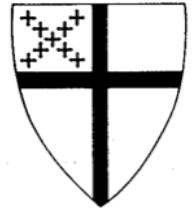




The Staff



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.”

September 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*

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

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

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

The Rev. John Tober, *Rector*

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

“ If and when a horror turns up you will then be given Grace to help you. I don't think one is usually given it in advance. “Give us this day our daily bread’ (not an annuity for life) applies to spiritual gifts too; the little daily support for the daily trail. Life has to be taken day by day and hour by hour.

—C. S. Lewis

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From the Rector's Desk

July was a productive month.

Community development: Our open house/house blessing was well-attended, as was the instructional Eucharist on 8/11. Had positive feedback on both. A suggestion to have a potluck following our quarterly combined services was made and that's a great idea. We'll develop a plan for that next time (presuming November).

Met with reps of both the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. There appears to be opportunity with ready-made (or nearly) groups that St. James' could adopt. I think I've IDed leaders for the girls, but I'm happy to work with other willing volunteers. I have an idea about a liaison for the boys (they are already developed, so the established leaders would come along, but we need a "Chartered Organization Representative"); I'll work on that in the coming weeks. Both organizations will likely require some storage space. Need to investigate what we can offer.

Met with local clergy for an interfaith breakfast. I hope to catch up with Pastor Jared from Peace Lutheran to talk about joint activities, especially if we might work together in tackling college ministry.

The parochial visits have slowed down; I need to goad Eric a bit on those. Pastoral calls have been blessedly minimal. Plans for my installation have been cancelled by the diocese. No new date has been established. I'm hoping in lieu, to have confirmations perhaps Sunday, September 8th.

Short-range planning: I will be out at the Diocese Aug 28/9. Clergy is responsible to attend diocesan clergy conference Aug 9-12 at Holy Cross Retreat Center. I'll be available in case of emergency. I will be out to meet with Bps Hunn and Carl Wright at a national chaplains' conference in D.C. Aug 23-26. No other excursions planned at the moment. Need to work with the Personnel committee to review/establish contracts for all employees this month.

Mid-range planning: I've suggested to a couple parishioners about creating a Dia de los Muertos altar in our side chapel. I've had a couple discussions, but no definitive yes/no or plans have been made. St. James' will host a combined Eucharist with St. Andrew's on Thanksgiving Day. I'll celebrate and preach unless Fr. Scott or Wally, or another community clergy is interested in preaching.

Long-range planning: After restoring books to the library, and refurbishing the Sunday School room and the youth room, I would like to look into 2 updates to the physical plant: first, creating a "hospitality room" with a shower and over-under washer/dryer to offer transients an opportunity to bathe and do laundry, if necessary, in relative comfort and security. I'd also like



to investigate the feasibility of enclosing the breezeway between the office suite and the parish hall. I don't know how complex a task that might be.

Really long-range planning: I/we need to investigate the house next door and see if there is any outreach we can do for the owner and cultivate our relationship. Ideally, I'd like to get first right of refusal should they decide to sell the property.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. John Tober, Rector

Vestry Meeting Highlights for August 13, 2019

Call to order-Fr. John called the meeting to order at 6:02 with prayer

Book Study-Fr. John, *Saint Benedict on the Freeway, Chapter 1*, first chapter covered how we align in beliefs and how we differ; all trying to get to the same place. Discussion occurred and Chapter 2 was assigned for next month.

Approval of minutes-Fr. John moved to approve the July minutes, Lynn seconded, the motion passed to approve July minutes.

REPORTS

Rector's Report (see notes provided at meeting)

- Met with Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, hope to bring a den and troop back to St. James
- Combined service at 9:30 on August 11-excellent attendance and was enjoyed.
- Open house was very successful, and John and Amy were appreciative
- Fr. John spoke of his idea for short range planning, mid-range planning and long-range planning.
 - Short range- Diocese clergy conference August 9-12; National chaplain's conference in DC August 23-26
 - Middle range-El Día de los Muertos
 - Long range-finish library, Sunday school and youth room. Would like to consider a hospitality room with shower and washer and dryer; also investigate breezeway between parish hall and office area.
- Spoke to DRG for installation and confirmation dates; Fr. John will firm up dates and let us know. Tentative dates are Oct 15 (evening) for installation and Jan 5 (Sunday morning) for confirmation
- 4th Sunday of the month Fr. Frank will preach, he will preach at the 8:00 one month and the next month he will preach at the 10:30 alternating month by month. August will be 10:30 and September will be 8:00 etc.
- We will plan on a Veteran's celebration at the November 10 combined service/potluck

Senior Warden's Report-Phala White, no report

Junior Warden Report-Manny Terrazas (Building and Grounds committee report)

- Church HVAC unit, water well by church, and office complex roof all completed
- Building for well area-galvanized steel versus wood structure recommendation from B&G. B&G are

recommending building a wooden structure. Manny passed out a drawing provided by Rick Marshall. Mary Elizabeth Armistead has approached Manny and has expressed desire to use the family memorial monies to pay for the well house structure. Sig asked if the plan had ensured that all equipment would fit in the structure, Manny assured him it did. Susan seconded Manny's motion. Motion passed.

- Alarm system issue-Manny researched if indeed there had been 3 false alarms and found that indeed they had occurred. Manny passed out the sample form which he would like to post by the alarm box. Manny asked for ideas on how to get the password out to all who might be impacted. Our system allows for 40 individual codes, such as Altar Guild, Sr. Warden, Rector, etc. however Manny is very concerned about how it will be managed. Final decision was to keep code as is for now but will be changing in the future. Will be discussed at September meeting.
- Library books-Kay Schumacher & Fr. John will be working on getting books back into library, and what will be eliminated.
- Property disposal still a work in progress
- Two donors: one donor will pay for the biannual service for the new HVAC until in the church, \$1000 was given to replenish the B&G account by another donor. Manny is very appreciative to both.
- Evaporative cooler over Parish Hall, calcium buildup on pads-inline filter installed, will not eliminate the calcium completely but will help.
- Sunday school update-Rick is getting bids and will share this information with us. Lynn asked if the Vestry needed to approve. Everett moved to proceed with allowing Rick, in conjunction with Sunday School staff to dispose of consumable materials, such as broken toys, leftover nursery items, old supplies which no longer work without Vestry approval. Terry seconded and the motion passed to allow Rick and the Sunday School staff to proceed with ridding the Sunday school area of old, broken consumable pieces.
- Two donors purchased a new vacuum for Tommy Grimes, custodian.

Treasurer's Report-Nyeta Haines presented the following monthly reports

- Financial Report Summary for July 2019
- Balance Sheet
- Income and Expense Statement
- Operating income comparison analysis
- Restricted Funds report
- Monthly parochial report of net disposable income
- Nyeta moved for Fr. John to have access to the Rector's discretionary account, Susan seconded, the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Grounds-Manny Terrazas (see Jr. Warden Report)

Evangelism Outreach and Missions Committee Vestry Report-Terry Meyer

The Farmers Market project is proceeding well. The Saint James booth has been displaying monthly since April 2019 (5 months). The project will need to be reviewed as to whether it should be continued. Two additional dates are already scheduled: September 7th and October 5th. Volunteers are needed and Sign-Up sheet for staffing the booth was distributed and will be placed in the parish hall. Terry Meyer indicated all other old matter was summarized in the August 2019 Newsletter and requested vestry members to review that article.

Terry Meyer indicated he had been requested to develop some type of modified bilingual/English as a second language learner ministry (ESL) at Saint James with the assistance of David Garcia (Phone: 1-915-240-8332) from Saint Clements in El Paso. Many more details are needed, and Terry has never received anything in writing to describe the program. David has indicated he is willing to meet with Saint James Vestry or any Saint James group interested in the project. Everett Campbell indicated it was quite an organized program and St. James should become involved. Terry Meyer indicated he already had several other projects with which to deal. He requested a volunteer to head the project and there were no volunteers. Nyeta moved to table the Bilingual initiative until Fr. John speaks with the personnel, Sig seconded, motion passed to table until more information is received.

Finance Committee-Phala White

- Discussion of payment of church HVAC is not currently necessary due to donors stepping forward. Two anonymous donors have paid for the church air conditioner. The Contract went to Sun City with a cost of 11966.60.
- Update on memorial funds-Carol Baker worked with Nyeta. They both believe that accounting should begin in 2013, as records were not maintained well before that period.
- Error in newsletter about funds -either memorial or Vestry designated funds-Nyeta
- Finance committee is recommending moving money from Vestry designated funds for \$1402.71 to the B&G account to reflect a zero balance. Recommendation was made by Finance Committee. Sig seconded the motion, motion passed.

Pastoral Care Committee-Fr. John

Things are going well, and he will work on getting a descriptive paragraph written for the policy handbook and bylaws.

Stewardship

Sig Johansen will meet with Fr. John before the next Vestry meeting.

Since it was 7:30 pm, Fr. John made the motion to continue the Vestry meeting, Lynn seconded, the motion passed to continue the meeting for another 15 minutes.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Audit-inactive

Fixer Upper Committee-Phala White, she will be meeting with them very soon to start working on the unfinished projects.

Nominating and Elections-inactive

Policy-Nyeta Haines, on hiatus until after Labor Day

Safety Committee-inactive

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Personnel committee will meet on Aug 15 at 8:00 am

NEW BUSINESS

- Dates for installation and confirmation pending response from DRG
- Potluck after combined services-Lynn Marshall, Vestry agreed this was a good idea and plans will proceed accordingly.
- Quilt of Valor- This is a national quilting organization where quilts are made for Veterans. Veterans are nominated and once the state level organization approves the nomination, the nominee will receive a quilt recognizing his/her service to our country. The St. James Sewing Circle had been approached about participating in this initiative. Jennifer passed out flyers to the Vestry. Jennifer asked for permission for a new quilting bee to be created which would meet every other week after Jazzercise on Saturdays. Everett moved and Susan seconded. The Vestry approved usage of the Parish Hall for 2-3 additional dates per month. Jennifer will keep the Vestry informed as to what dates/days will be used.

ADJOURNMENT-

The meeting was adjourned with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer, Sig moved to adjourn, Lynn seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm

TO DO:

- Phala will report at next meeting about Fixer Upper recommendations
- Manny will bring alarm code discussion back for more input.
- Fr. John will share a rough draft of pastoral care committee policy and bylaws for our vote.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Terrazas, Vestry Clerk

Daughters of the King News!



August 16 and 17 the Daughters of the King held their annual Assembly, a time for all Daughters of the Diocese of the Rio Grande to get together to share meals, fellowship, Holy Eucharist, and spiritual growth in the form of teachings by a specially-chosen speaker.

This year's Assembly was again held at the Bosque retreat center, which shares the campus with the Diocesan Center, the Bishop's office. The Bosque Center is perfect for our needs: housing, food, gathering space all under one roof, and at a lesser cost than travelling to various churches around the diocese, staying in a hotel, and often paying a premium for meals. The Bosque Center has the added blessing of being saturated in the prayers of nuns over the years, as it used to be a Roman Catholic convent. The peace there is palpable.

Sixty-some Daughters attended. Our special speaker for the day was Rev. Meg Buerkel-Hunn, wife of our new Bishop. Meg is a very refreshing person: bright, well-read, easy in front of a group, and possessed of a wonderful lightness and humor. Her topic was "Playful Prayer/Prayerful Play," for which she was inspired by the comment made by her elderly Spiritual Director during their first interview: "You have a 5-year-old daughter? What are you doing here? (meaning, in her office). Let your daughter be your teacher!"

Through some innovative games, lots of Scripture references, and reference to a wealth of other literature, Meg developed her theme: Delight yourself in the life God has given you! Play! Laugh! One of the summary questions was: If the Church should sing a new song, what should it be? I answered, if it is the Episcopal Church, we should switch from opera to Michael Jackson, perhaps stopping at Benny Goodman halfway (figuratively speaking, that is!).

For His sake, and in His Love,

The Daughters of the King Chapter at St. James: Johanna Binneweg, Nancy Cain, Kathy Fisher, Judith Forney, Lucy Gray, Chickie Lerdal, Jane Madrid, Charlene McKinney.

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If your values include journeying with Jesus, prayer and spiritual development, and fellowship with like-minded women, you may be called to the Order of the Daughters of the King. Please join us for coffee in Chickie Lerdal's home on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 10 AM. Contact Johanna or Chickie to let us know to expect you.

St James Episcopal Church
Financial Report Summary
JULY 2019

Citizens Bank Account Balances at the end of the month from Balance Sheet:

ACCOUNTS	Current Month	Previous Month
Operating Account	\$ 52,350.99	\$ 57,943.16
Restricted Account	\$ 27,427.21	\$ 30,789.92
Rector's Discretionary Fund	\$ 2,777.26	\$ 2,677.26

Operating Income and Expense Summary for the month:

	Current Month	Current Mo. Budget	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	Annual Budget
Income	19,577.41	17,933.33	126,295.09	126,033.31	218,000.00
Expense	24,989.60	27,672.58	115,337.65	120,987.33	214,221.88
Variance	-5,412.19	-9,739.25	10,957.44	5,045.98	3,778.12

Restricted Account with Entries

ACCOUNT	Beginning Balance	Income	Expense	Ending Balance
Mission and Outreach	7,836.76	100.00		7,936.76
Memorial Fund	17,252.02	25.00		17,277.02
Organ-Piano Fund	410.00		78.84	331.16
Organ Fund	3,947.81	78.84		4,026.65
Building Fund	1,782.44	3,027.71	-4,810.15	0.00
BLDG – Sunday School Room	1,792.00			1,792.00
PH Interior Refurbishment	7,803.76			7,803.76
Flowers for Altar	2,159.40	4.63	-307.19	1,856.84
Rector Discretionary Fund	2,677.26	100.00		2,777.26
Vestry Designated Fund	12,007.29		-1,402.71	10,604.58
BLDG – New Roof	0.00			0.00

Fair Share Information

FAIR SHARE	Current Month
Total Income	\$ 21,432.41
Total Exclusions	\$ 1,855.00
Net Disposal Income	\$ 19,577.41
Fair Share Paid for Reported Month	\$ 3,083.44
Year to Date Fair Share Paid	\$ 24,019.36

Saint of the Month

The Wonder-Worker of Britain: Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, August 31

I don't have to think up a catchy title for this one; "Wonder-Worker of Britain" was what people called him. He was the most popular saint of the English Middle Ages; an old *Life of Cuthbert* ascribes 100 miracles to him, and of course there are stories about more. He was a person who deeply loved both God, and the people whom God created. Interestingly, he had a feeling for animals too, rather as St. Francis did later. Toward the end of his life, when he was a hermit on the island of Farne (not Lindisfarne, that's a different place) he got laws passed to protect the birds that nested on the island. They're still there, and the popular name for them is "Cuddy's Chickens."

As for calling him "Cuthbert of Lindisfarne," that's because he ended his life as bishop of Lindisfarne. He wanted the job like a hole in the head; a hermit's life was what interested him. A delegation which included the king came to see him and beg him to take it. Well, he finally decided it was God's will and accepted it; but he insisted on swapping the mainland diocese they had in mind for him, for the less demanding Lindisfarne. As it turned out, he was bishop for only a couple of years. He felt death approaching and went home to the island of Farne, where he died.

We know his dates; he was born in 634, just about the time that Aidan was finishing his ministry. Some people say he was from a noble family, but as a teenager he worked as a shepherd, so noble birth is improbable. One legend about him that I do believe is that, at the age of 16, he saw a vision of angels carrying Aidan's soul to heaven and heard the heavenly choir (cf. "there were shepherds abiding in the fields keeping watch over their flocks by night...") This convinced him to become a monk, but there were other things to do first. Northumberland was being invaded by the kingdom to the south, and for its defense every able bodied man was needed. So he served as a soldier for some time, until a big, bloody and successful battle concluded the war. (In this too he was like St. Francis; but Francis was after glory, while Cuthbert was simply doing his job.)

There isn't much point in telling the story of his life because we don't know the places that are involved in it; at least, I don't. But he was constantly being elected or appointed to some position of responsibility...guestmaster, prior, abbot. Partly this was because he so obviously meant what he said and lived it, partly because of his charm and persuasiveness—and I suspect also, it was because he was a good organizer.

Cuthbert was a mystic—that means, a person whose chief aim in life is to experience God. He really wanted to be left alone; but he couldn't allow himself to be, because he felt he had the responsibility of teaching people about Christ. So he did what Aidan had done; he traveled, getting to villages which were difficult to reach, telling people the story in a gentle and polite way, and helping out where he could. His healing must have been a huge help. Like the apostle (Mark 10:12-13; Luke 10:17-20) he healed. A people who had almost no medicine could get pretty excited when the Wonder-Worker of Britain came to call, and Cuthbert had great success. Probably most of the people he healed would have recovered anyway; and many had nothing wrong with them to begin with—and now and then, I'm quite willing to believe, there was a real miracle. And then, undoubtedly, many times Cuthbert failed; but that

doesn't make a good story, so we don't hear about it. But none of this matters. People got well and, more importantly, they came to believe in Christ. Thank God for it.

I like best the stories in which God does something for Cuthbert. Like many mystics, Cuthbert didn't always bother to sleep; prayer was more important to him. When he was abbot of Lindisfarne—more of that later—a monk decided to spy on him, and see how he spent his nights. Cuthbert left his hut, waded into the cold, cold ocean, spread his hand and prayed—all night long. In the morning he came out, and his feet were freezing. A couple of little sea otters came along, rolled on his feet with their furry bodies and dried them; then he blessed them and they went away. By clairvoyance Cuthbert knew that the monk had been there. He sought him out, made him promise not to do it again, and not to tell the story till he was dead; Cuthbert didn't want to be considered a saint, and that I can well believe.

In 644 came the Synod of Whitby, at which the English church decided—essentially—to join the Roman. Cuthbert had been raised in the Irish church, but he shrugged his shoulders and went along with the change. Not everyone did; there were two parties in the matter and they pretty nearly came to blows. Cuthbert was put in charge of the monastery at Lindisfarne with the assignment of reconciling the monks and bringing peace. This he did! We could use a Cuthbert in our time.

Toward the end of his life he felt he could do what he'd always wanted to. He moved to the almost deserted island of Farne, built a hut, built a wall around the hut, and sowed barley so he'd have something to eat. But people wouldn't leave him alone; they flocked to Farne looking for advice. He started out by seeing everybody; then, in desperation, he would just open the window, give a blessing and close it again. About this time the delegation came, insisting that he accept the bishopric. As we said, he finally did accept but it was the end of his life; he came home again and, after a rather painful illness, died.

When I was in college I saw an ironwork representing Cuthbert twisting the devil's tail. Said Sophisticated Young Frank, to the priest who was my mentor in those days: "Father, he didn't really!" My Mentor replied, "Well, son, who knows?"

—Father Frank



Happy Birthday

September 2019 Birthdays

3	Jennifer Terrazas	15	Jennifer Huntsberger
8	Mia Fisher		Manny Terrazas
9	Phoebe Pierce	17	Pat Lamb
		23	Edward Haines

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!

Junior Warden's Report

Jr. Warden Report for August 2019 respectfully submitted by Manny Terrazas

- Now that the three major projects have been completed we are now proceeding with the work that needs to be done in the Sunday School room. With the approval of the Vestry, a group met on Saturday August 17, to clean out the Sunday School Room. The S.S. staff determined which items are no longer used or are unusable. More work to follow soon. Thanks to Lucy and John Kirkland, Rick and Lynn Marshall, Mary Gagnier, and Wayne Indorf for their help.
- The B&G committee recommended to the Vestry that a well house be built to protect our new well equipment. The plan was submitted to the Vestry who approved the construction. We are thankful that a congregation member approached your Jr. Warden and offered to use part of a loved ones memorial fund to pay for the well house construction. Thanks to the congregation member and to Rick Marshall for spearheading the construction project.



There have been two other special anonymous donations to St. James. I received a phone call from the first who was concerned about all the repairs that we have been facing recently. The donor offered to help by contributing \$1,000 to replenish the B&G account. A second donor paid the remaining 50% due for the work to have the HVAC system replaced! Therefore the new HVAC system was completely paid for by donors! What a blessing to have such giving people as members of St. James. Many thanks to all of those people that work behind the scenes, we couldn't do it without you.

Respectfully submitted,

Manny Terrazas





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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
Wednesdays at 10:00 am Rite I