

Re“Mark”able News

Together in Faith: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’” *Matthew 3:3*



Jesus continues to come into our world, and we are the ones who continue to prepare his way. Advent invites us to search for our own unique opportunities to do just that!

Liturgical Decorations: The flowers on the Altar are sponsored today by Becky Ford in thanksgiving for the 36th anniversary of Fr. Steve’s ordination to the priesthood.

Christmas Compassion: This year St. Mark’s will sponsor five low income families with children at Christmas. We would like the families to enjoy a full beautiful Christmas with a tree, decorations, dinner, and gifts of clothes and toys. We will gather donations and purchase gift cards for groceries, gas, and department stores. This will facilitate the purchase of clothes and toys, to avoid sizes and gender lists. Pre-owned, good condition Christmas trees and decorations will be appreciated. Anyone willing to help with this project, please contact Fr. Gerardo Brambila or Gloria McManus in the office.

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 pew pocket or Narthex and enclose it with your payment in the envelope provided. Forms and money are due no later than ***Wednesday, December 16th.***

Calling Bishop’s Committee Candidates: Will you consider running? As a candidate, you will need to be a member in good standing, committed to growing spiritually, and supportive of both the mission and ministries of our church. If you meet these expectations and would like to explore serving on the Bishop’s Committee, please contact Fr. Gerardo at 480-964-5820 no later than ***December, 16th.***

Thrift Store Holiday Hours: MarkDowns Thrift Store will close on December 22nd and reopen on January 10th. It will be open on December 27th from 9 am to Noon during the Food Pantry operation. Thank you so much for being our customers. We appreciate all of those that donate to us and those that buy. *From, Sally Worthington (Ministry Leader) and Volunteer Staff*

Upcoming Ministry Meetings:

Property Cleanup: Saturday, December 17th, 7 am

ECW: December 11th, 12:30 pm, Garcia's Restaurant, 1940 E University Dr, Mesa, AZ 85203 —**RSVP to 1kathysmith@cox.net

The Pride Men's Club: December 11th, 12:30 pm, Garcia's Restaurant, 1940 E University Dr, Mesa, AZ 85203—**RSVP to 1kathysmith@cox.net

Daughter's of the King: December 14th, 11 am

Bishop's Committee: Tuesday, December 20th, 7 pm, Conference Room

Mark Your Calendars:

Youth Christian Formation and Children's Chapel each Sunday at 9:45 am (excluding certain holidays)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Sunday, December 11th, 1 pm

Los Posadas, Friday, December 16th, 6 pm, Trinity Cathedral

Los Posadas, Saturday, December 17th, 6 pm, Iglesia Sao Paulo

Christmas Eve Services:

5:30 pm Praise service w/Children's Christmas Pageant (with music prelude at 5 pm)

7:30 pm Spanish Service

10:30 pm Traditional Choral (music prelude at 10 pm)

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th, One English service, 10 am

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1st, One English service, 10 am

Annual Meeting, January 22nd, One bilingual service, 10 am

The Lion's Den Café: Our fellowship café is open every Sunday morning, between services, from 9:30 to 10:45 am. Please stop by Knight Hall and enjoy coffee with a variety of treats. Today's hosts for The Lion's Den Café are the members of the **Choir & Praise Ensemble** ministry.

Parish Prayer List

Parishioners in Need of Prayer: Dorothy Tibshraeny, Doris Hossack, Judy Hossack, Rev. Don and Mary Twentyman, Kay Summers, Caryl Bayless, Fr. Steve and Becky Ford, Glenda Richardson, Winnie Jackson, Shirley Boswell, Hazel Buehlman, Tom Journey, Rev. Harold & Edithanne Knight, Bob and Kay Jones, Rev. Carl and Valerie Bloom, Kathy and Mike LaGoy, Pat and Pam Mack, Robert and Virginia Delaski, Rosemary Lumpkin, Billy Badgett, Margie Collins, Monty Fox, Helen and Arnold Cooper, Pete and Barbara Willan, Jerry and Dee Greiner, Elaine Austin, Marguerite Gray, John and Karen Ddamba, Debbie Smith, Allyn Evans, Helen Frost, Lois Pet-tengill, Bob and Kathy Cheatham, Carl and Mary Lou Burgess, Ray and Barbara Haug, Laura Haug, Jan Northcutt, June Roberts, Kay Fail, John and Carol Banker, Anna, William, JR, Rich and Dawn Cook, Janette Leone, Randy and Lori Rogers, Mayra Alvarado and Family, Elizabeth, William, Jim and Julie Poulos, Anna, Mary, Brett Ellis, Donna Kelly, Julia Coleman, Pam Vespie, Alice Brunett, Genevieve Muth, Sally, Dreana, Daniel Welch, Bill, Paige and Bailey Stalcup, Steve Anglin and Jake, Kim Lilly, Matthew, Russ, Flor and Zuleyzka Castillo and family, George Morgan, Raymond Marshall, Medura Family, Dan Bevington, Rick, Tom, and Debbie.

Others in Need of Prayer: Cindy, Susan, Sandra, Neil, Emily, Frank, Josh, Harlene, Iva Gean, Jorge, Susie, Jason, Avery, Dylan, Ryan, Jack, Keegan, Jessa, Clementine, Scout, Don Ginsel, Lucinda, Elda Meyer, Nichole, Kelly Williams, Ted Knowles, Terri Abernethy, Courtney, Justin, David, Braxton, Dave McManus, Christie Roberts, Jordan Stallings, Marie Meighan, Bob and Pat Doyle, Cathy Hogan, David Stanton, Kylie, John Bloom, Paul Bloom, Ramon Brambila, Judith Brambila, Shae Pifer, Dave and Barb Turley, Tori Jean, Sharon, Sydney, Paris, Christopher, Dave, Brian, Johanna and family, Mary, Russ, Roy, Evelyn,* Kathleen, Shanon, Charles, Deb, Karen, Bill, Clair, Ed, Katherine, Liz, Al, Sy, Sophie, and Mary.

Prayers for the Departed: Cindy Waters

Serving in the Armed Forces: Duncan Hossack, Ana Maria, Mike, Chuck, Brian, Zachary, Gabriel, Jessie Swier, Alex, Daniel Pagan, Brandon Boulis, Ryan Ehler, Matt Baicleme, Kaitlyn Haley, Blake, Dean, and Steve.

Celebrating Birthdays this Week: Caryl Bayless, Kevin Nunez

Celebrating Anniversaries this Week: Jerry and Dee Greiner

This Week at St. Mark's

December 5—December 11, 2016

Monday

Mesa Caledonian Pipe Band, 7 pm

Tuesday

Scriptorium, 12 pm—3 pm, Knight Hall

Wednesday

Healing Service, 10 am

Christian Formation Class, 11 am, Knight Hall

Cursillo Grouping, 11 am, Conference Room

Thursday

MarkDowns Thrift Store, **9 am—1 pm**

Scriptorium, 12 pm—3 pm, Knight Hall

Choir Practice, 7 pm

East Valley Harmonizers Practice, 7 pm, Knight Hall

Friday

MarkDowns Thrift Store, **9 am—1 pm**

Mesa Caledonian Pipe Band, 7 pm

Saturday

Tai Chi, 10 am

Sunday

Praise Service, 8:30 am

Lion's Den 9:45 - 10:45 am, Knight Hall

(Host: Pastoral Care, Altar Guild, and Daughters of the King)

Christian Formation-Youth, 9:45, Classrooms

Choral Eucharist, 11 am

Our Lady of Guadalupe-Spanish Service, 1 pm