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

*Celebrating Birthdays this Week (Prayer 50 or 51-BCP 830):*  
Cory Nunez

*Celebrating Anniversaries this Week (BCP 439):*

# Re“Mark”able News

Week of March 20, 2022

*Invest In Hope:* The gardener said, “Sir, let it alone for one more year.”  
Luke 13:8



In his parable of the barren fig tree, Jesus encourages patience. The lesson for us: people can realize their stewardship values at different times in life. Let's be open to discovering the many ways we can compassionately care for our world and its people.

## ***“Let’s Celebrate This Christmas Together At St. Mark’s”***

We are announcing our fundraising drive to keep St. Mark's a vibrant, loving, Gospel-living presence in Mesa. We need everyone's help **NOW** to make it happen. There are two prongs to this campaign: one is to bring new members to our church in both the Spanish and the English service; and the second is to **raise much-needed cash IMMEDIATELY**. The first element will help us continue to grow our community of faith, the second is necessary to allow us to survive until Christmas, as well as grow. ***If we do not raise enough money, we will not be here for Christmas.*** We ask you to donate NOW. We have so many options that there is no excuse to give generously. You can use check, cash, online direct from your bank account, or PayPal from our website [www.stmarksmesa.org](http://www.stmarksmesa.org). Please make a note indicating “Christmas” as the designation. We will be keeping track on a fundraising thermometer. We also continue to collect your coins as part of the same fundraiser. Every contribution helps! How far will they stretch? If you love St. Mark's, NOW is the time to donate. **As Fr. G said, “If we do not gather, we will scatter”.** God Bless and let us all be cheerful givers!  
Dianne Nunez, Stewardship and Faithful Fundraisers Chair.

**Pops Concert:** The East Valley Pops Orchestra is having it's Spring Concert on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 7pm. This is a free concert and you will hear some excellent music. This event will support the Bill and Cynthia Richey Fund for Music Education.

**Community Outreach:** St. Mark's has teamed up with Embry Health to provide free Covid testing on the St. Mark's parking lot. Testing is available Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 7AM till 7PM.

**Food Pantry:** Distribution for the month of March will be March 15th and March 29th.. Our set up day will be Monday, March 14 and Monday March 28, 8AM-11AM. Volunteers are welcome and appreciated! Come any of these days or all! Join our team and help feed the hungry in our community! May God bless you for supporting St. Mark's Food Pantry!

**MarkDowns Thrift Store:** The thrift store is OPEN on Tuesdays, 8 to 11 in conjunction with the food pantry schedule and Friday and Saturday from 9AM till 1PM. We are also open Sunday mornings, from 8:30 until 9:55 and following the 10am service on request.

**We are also looking for volunteers to help in the store. Please contact Diane Lewis at: [dilove@q.com](mailto:dilove@q.com) or call or text 480-414-5497. Or Kathy Cheatham at 602-578-7538.**

**Coffee Hour:** We are pleased to announce that Coffee Hour is back! It will be on the second and fourth Sunday, in between services. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Judy Hossack.

**Faith Matters:** Downtown Mesa Interfaith Initiative is holding a free community event on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 6PM, Music and Messages, 7PM, Food and Fellowship. This is at the First United Methodist Church, 15 E. 1st Ave. here in Mesa. Come celebrate and reignite faith in our personal lives, homes and places of worship. ALL are welcome!

**Weekly Services:** You may also go to our website: [www.stmarksmesa.org](http://www.stmarksmesa.org) and click on "Join Online Services" to view online live or recorded services.

- ⇒ **Tuesday, 12 pm—Noon Day Prayer ONLINE**
- ⇒ **Wednesday, Stations of the Cross/Holy Comunion**
- ⇒ **Thursday, 7 pm—Order of Compline ONLINE**
- ⇒ **Friday, 7 pm—Stations of the Cross ONLINE**
- ⇒ **Sunday, 8 am - Spanish Service**
- ⇒ **Sunday at 10 am - English Service**

## Parish Prayer List

**Parishioners in Need of Prayer:** Pam Vespie, Pat Mack, The Perry Family, Edithanne Knight, Chris and Judy Hossack, Mary Twentymen, Kay Summers, Caryl Bayless, Winnie Jackson, Kathy, Helen and Arnold Cooper, Pete and Barbara Willan, Dee Greiner, 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, Donna Kelly, Alice Brunett, Genevieve Muth, Flor Castillo, Zuleyzka Castillo, Sri-lanka Castillo, Nadia Gazale, Midura Family, Jeannie Buckingham, Judy Ricketts, Barry and Penny Place, Kylie Marks, Frank and Joan Taggart, Cyndi Armstrong, Skip Haley, Debbie Smith, Drew Cruer, Casey Leone, Bobbie Degnon, Glenn Jetton, Charlie Vaughn, Shirley Boswell, Terri Hollencamp, Glenda Richardson, Janet Lusk, Fr. Gerardo and Viviana, Ev Harris, Fr. Harry Way, Nathan Reddall and Bishop Reddall's family

**Others in Need of Prayer:** Antoinette Davies, Tracey and Kaitlin, Lisa Kaupke, Linda, Rhett, Wyatt, Joyce Hurr, Dan Sullivan, Diana Carter, Bill Weedon, Natalie Myers, Aspen Krebbs, Jeff Cook, Alex and Family, David Wenger, Carol, Dave, Brenda, Curtis, Rad, Marcy, Susie, Avery, Dylan, Ryan, Jack, Keegan, Clementine, Scout, Courtney, Bilinga, Juliana Greenfield, Joe Sanchez, Christie Roberts, Jordan Stallings, Bob and Pat Doyle, Cathy Hogan, Ramon Brambila, Judith Brambila, Shae Pifer, 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, Stephanie, Shyann and baby boy Skylor, Katherine, Liz, Al, Sy, Aurora, Mission of Good Shepherd in Belize, Cameron Washburn, Jeff, Don Pedro, Don