Bobby Rogers, Haley Pappas, Stephanie Ford, Danielle Buettell, Rev. Charles and Debra Deacon,* Bob, Artie, Phil, Raymond, Phil, Victor Blase, Linda, Nolan, Susy, Harry Hadfield, Leon Hadfield, Shirley Boswell, Suzie and family, John McIlray, Bruce Solomon, Leighton, Donald Vaughn, Lindsey and baby Amelia, Mark, Shirley, Cindy, Tom, Bart, Jessica, Valerie Ciaccio, Annette Harrison, Bill and Karen Ryan, Luisa Gabriela, Ken, Jessica Chupp, Mary Ellen Klataske, Delores Kach, Jimmy Ayala, LaVonne, Peggy Cole, Jen Orrtiz, Mitchell family, Rochelle, Lee Dolan, Dave Cherry, Charlotte, Dick Strong, Mary, Engler Family, Patty, Diane, Phyllis, Bob, Nancy, Michael Nitschke, Jean and Pasita, Penney, Linda Merryman, Daniel Santos, all those affected or afflicted by the COVID-19 virus, victims of violence, members of law enforcement

Prayers for the Departed: The Rev. Harold Knight

Serving in the Armed Forces: Susie McManus, Ana Maria, Mike, Chuck, Brian, Zachary, Gabriel, Alex, Daniel Pagan, Brandon Boulis, Ryan Ehrler, Matt Baicleme, Kaitlyn Haley, Blake, Dean, and Steve, Ryan Ekler.

Celebrating Birthdays this Week *(Prayer 50 or 51-BCP 830)*: Kevin Nunez, Steven Bourne, Ugo Ubosi

Celebrating Anniversaries this Week (BCP 439):

Re"Mark"able News

Invest In Hope: As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" *Mark 1:2-3*

The role of a steward is often to make crooked paths straight. We do this by helping those less fortunate, by providing for the needs of our church community, by being voices of moderation and encouragement, by being examples of faith and hope for those around us.

Christmas Flowers: Remember a loved one or offer thanks in our Christmas Eve service bulletins. Please fill out a Christmas Flowers form found in the Narthex or attached to the email that was sent and enclose it with your payment in the envelope provided. Forms and money are due no later than Sunday, December 13, 2020.

UPDATE—*COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) CLOSURE:* **MESSAGE FROM FR GERARDO:** My dear brothers and sisters, ***we are now holding in-person worship services for Wednesdays and Sundays, up to 50 people indoors.*** Masks and social distancing will be required. Parishioners are encouraged to bring their own copies of a BCP, bible and/or hymnal, if desired, however, the powerpoint will be available and have everything you need on the screen. We will continue to provide online Wednesday and Sunday services through live streaming for those who cannot attend in person. This announcement also serves to invite everyone to come to church through a reservation by contacting the office. That being said, because we have to allow for staff and clergy, we can allow up to 45 people, on a first come, first serve basis in. ***It is important to note that there still can be no coffee hour or shared meals or events involving food.*** For Pastoral Emergencies, please call Fr. Gerardo Brambila at 602-405- 4588. If you have additional ques-

tions, you may also call Parish Administrator, Gloria McManus at 480-560-9505

December Tithing: St. Mark's is still present and desperately needs your support. If you normally bring an envelope with a check to church, you can instead mail that envelope to the church office, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 322 N Horne St, Mesa, AZ 85203. If you usually give loose cash to the church, you can instead write a check and mail, or you can donate through the "Donate" button on our website: www.stmarksmesa.org , and scroll down to the bottom of the page to click. ***Newly Added: PayPal button on our website!*** You can also do online payments through your bank, through the Bill Pay option. You could even set up a recurring payment through your bank if you wish, so you will not forget. God Bless and Stay Safe, Dianne Nunez, Stewardship/Finance Chair

Invest in Hope Matching Capital Campaign: We have a family in our parish that is willing to move their bequest forward from their deaths into 2020, where it will be sorely needed. But they would also like to have other parishioners participate. So they invite and challenge us to give to the campaign, and they will match our donations dollar for dollar, up to $50,000 on their part. Write "Match" in the memo line of your check to identify your contribution or if giving cash, place in an envelope and write your name and "match" on the front. You can mail your donations or pledges to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 322 N. Horne St., Mesa, AZ 85203, or securely give online through Faith Street (https://www.faithstreet.com/church/the-episcopal-diocese-of-arizona-phoenix-az/giving)."

Upcoming Ministry Meetings: NONE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Mark Your Calendars:

- ***Our Food Pantry will continue to operate by outside, drive-through food distributions on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month until further notice.***
- ***Christmas Eve Service—Thursday, Dec 24 at 5 pm***
- ***Christmas Day Service—Friday, Dec 25 at 10 am***

CURRENT ONLINE SERVICES: You may go to our website: www.stmarksmesa.org and click on "Join Online Services" to view online live or recorded services.

⇒ ***Tuesday, 12 pm—Noon Day Prayer***
⇒ ***Wednesday, 10 am w/Christian Education***
⇒ ***Thursday, 7 pm—Order of Compline***
⇒ ***Sunday, 8 am - Spanish Service***
⇒ ***Sunday at 10 am - English Service***

Parish Prayer List

Parishioners in Need of Prayer: Edithanne Knight, Chris and Judy Hossack, Mary Twentyman, Kay Summers, Caryl Bayless, Winnie Jackson, Kathy and Mike LaGoy, Margie Collins, Helen and Arnold Cooper, Pete and Barbara Willan, Dee Greiner, Elaine Austin, Marguerite Gray, Allyn Evans, Helen Frost, Lois Pettengill, Ray and Barbara Haug, Laura Haug, Jan Northcutt, June Roberts, John and Carol Banker, Anna, Dawn Cook, Randy and Lori Rogers, Donna Kelly, Alice Brunett, Genevieve Muth, Russ, Flor Castillo, Zuleyzka Castillo, Sri-lanka Castillo, Nadia Gazale, Raymond Marshall, Midura Family, Jeannie Buckingham, Barb Guenther, Veronica Ubosi, Judy Ricketts, Tom Leslie, Barry and Penny Place, Mark, Bob and Sally Delaski, Mark and Amanda Manno, Kylie Marks, Frank and Joan Taggart, Cyndi Armstrong, Skip Haley, Liam Hossack, Debbie Smith, Casey Leone, Brian Joedicker, Bobbie Degnon, Glenn Jetton, Charlie Vaughn, Jim McManus, Brian and Gayle Joedicker, Fr. Gerardo and Viviana, Cody Nunez, Mauro and Rosa Marquez, Fr. Harry Way, The Rev. Canon Anita Braden, Nathan Reddall and Bishop Reddall's family

Others in Need of Prayer: Susie, Avery, Dylan, Ryan, Jack, Keegan, Clementine, Scout, Courtney, David, Braxton, Bilinga, Kristina, Tammy Wimbush, Dawn Chandler, Joe Sanchez, Christie Roberts, Jordan Stallings, Bob and Pat Doyle, Cathy Hogan, Kylie, Ramon Brambila, Judith Brambila, Shae Pifer, Dave and Barb Turley, Tori Jean, Sharon, Sydney, Paris, Tyler, Christopher, Dave, Billy, Mel, Johanna and family, Russ, Roy, Evelyn, Tudy Breeden, Gemma Paige, Dominic, Esther, Tom, Evelyn, Jillian, Jenni, Baby Emily, Sophia, Leticia Cruz, Erika, Julia Coleman, Stephanie, Shyann and baby boy Skylor, Katherine, Liz, Al, Sy, Aurora, Mission of Good Shepherd in Belize, Cameron Washburn, Jeff, Don Pedro, Don Brock, Jeannie, Anne and Jim, Nisha and Michael, Debbie, Karen, Arden, Mark, Amy Hook, Charla Armstrong, Connie Ellifson, Cliff Armstrong, Dorothy Alderson,