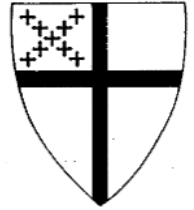




# The Staff



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."

April 2019

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***

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**The Rt. Rev. Dr. Michael Vono, *Retired Bishop***

**The Rt. Rev. Jerry Lamb (ret), *Assisting Bishop***

**The Rev. Dr. Jeanne Lutz, *Priest-in-Charge***

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

“ **B**y these three days all the world is called to attention. Everything that is and ever was and ever will be, the macro and the micro, the galaxies beyond number and the microbes beyond notice – everything is mysteriously entangled with what happened, with what happens, in these days.... Every human life, conceived from eternity and destined to eternity, here finds its story truly told. In this killing that some call senseless we are brought to our senses. Here we find out who we most truly are because here is the One who is what we are called to be. The derelict cries, “Come, follow me.” Follow him there? We recoil. We close our ears. We hurry on to Easter. But we will not know what to do with Easter’s light if we shun the friendship of the darkness that is wisdom’s way to light.

—Richard John Neuhaus: *Death on a Friday Afternoon*

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## *From the Priest-in-Charge, Resurrection and the Flowers of Spring*

Since the first of the year, St. James' has said goodbye to two beloved members of the congregation with two burial offices and committals in February. At the time of this writing, we are preparing to say goodbye to another member and her husband on Holy Saturday. Two of these Christians died as the mild winter of the southwest was beginning to turn to spring, still cool at night and in the early morning, but gloriously warm (if occasionally windy) on most days, with the brown of our landscape showing signs of growing things and a new birth of desert colors—purple, red, white, and green. At one of these services in February, a knowledgeable parishioner observed that St. James' had celebrated Easter a little early this year, being aware that every funeral in the Episcopal Church is an Easter celebration.

Many of you know that I have a fondness for greeting cards, especially at major holidays and special occasions. I like to send them and I like to receive them. I do not make my own on the computer, so Mr. Hallmark still considers me a friend. At the same time, I have a rather clinical detachment from the industry. I have noticed something about store-bought Easter cards that perhaps you have too. Several years ago, I conducted an informal survey of the cards that were displayed in two Las Cruces stores. Of the approximately 400 I viewed, 76 were labeled "religious." Of the 76, only 8 of them alluded to the central message of Christianity's most important celebration (no, Virginia, it is NOT Christmas!). Only 8 of these Easter cards mentioned the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! Instead, most of the cards that did not feature the Easter Bunny were all about flowers and springtime!

Now the cycle of birth and rebirth which signifies spring can be a very hopeful and pleasant phenomenon to people who enjoy nature and/or like to garden. But at the two burial offices we held in February at St. James', it was not the promise of flowers blooming in the spring that brought hope and comfort to the family and friends of our departed loved ones. Nor were the women who went to the tomb of Jesus to prepare him for proper burial in the Jewish tradition talking about what a lovely spring morning it was in Jerusalem, at least, not as far as we know from the gospel accounts. (They were actually discussing how in the world they were going to get the stone rolled away from the tomb!) The flowers that bloom in the spring are lovely, but in at least half of the world, Easter does not occur during warm weather, which is also the case in parts of our own country. So this flowery image for the Sunday of the Resurrection has little meaning for the people of New Zealand or the Southern Cone.

Eight of my four hundred greeting cards got it right. Christians do not put our hope in flowers and springtime. Our hope is in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. Our hope is in the unprecedented act of history in which God altered forever his relationship with humankind. As a result, we no longer need to live in fear. The resurrection has shown us that there is nothing in this world or the next—no amount of suffering, evil, or tragedy "which can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:39). In this sure and certain hope we live, and in this sure and certain hope we die. Alleluia, Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!



*A Blessed and Joyous Easter to all,*

*Padrecita Jeanne+*

## **Junior Warden's Report**

**Jr. Warden Report for April 2019 respectfully submitted by Manny Terrazas**

- **The sound system has been installed and has been in use for two Sundays. Feedback from parishioners has been positive and encouraging. The most impactful was when a long-standing congregant commented to Padrecita saying in part “it was so wonderful hearing the word of the Lord from the lectern today, I can not remember the last time I was able to hear it so clearly”. We will continue to work with the lay worship leaders to smooth out the process.**
- **We are experiencing a delay in finishing the library renovation. The carpet installation workers discovered that the tile underneath the current carpet is made of asbestos. Your vestry has approved an expenditure to have the asbestos tile removed and a company has been contacted and the paperwork has been started. We also hope to have a plan in place should we encounter any more asbestos issues in any other rooms.**
- **The new video conferencing equipment is up and running. It is being used by the Search committee as they interview candidates for our vacant Rector position. Special thanks to Nyeta Haines who did ALL the legwork and research to find the right equipment at the right price!**
- **Meetings with the Sunday School staff, and the ‘paint project’ donor are coming up.**



**Thank you all for your support and kind words.**

**Your Jr. Warden,  
Manny Terrazas**

## **Haydn Mass**

**MAY 2<sup>nd</sup>, there is another opportunity to hear the NMSU Chamber Choir who will be performing a Haydn Mass at St James conducted by Dr Bolding. The Choir will perform Haydn's "Little Organ Mass as part of a Holocaust Remembrance concert at 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.**

## **Sunday School Collection Ministry**

**This year our Sunday school young people are again collecting funds for children's ministry. Most of last year's piggy banks have been replaced by “church boxes.” Thank you to all who picked up either a church box or a piggy bank at church in early March. Proceeds will be divided between two local children's ministries: Jardin de los Niños and Children's Literacy Alliance. Please fill your church or piggy with money and bring them back on Easter Sunday for the children to collect and dedicate at the altar.**

## **Holy Week Schedule at St. James':**

**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday Procession and Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Rite I  
10:30 a.m. Rite II**

**Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Mass of Collegiality with  
Bishop Hunn for area clergy, Members of all congregations invited.**

**Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. Eucharist, Bishop Hunn, Celebrant and Preacher**

**Maundy Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. Eucharist, Foot-washing, Stripping of the Altar**

**Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> Noon to 3:00 Good Friday**

**Liturgy with Meditations on the Seven Last Words**

**At St. James'**

**7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy**

**at St. Andrew's, 518 N. Alameda**

**Holy Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 Memorial Service and Reception,  
Jacqueline and Mark Dodds**

**Easter Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 Eucharist, Rite I**

**10:30 Festival Eucharist with Baptisms, Rite II**

### **Bishop Hunn to Preach and Celebrate on Wednesday of Holy Week**

St. James' will be delighted to welcome the Rt. Reverend Michael Hunn as our preacher and celebrant at the 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Eucharist during Holy Week, on April 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be a light lunch in the parish hall after the service with a chance to greet Bishop Hunn. Please note that the Stations of the Cross which would normally occur on Wednesday of Holy Week at St. James' will be offered at the 10:00 a.m. service the previous week, Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Good Friday Pilgrimage up Mt. Cristo Rey**

For the strong and adventurous, St. James' continues our recent tradition of joining in an area-wide pilgrimage with Stations of the Cross to the top of Mt. Cristo Rey in Sunland Park, New Mexico. This year we are joining Fr. Wally Lalonde and the congregation of St. Andrew's on Good Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, in their parking lot at 518 N. Alameda at 4:30 a.m. (yes, that is in the morning!) in order to arrive, park and walk to the mountain by 6:00 a.m. The parking lots at Mt. Cristo Rey become crowded early on Good Friday. Bring water and wear comfortable shoes. Those who have participated in the past tell us that the hike is strenuous but exhilarating and adds much to the Holy Week devotions.

### **Good Friday Liturgy with Meditations on the Seven Last Words**

On Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, St. James' will have a traditional three-hour service from noon to 3:00 p.m. The Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross will intersperse meditations by Fr. Frank Williams, Padrecita Jeanne, Canon Scott Ruthven of St. Andrew's, and seminarian, Philip Chandler, with hymns and readings from the Gospels. Thank you to Margo Lamb for playing the organ! The service will close with the traditional Good Friday prayers from the Book of Common Prayer. Parishioners may come and go during this service or stay throughout the three hours. Members from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will be joining us. St. Andrew's will also have an hour's service at 7:00 p.m. to which St. James' parishioners are cordially invited.

# Sewing Circle

We are changing our name to Sewing Circle, since we have crocheters, embroiderers, knitters, hand sewers and machine quilters. We would love to have you at anytime! We were very pleased with the amount of almost \$800.00 raised for the first ever quilt raffle. Special thanks to Rick Marshall for the wonderful stand he made for our display. Our lucky winner drawn was Bob Rasp. Congratulations, Bob! We have already chosen the fabric and pattern for the next quilt; it will be queen size and is going to be a beauty!



We continue to be so grateful to all of the folks at St. James who allow us use of the beautiful parish hall.

With gratitude, Lynn Marshall and Jennifer Terrazas



Wanted: Books

for St. James Book Exchange

Books maybe left in Book Exchange box

in Parish Hall storeroom.

Next Book Exchange: Sunday, May 19

# MUSIC NOTES:



**YOU ARE INVITED!**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 pm, Atkinson Recital Hall, Master's Recital of Carol Nike**

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The culmination of my Master's degree at NMSU is a concert of music I have chosen to conduct the top choir at NMSU. I would love it if my church family could be there to share the music with me. There will be a private reception for friends and family following the concert in the choir room of Atkinson Hall to which you are invited.

The music I have chosen is a reflection of what I love, and of the requirement to choose something from every major musical era, as well as one major work. To entice your attendance, I would like to share some of my selections with you here.

Gregorian Chant: "Ubi Caritas est vera, Deus ibi est": I Corinthians 13 is one of my, and many of our, favorite passages. God is there where Love is. Love never fails. This has been a message throughout the Christian belief. God is the lover of my soul and allows me to view others with this love. Even in the world's brokenness, God sees us all through eyes of love. This is a timeless message, and by choosing music from the earliest recorded musical era the timelessness of this message is shown to be solid and true. The text and notation that I am using for this is square note or neume notation and is the earliest form of recorded music. It is taken from the Liber Usualis, a 1900 page book originally (and still to this day) published by the Benedictine monks of Solesmes Abbey, France. First published in the sixteenth century it contains all of the chants for use in the Mass and the Daily Office as well as other church music in use since the sixth century. Charles, my husband, and I will have the privilege of staying and worshipping with the monks at Solesmes Abbey this coming summer where we will join with them in over 1000 years of Gregorian chant and a day of silent retreat in worship of our Lord.

"Also Hatt Gott Die Welt Geliebt", by Heinrich Schutz (1585-1672). The text is taken from John 3:16, the first verse I memorized from the Bible. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have eternal life." Schutz influenced J.S. Bach and this piece sung "a capella" or without accompaniment reinforces the message beautifully through music with a repeating section of "auf das alle, alle, alle," or "ALL, ALL, ALL who believe in Him".

"Der Herr denket an uns", by J.S. Bach. Composed in 1707 the title is "The Lord thinks about us." Isn't that wonderful! We will perform this with a string quartet. This is my major work which includes a short sinfonia, two choruses, soprano solo and duet. A challenging piece written by one of the greatest composers. Bach gave God the glory for his compositions by inscribing them with "Soli Deo Gloria", "For the Sole Glory of God." As a musician this is my calling and my purpose, for God's glory. I am so honored to be able to share this great music written over three hundred years ago, for His glory then, and for His glory now.

Other selections by Haydn, Monteverdi, Certon, Schumann, and John Tavener. Come and share in these exciting choral works with me.

"Let the River Run", by Carly Simon. Yes, that Carly Simon. An exciting choral arrangement with Conga and Bongo drums. The massed choirs will close the concert with this. The text is about running towards the New Jerusalem. An exciting and urgent invitation to come to join in and enter the place where God will make all things right when His Kingdom comes. Where we run to see "silver cities rise.... we're coming to the edge, running on the water, coming through the fog, your sons and daughters."

I would welcome any offers of help with the reception. I know many of you are experts, leaving me to focus on the music! Let me know if you can help.

Thank you for all your support.

Carol







## From The Daughters of the King

### The Power of Being Thankful

We're halfway through the Lenten season. We daughters have been

busy, as usual. This month we shared with the DOK chapter at St. Andrew's to host a Lenten Retreat, a tradition we've kept to fairly regularly over the years. This year, we decided to invite all members of our respective parishes, and their friends. Twenty-four persons attended, including clergy and chef Ray!

Fr. Scott Ruthven, a very engaging Retreat leader, and recently returned from a trip to the Holy Land as a tour leader, spoke to us about the "Beatitudes vs. The Seven Deadly Sins."

After setting the scene of the Sermon on the Mount by showing a long-distance photo-slide of the gentle slope of the hillside, the teaching became more real for me. Fr. Scott gave a very insightful exegesis of the Beatitudes, Jesus's startling and counterintuitive statements demonstrating the "upside-down world of the Kingdom of Heaven." It is considered the greatest sermon ever preached. Gandhi was impressed by these sayings of Jesus, and even atheists admire the Beatitudes.

Fr. Scott then went on to compare the Beatitudes with the Seven Deadly Sins which prevent us from seeking the Kingdom of Heaven. I particularly remember his linking Sloth with "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness." I have always thought that sloth was inactivity, laziness. In medieval Christianity, sloth was defined as a deep-seated spiritual sorrow that robs us of our desire to seek God. In modern society, the busy-busy people can be the slothful ones! They are so busy going and doing that they have no time for God or church. They have no passion or zeal for religious truth. The cure? Seeking Jesus. Finding faith in Jesus. Seeking means hungering.

The thought-provoking teachings were balanced with singing (accompanied by Fr. Wally LaLonde on his guitar), and a wonderful lunch, featuring beautiful homemade soup and chili, and deli sandwiches served by the St. Andrew's Daughters of the King. A very fulfilling retreat, both spiritually and physically.

The Daughters of the King wish a Blessed Holy Week and Easter to all our friends at St. James.'

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For His Sake, and in His Love,

The Daughters of the King: Johanna Binneweg, Nancy Cain, Kathy Fisher, Judith Forney, Lucy Gray, Chickie Lerdal, Jane Madrid, Charlene McKinney and Bink Nelson.



# Saint of the Month

## Ireland's Third Patron Columba, June 5

Hey, it isn't June yet! Sorry, rules are made to be bent. Ireland has three patrons, Patrick, Brigid and Columba. We've discussed the first two—now it's time to talk about the third.

"Columba" is Latin for "dove." One supposes he it himself as a Religious name, or it was given him by his admirers. His name was Coulum Cille (the second C is soft.) But who can pronounce ancient Irish? The Irish, and we, know him as St. Columba.

His background was aristocratic—he was descended from a famous ancient king, and related to a current one.. He apparently never wanted to be anything but a monk—that was typical of Celtic Christianity, which was most severe. I suppose the life they lived was pretty severe in itself. It would have made sense to make it more severe and have a good reason for it.

So Columba wandered from place to place, improving his education and in time became well known. But despite his name, he somehow or other got involved in a war. The root cause seems to us absurd—he had borrowed a Psalter from his neighbor St. Finnian, to copy, and had the idea he could keep it; Finnian wanted it back (of course it was a time long before printing; a whole Psalter must have been valuable.)

On top of this, a person who had accidentally killed another had taken sanctuary in his monastery, but the soldiers of the dead man's king had come charging in, dragged him out of sanctuary, and killed him. That is indeed serious, but one supposes it could have been resolved by arbitration. However the whole thing led to a big battle, at which a number of men died. It was all blamed on Columba. He was haled before an ecclesiastical court, which condemned him to exile.

Columba didn't really mind; he had a bad conscience about the whole business. He felt he should bring to Christ at least as many souls as had died in the battle. So, with 12 companions, he got in a small boat, sailed across the Irish seas, and landed on Iona, an





island two miles by four off the west coast of Scotland. There he founded a monastery, which means they built a small church, put up some beehive huts to live in and, most important, started a school for missionaries.

It was a tremendous success. For a couple of centuries, Iona was the most important monastery in Scotland, the basis for evangelistic work there, and the place to go if you wanted a good education. Then, in 749, the Vikings came.

Columba made quite a name for himself in Scotland. He was respected, and the local kings found him useful as an intermediary in their disputes. It is said that he intervened in Scottish politics—I wish I knew something about that, but I don't. Anyway he lived to a good old age, was very useful, and certainly added far more souls to Christ than men had died in the battle.

How about the work? It was very successful. Christianity spread rapidly across Scotland and down into northern England. It seems to me that people were ready for something better. There's an interesting parallel in Hawaii; the Hawaiians had formally and definitively renounced their religion just a few years before the first missionaries came. That didn't happen in Scotland but the same sort of feelings might have been operative.

What about Iona? What a history it had! Back and forth for centuries, first ruled by Scotland, then by Norway, time and again. However, in the twelfth century a convent was founded there, and it lasted until the Scottish Reformation put an end to such things. The Sisters' abbey has been restored and is a sight for the many tourists who visit the island.

It's comforting to know that Iona today is used for Christian purposes. In 1938 an association called the Iona Community was founded by members of the (Presbyterian) Church of Scotland, for the purpose of a new for of missionary work in the modern world. They built housing on Iona, and the island is used for retreats conferences for Christians of all kinds.

Interestingly, Columba died just a few years before 597, when Augustine landed in Kent reintroducing Christianity into southern England. We'll have to talk about him next month.

—Father Frank



**Jazzercise—Have you tried a Jazzercise class yet? Jazzercise is a variety of jazz dance based exercise classes including Dance Mixx, Fusion, Strike, Core, and Strength60. Jazzercise instructors are trained to show modifications for all class varieties to ensure the safety and success of all of our fitness level customers. We offer class in the morning at 8:45 Monday through Saturday, and evening class at 4:40 PM and 5:45 PM Monday through Thursday. We look forward to having you join in on our fun soon!**

## Guest Preacher on May 5<sup>th</sup>

On Easter III, May 5<sup>th</sup>, the Reverend Fred Davis will preach at both services. Pastor Fred is not exactly a guest. He and Judy have been worshipping at St. James' since returning to Las Cruces in July of 2018, after having served a number of different Presbyterian churches, including Northminster Presbyterian in Las Cruces (1984-1997). Fred is an ordained Presbyterian minister. He received his BA from Wheaton College and his Master of Divinity from Denver Seminary. Judy is a retired early childhood educator. From 1995 -1997 she served as the Las Cruces District Administrator for Head Start and Kindergarten. Today they enjoy visiting their grandsons, traveling, exploring the beauty of New Mexico and the Southwest, and being renewed by the majesty of the San Juan Mountains in Colorado from their condominium near Durango. Fred and Judy met in high school and dated for 4 years before marrying in 1972. They have two adult daughters and three grandsons.

Prior to sensing God's call to pastoral ministry, Fred was pursuing a degree in Trumpet Performance. In addition to following his call and passion for preaching the Gospel, Fred has continued to pursue his interest in music. He has played in community bands and pit orchestras for community theater productions, as well as performing solos and accompanying choirs in church. However, his greatest musical interest lies in listening to and performing jazz. Whether at an open mic night or with his septet, *By Committee*, Fred feels that the freedom and joy of improvisation and collaboration mirror in many ways the freedom and joy of the Christian life—always growing and listening for the rich harmonies of the body of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

In 2013 Fred and Judy wrote and published a book, "Through Stormy Waters: God's Peace in Life's Storms." It chronicles the path of growth and peace they experienced after Fred was run over by a church bus and nearly killed. As Fred slowly learned to walk again, the experience taught them both many lessons about the walk of faith.



### April 2019 Birthdays

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|---|------------------|----|-----------------|
| 3 | Errol Gilliland  | 18 | Nora Williams   |
| 4 | Karen Bonfantini | 23 | Chickie Lerdal  |
|   | Barbara Law      | 30 | Mercedes Weaver |
| 9 | John Fountain    |    |                 |

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!

HE IS RISEN

Forgiven

For God so Loved the World

LAMB <sup>of</sup> God

love

He is Risen Indeed

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

HALLELUJAH

Eternal Life

Redeemer

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*The earliest [Christian] converts were converted by a single historical fact (the Resurrection) and by a single historical doctrine (the Redemption) operating on a sense of sin which they already had . . . against the old, platitudinous, universal moral law.*

—C. S. Lewis



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  
Wednesdays at 10:00 am Rite I