

Re“Mark”able News

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, Bobby Rogers, Haley Pappas, Stephanie Ford, Danielle Buettell,* 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, Mauro and Rosa Marquez, LaVonne, Peggy Cole, Jen Orttiz, all those affected or afflicted by the COVID-19 virus, victims of violence, members of law enforcement

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): John Collins, Mark Shoemaker, Carolyn Bourne

Celebrating Anniversaries this Week (BCP 439):

Invest In Hope: Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you." *Matthew 21:31*



Jesus' message was often one of challenge and rebuke. We can imagine that most hearers of this comment were probably angry, but perhaps a few pondered his words and experienced a change of heart. A change of heart... sometimes a necessary part of the life of a Christian.

UPDATE—COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) CLOSURE: MESSAGE FROM FR GERARDO: My dear brothers and sisters, We have received excellent news from the Diocese: we are approved to return to in-person worship of up to 50 people indoors. First, let us assure you that all cleaning and sanitizing procedures will be carried out before and after each service in the sanctuary as well as any common areas like the narthex and restrooms. There is still NO congregational singing or choir allowed, but music will still be provided and a virtual choir may be utilized in a similar fashion as we have been doing. Additionally, masks and social distancing will be required. Parishioners are further encouraged to bring their own copies of a BCP, bible and/or hymnal, if desired. The powerpoint will still be available and have everything you need on the screen. Secondly, let us further assure everyone that we will continue to provide online Sunday services for those who cannot attend in person. We will most likely live stream the Sunday services. Wednesday healing services will remain online only at this time. 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 40 people, on a first come, first serve basis in. If anyone is turned away based on space, then they will have first choice the following Sunday. Please be patient with us while we try to accommodate as many parishioners as we can while maintaining a safe environment. *It is im-*

portant to note that there still can be no coffee hour or shared meals or events involving food. We are a congregation with vulnerable members. The Task Force states the intent of their work is to help us gather safely, caring for every person. It is also important to remember that there is no way to absolutely ensure the safety of those who gather.

The data the Task Force Document refers to when granting churches permission moving from Phase I to Phase II is from Arizona Department of Health Services. That data and how it is being applied will be what matters as we move forward. We all need to respect that there are a variety of opinions about our situation. Some will believe we should all get out and get going and have things open again. Others will be cautious and follow the CDC order to stay at home. We look forward to seeing everyone very soon. For Pastoral Emergencies, please call Fr. Gerardo Brambila at 602-405- 4588. If you have additional questions, you may also call Parish Administrator, Gloria McManus at 480-560-9505

September 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.**

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: Chris and Judy Hossack, Mary Twentyman, Kay Summers, Caryl Bayless, Winnie Jackson, Rev. Harold & Edithanne Knight, 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, Eloy Hernandez, Fr. Harry Way, The Rev. Canon Anita Braden, Nathan Reddall and Bishop Reddall's family