to please pray and consider the value of the work St. James' does in our community and how you can support the church in its' outreach to Las Cruces. Again, at this time of year, we have the opportunity to nourish our community like a hidden oasis in the desert. Please consider how you can feed into that spring, as you are also fed by it.

Respectfully submitted,

*The Rev. John Tober, Rector*

# Senior Warden's Report—Manny Terrazas

- It has been a busy month since the Annual Meeting. With Fr. John being gone for Amy 's surgery, the Executive Committee stepped up to plan and execute the Vestry Retreat. Job well done, Lynn, Nyeta and Jennifer-I thank you and could not have done it without you. A large portion of the work done that day centered on looking critically at the CLAD Envisioning weekend results and talk started about how to begin short term, midterm and long-range planning.
- We are so grateful that Amy's surgery was a success and that she will soon be back amongst our family at St. James.
- We also were able to compile all needed paperwork for Fr. Tom and Fr. Frank's clergy licenses which must be renewed annually.
- Thanks to Eric, Nyeta, Lynn and Jennifer for their help in completing the Parochial report which was mailed out on time and met the Diocesan deadline.
- Thank you, Fr. Tom Lowe, for covering for us while Fr. John was absent. We certainly appreciate you so much!
- The Personnel Committee worked hard during the fall to ensure that all paid employees have an updated employee covenant. We met with employees to go over their covenant and obtained signatures from all parties.
- We continue to have issues with facility security and Fr. John, Lynn and I will be discussing how to better secure our facilities in the coming days.
- On March 7, the Vestry will gather together for a full day training via Zoom with Bishop Hunn, Canon Curtis and other Diocesan staff. We will cover best practices for all Vestries and look forward to improving some of our processes to make sure that we represent well the parishioners of St. James.
- Thank you for your support, and as always, feel free to contact me with questions, ideas, or concerns. Manny Terrazas, 575 993-6022, [mannyterrazas54@gmail.com](mailto:mannyterrazas54@gmail.com)



# Junior Warden's Report

Junior Wardens can not possibly take care of our physical plant by themselves, it is a physical and mental impossibility. It takes everyone at St. James' to repair and report and protect our facility. I am blessed with a wonderful Building and Grounds Committee, we met the first weekend of February and walked the entire property, identifying maintenance items and minor and some semi major repairs that we will attempt to get done in 2020. We will be meeting again this week to prioritize the projects and I will include a list in the next newsletter.

In addition, as many of you already know, we also dealt with a gas leak in the Parish Hall last week. The leak was discovered by the Ladies in the Jazzercise group and the City came out and turned off the gas and

locked the meter. Long story short, we had two leaks, one behind the furnace in the Parish Hall and the other in the gas line to the kitchen. The line to the kitchen was capped, the leak behind the furnace was fixed, and the heat was turned back on. We are waiting on an estimate to run new gas line as soon as possible, but until that happens we have heat but no stove.

The work has begun on the Sunday School Room, that the Vestry approved at the end of last year. The East and West walls have been sheet rocked, new ceramic tile has been installed and we will be painting soon.

My thanks to all those who walked the property and have volunteered to help with the projects, Godfrey Crane, Art Fountain, Wayne Indorf, Sig Johansen, John Kirkland, Pat Lamb, Rick Marshall, Susan Smith and Manny Terrazas.

If you notice anything around the property that you feel needs attention, you can e-mail me at [Loweslynn@hotmail.com](mailto:Loweslynn@hotmail.com) or call or text me at (575)644-4902. It



## Corporation Meeting for St. James Episcopal Church

February 8, 2020

Sig moved to open our annual corporation meeting at 1:22 PM Susan seconded; the Board of Directors voted to have the meeting.

Jennifer asked if there was any business, there was none.

Lynn moved to adjourned, Nyeta seconded and The Board of Directors voted to adjourn the meeting at 1:24 PM

## St. James' Vestry Agenda February 8, 2020

### TO DO

Purchase file cabinet for office, discuss with Eric other needs. Manny moved to table the vote on this. Sig moved to amend the motion to include all needs which Eric might have. Lynn reminded us that all recommendations need to go through B&G if any physical changes are proposed (per St James Policy). Nyeta seconded Sig's motion and the motion passed.

Do induction ceremony when Fr. John returns

Discuss DRG Vestry basics workshop to be held in Albuquerque on March 7 or in Carlsbad on May 2 at Feb 23 meeting.

Possibly do forced choice on facility needs for March meeting, pending Fr. John's desires.

Possibly forced choice on outreach needs for March meeting, pending Fr. John's desires.

**Call to order**-Sr. Warden Manny Terrazas opened the February meeting with prayer at 1:25 PM

**Book Study**-Vestry Resource Guide-Manny Terrazas asked us each to read the first two chapters from the Vestry Resource Guide, bringing two ideas for each Vestry member to discuss at the March meeting.

**Agenda approval:** Manny Terrazas, (action Item) Lynn moved to approve, Sig seconded. Manny called for the vote and the agenda was approved.

**Approval of minutes:** Jennifer Terrazas -action item. Jennifer moved for approval of both sets of minutes from the meetings held in January. Susan seconded; motion passed.

**Rector's Report**-none due to Fr. John's absence

**Senior Warden's Report**-Manny Terrazas

Services are set with Fr. Lowe covering both services

Monday morning service will be covered by Rick Marshall

Wednesday morning will be provided by Fr. Frank with assistance from Johanna Binneweg

Wednesday night will be provided Canon Lee Curtis with a discussion afterward about forward planning. He will do standard Rite II service. Luci will provide entrée; Susan will provide salads.

Tom Lowe is willing to provide service for us as needed while Fr. John is gone.

A formal announcement will be made this Sunday to the congregation from Fr. Tom about Amy.

**Junior Warden Report**-Lynn Marshall (Building and Grounds committee report)

Committee being formed

**Treasurer's Report**-Nyeta Haines

Nyeta had the Treasurer Report but left out the Vanco payments, so will present two Financial statements in March, however the February one will be presented as a consent item, as Nyeta will email us the February financial records.

Nyeta shared the Church Stewardship Prime Directive with us as a handout.

**No COMMITTEE REPORTS this month as committees are being reformed**

**Building and Grounds**

**Evangelism Outreach and Missions**- Terry will be having a meeting with any interested members on Feb. 16.

**Finance**

**Pastoral Care**

**Personnel**

**Stewardship**

**AD HOC COMMITTEES**

**Audit**

**Fixer Upper**

**Hospitality**

**Nominating and Elections**

**Policy**

**Safety Committee**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Licensure paperwork for Fr. Frank and Fr. Tom Lowe was passed around for Vestry signatures to authorize these retired clergy to serve at St. James.

Safeguarding Training-Jennifer Terrazas explained how the training may be accomplished and walked the Vestry members through the steps to complete the training. She asked that everyone please complete the modules as soon as possible in order to assure compliance with DRG request.

Approval of Signatories – Nyeta Haines

Senior Warden – Manny Terrazas

Junior Warden – Lynn Marshall

Vestry Member – Terry Meyer

Vestry Member – Susan Smith volunteered

Treasurer – Nyeta Haines

Nyeta moved, Lynn seconded, the motion passed for the signatories listed above to serve as check signers for this year.

Approval of Assistant Treasurer – Nyeta Haines made the motion to have Mary Ganier serve as asst. treasurer. Susan seconded. The motion passed. We are grateful for Mary's continued support and assistance.

Parochial Report – Nyeta Haines spoke about the need to complete the Parochial Report as soon as possible. Nyeta, Lynn, and Jennifer will work to complete the report as soon as possible.

Set Calendar-

Our Vestry meetings will be the third Tuesday of every month from 6:00-7:30 PM

We will meet Feb 23 at 9:15 AM for approval of the Parochial report. WE will also discuss the upcoming training to be held in Albuquerque and Carlsbad at this time, too.

Feb. 25 will be Shrove Tuesday

Feb. 26 will be Ash Wednesday

April 26, July 26, October 25 were determined as our dates for combined services. Sig moved, Nyeta seconded, the Vestry voted to have combined services on the dates listed above. Fr. John will determine which Rites are performed at each service.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Sig moved to adjourn; Susan seconded. The Vestry voted to adjourn the meeting and ending with recitation of The Lord's Prayer at 2:11.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Terrazas, Vestry Clerk \

Ever dreamed of being a Chef or owning your own restaurant? Now you can Live your dream for a day! Come join us on 31 March for St James day at the Soup Kitchen. Please contact Phala White (Culinary Lead) 575-639-3553 or Mary Ancker (Goofer) 575-640-7877.

# Daughters of the King News!



Since prayer is the primary activity and responsibility of the Order of the Daughters of the King, it is appropriate every few months to review what we are learning about prayer, and to share the Parish Prayer List for those who might be willing to pray for those in our parish family who have requested prayer. We will not, however, share here the prayer concerns the

Daughters have been asked to hold in confidence.

For most people, prayer is an activity. And in many instances, it is right to consider it so. We pray for God's presence when we gather to study, to perform service, to worship, to enjoy a meal together. It is a comfort to know that God is present with us and is enjoying our company, and guiding our being together through His love and grace. This is a very familiar kind of prayer.

Another kind of prayer is intercessory prayer. I used to think that praying meant telling God of my needs and those of others, and my prayer life consisted of giving God a daily "to-do list." I'd sit down with my prayer list and pray for each person, reminding God what their needs were, and instructing Him on the best way to handle it. "Guide the surgeon's hands, O Lord...; provide the best medicine...." I woke up one day and realized that God already knows exactly what each person needs; I do not need to instruct God! Now, I just mention the names and hold each person lovingly in my heart for a moment, knowing that God is with them and providing the very best for them at that moment. Well, then, why bother praying at all? Because we human beings thrive on love, and for lots of people to be holding a needy person in their hearts before God believing that God's healing process is going well, bathes that person in God's love and can speed the healing. At least, that is my sense of what intercessory prayer means. But here we enter into a great mystery; nobody but God knows what healing prayer is all about. All we know is that Jesus asked us to do this for one another.

Mary
Brad
Quida
Raul
Bob
Renee
Lori
Tom
Jamie
Mary Elizabeth Armistead
Jason Bernard
Butch Byram
Oscar Carreon & Family
Jerry Crane
The Getz Family
Fernando Gonzales
Vickie Gove
Willard Lamb
Crystal Lanford
Amy Lucero
Eddie & Kay Lucero
Brian Marshall & Family
Winnie Mazer
Jason Meyer
Marilyn Oosterman
Jim Payne
Elisa Reagan
John Sakala
Tommy Smith
Barbara Spanjer
Amy & Fr. John Tober
Mark Tobin
Jay Tobin
Elizabeth Wellborn
The Wellborn Family
Charlotte Williams
Fr. Frank Williams
Wyatt Wilson

# Saint of the Month

Willibrord and Boniface  
November 7 and June 5 Respectively

We're often told to go out and evangelize. We rarely do, and doing it isn't the easiest thing in the world. However, a good deal of north European Christianity owes its origin to English missionaries.

These two are an excellent example. They're usually mentioned together, though the connection between them is rather slight. Anyway they worked at the same time, in the late seventh and early eight centuries.

Frist, Willibrord. He was from Northumberland (that is, Yorkshire) on the northeast coast of England, then the most Christian part of the country. His Dad was a recent convert and signed his son on at a monastery—a deed we would find shocking but it was normal then, and it raised no eyebrows. Willibrord eventually became a Benedictine, and spent many years in a monastery. These including a good deal of time in Ireland, in those days the center of education in Europe.

Over on the north coast of Europe was the kingdom—or kingdoms, we aren't sure which—of Frisia, that is, the Netherlands, Belgium, The Luxembourg and a bit of north Germany. Frisia has quite a history, and even today some Frisian languages are spoken here and there. A king—or anyway, someone who was in charge—asked for missionaries, and Willibrord volunteered and went. He landed in about 690 and spent the rest of his life there, finally dying in an abbey he had founded in a place in Luxembourg, called Echternach.

His methods were rough, though I suppose typical of the time; he simply destroyed pagan temples and images, cut down sacred trees and the like. However, this did convert the Frisians—or some of them. In fact a good many of them held out.

His connection with Boniface is that Boniface lived on his premises and preached for a year. Then war broke out and they both had to leave. When Boniface came back he went to see the Pope, and the Pope sent him to Germany, where he worked the rest of his life. He ended as Archbishop of Mainz—Mainz is a city on the Rhine in about the middle of its course through Germany, so called because the Main joins the Rhine there. But that was years in the future. Boniface went to Germany as a bishop with no diocese, no people, and no idea what to expect.

One thing he did have going for him was the backing of Charles Martel—"Charles the Hammer"—and his sons. (You may remember Charles Martel; he was the one who defeated the Arabs in 732, and kept them from overrunning France and western Europe.) Charles probably helped arrange one of Boniface's first acts in Germany, which was to cut down an





enormous tree sacred to the sky god. When Boniface (or, I would guess, his workmen) got it about half way down a great wind came up and blew it over, and the people saw that no harm came to him and were converted. At least that's the story and it's probably partially true; at least Charles and Boniface couldn't have arranged the wind.

Boniface is a more spectacular figure than Willibrord. There are various Lives of him, and we have his correspondence and some of his other writings. He was from Devon—that's the opposite end of England from Yorkshire—and, among other things, he was a teacher. The Latin grammar he wrote for his students survives, as does a treatise on Latin poetry. In 715 the abbot of his monastery died and Boniface was expected to succeed him, but he chose to turn it down and go off on mission.

He founded or helped found six diocese; a good many people credit him with the political foundation of Europe east of the Rhine. In later life—at the age of 79, to be exact—being worried about the paganism of the Frisians (Willibrord had left a lot of work) he left Mainz and traveled to Frisia on mission. He had protection but a group of Frisian highwaymen attacked his party and put them to death, so he is a sort of martyr. The story is told that he forbade his escort to fight with them. After killing Boniface's group the highwaymen opened their baggage, and instead of finding treasure found a lot of manuscripts. They burned them in disgust, but one that survived is a valued relic.

This matter of being missionaries. There is a way to do it. We can't all be Willibrords or Bonifaces—not everyone is a red hot salesman—but we can be alert to the opportunity, when it presents itself. I'm no extravert but I have managed to do that, and I recommend it to you.

—Father Frank



## People in the Pews: Tim Arend



Those of you who attend the 10:30 service probably have not met Tim Arend. Mr. Arend attends the 8:00 service, and has done so for many years. Eight o'clockers know Tim because he serves as a greeter and he drives a spiffy little red Model A Ford, pictured here. It is his third Model A, and he has tales to tell about them!

Tim was raised in Carlsbad, New Mexico. He moved to Las Cruces to attend New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts (as NMSU was called until 1960). He graduated with a degree in Agricultural Business.

Tim started attending St. James' in 1965, just before the I-10 Freeway was built. In fact, he lived in a little adobe house right where the freeway runs east of St. James' property; it had to be knocked down to make room. He began attending St. James because of an invitation from a group of men who were working with the irrigation system of the (much larger) lawn to the east of the church building, near his home. Boyce Williams (husband of Nora Williams), Alec Lytton (Joanne's hubby), David Francis (belonging to Virginia), and Prof. Hamill included him in their conversation (and work, I would think!), and Tim decided to attend here the next day. St. James' is Tim's first and only church home. He has been an active member ever since, serving as Senior Warden during the time the freeway was being built over church property. Imagine the inconvenience! The complaining! Our Parish Hall revamp was small potatoes by comparison, I'm sure. Tim is very proud of the fact that all three of his sons attended St. James and served as Acolytes until they were in High School.



He was in the cotton business for five years, and travelled a lot—too much, in fact. He and Mary Lou had started a family, and Tim wanted to be home more. In 1968 he became Crop Loan officer at the Farmers and Merchants Bank (now 1<sup>st</sup> Western).

Now, back to the Model A's. Tim worked at odd jobs while he was in college, his favorite one being pumping gas and fixing cars at the Skelly gas station on Valley Drive (now a bus stop). He had always loved Model A's, and purchased his first one over 30 years ago, relying on the skills he'd honed as a mechanic at that gas station many years prior to get it into running order. His first two Model A's were two-doors with "rumble seats." This third

Model A is his favorite; he drives it to church most Sundays. Three of his four grandchildren drove it during their Christmas visit this year. Driving a standard transmission was a new (and jumpy-jerky) experience for them! I had Tim pose the car in front of the Church for a nostalgic note of history!



Happy Birthday

## March 2019 Birthdays

2	Mary Ancker	24	Rick Marshall
3	Mary Lou Arend	26	Ron Lerdal
4	Jody Wellborn	27	Louise Van Doran
9	Larry Pickett	29	Johanna Binneweg
12	Eric Lerdal		

If your name is not listed and should be, please call the office (526-2389) and let us know.

We'd love to wish you a Happy Birthday!

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—Bishop Michael Curry



**St. James' Holy Eucharist Service Schedule**

Sundays at 8:00 am Rite I  
Adult Sunday School 9:30 am  
Children's Sunday School & Nursery 10:15 am  
Sundays at 10:30 am Rite II  
Mondays at 8:00 am Morning Prayers  
Wednesdays at 10:00 am Rite I  
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Outreach Service