

St. Mark's Remarks

Seek God ♦ Serve Others ♦ Transform Lives

Services: 10:00 am-Praise Service/Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II on alternating Sundays.— Spanish 8:00 am Sunday School 9-9:45 am Lion's Den 9:00 am Wed. 10 am-Healing Service

JANUARY 2018

A Message From Our Vicar . . .



Happy New Year to you and your loved ones! With a new year comes a new chance for personal and congregational growth. Here are three core pillars of my ministry I plan to continue reinforcing in 2018.

1. To listen. To always give my full attention to my parishioners, trying to understand their needs and with God's help win their trust. To be part of the church family is a BIG deal, but working together in love makes all

the difference.

2. To go the extra mile. To better devote my time, expertise and resources to my church family. To give them every opportunity to feel welcomed, loved and accepted by the entire congregation.

3. To embrace, to welcome every challenge, opportunity and change of plans. To embrace my role as a priest, and pastor and find a way to get closer to every one of you—no matter the situation. To always ask for feedback and use it to create an even better fellowship experience, that helps us to grow.

As I said before, my heart and my office are ALWAYS OPEN, to all of you.

Blessings to all . . .

Fr. Gerardo Brambila+

A Morning Wish . . .

By W.R. Hunt

"The sun is just rising on the morning of another day, the first day of the new year. What can I wish that this day, that this year, may bring to me?

Nothing that shall make the world of others poorer, nothing at the expense of others; but just those few things which in their coming do not stop with me but touch me rather, as they pass and gather strength:

- ♦ A few friends who understand me, and yet remain my friends.
- ♦ A work to do which has real value without which the world would feel the poorer.
- ♦ A return for such work small enough not to tax unduly anyone who pays.
- ♦ A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed.
- ♦ An understanding heart.
- ♦ A sight of the eternal hills and unbelting sea, and of something beautiful the individual hand has made.
- ♦ A sense of humor and the power to laugh.
- ♦ A little leisure with nothing to do.
- ♦ A few moments of quiet, silent meditation. The sense of the presence of God.
- ♦ And the patience to wait for the coming of these things, with the wisdom to know them when they come."

Guide words: *An Anthology of Inspiration and Humor*, p. 13



Schedule of Sunday Services...

8:00 AM — Spanish Service

9:00 AM — Sunday School

9:00 AM — Lion's Den
(Fellowship Hour)

10:00 AM — Holy Eucharist
Rite II

Epiphany . . .

Birthday Party—Card Shower

January 7th

Love Shower . . .

January 14th

9:00 AM

Mark Your Calendars

Annual Meeting & Potluck

During the 10 am Service

January 21st

Happy New Year Everyone!

*Don't forget to buy your
ticket(s) for ECW&M's
"Dressed to a 'Tea' Party"*

February 3, 2018

*A 'Tea Party' ticket will
make a GREAT gift*

Kid's Korner . . .

The Best
Christmas
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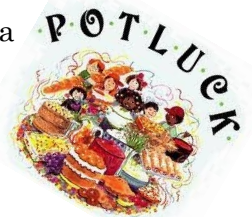


Annual Meeting — January 21, 2018



The Annual Meeting of St. Mark's Episcopal Church-Mesa will be Sunday, January 21st. There will be one bilingual service at 10 am, and the meeting will be conducted **during the service**. There will be a review of 2017 ministry highlights, presentation of the 2018 budget, election of 2018 Bishop's Committee members and election of delegates to the 2018 Diocesan Convention. Following the service there will be a pot-luck lunch in Knight Hall. Please bring a dish to share.

The 2018 Annual Meeting Packet will be distributed on Sunday, January 14th.



Join us every Sunday morning, before the 10 am Service, in our Lion's Den Café, Knight Hall, at 9 am for welcoming fellowship, a cup of coffee plus a variety of tasty treats.

Don't Miss this Date . . . Love Shower . . .

Sunday, January 7, 2018



Following the 10:00 am service, please join the ECW&M Ministry to celebrate Epiphany AND Fr. Gerardo Brambila's Birthday

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Congratulations are in order for Oluchukwu and Ebele Ubosi who are expecting their 4th child the end of January — Soooooo the members of ECW&M will host a Love Shower on Sunday, January 14th. The purpose of the shower, of course, is to show our love for the expecting parents and their growing family. Please join us during the Fellowship Hour — 9:00 am in Knight Hall — to celebrate their new arrival.

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In Memoriam . . .



"Eternal rest grant unto your servants, **Rebecca Susan Ford, Robert Johnson and Doris Ethel Pearl Hossack**, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace." Amen.



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Dressed to a Tea . . . Party . . .

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February 3, 2018
1:30 — 4:30 pm

St. Mark's ECW&M Presents . . .

Fashion Show — (Hosted by MarkDowns Thrift Store)

Afternoon Tea — featuring delicious edibles and a collection of elegant tea-time amenities

Entertainment by the Uptown Angels

The Uptown Angels (Mandy, Candy & Brandy) bring audiences back in time with their sassy energy-packed show. The delightful trio performs popular songs from the 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s and 60s in the style of iconic sister acts (Andrews, McGuire & Lennon). Their spot-on act features toe-tapping choreography, vintage costumes and wonderful 3-part harmonies.



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Thank you Jim and Maureen Davies and St. Mark's ECW&M for the magnificent rolling bulletin board in Knight Hall — what a GREAT gift to St. Mark's. Jim found the frame and board in the Mesa School graveyard and with a few fixes and touchups he made it look like new. Maureen then added her decorative talents and waalaa — the rolling bulletin board came alive. Use it — thumb tacks and markers are at the top of the board on the magnetic side.

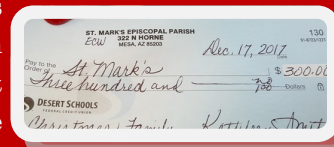


ECW&M News . . .



The ECW&M Ministry held its annual Christmas Luncheon at Mimi's Café on December 10th. We had a good turnout — everyone brought an ornament to exchange and there was a good amount of deal making, stealing and laughter among us. The Santa hat stole the party — first with Mary Ortega, then on to Chris Perry and ultimately finding a home with Elmer Perry. It fit Elmer perfectly. The favors, note cards and yummy “Ferrero Rocher” candies, adorned the tables — thank you Lori Rogers for the favors. Everyone loved them. We all had a great time.

As part of its Christmas cheer, ECW&M donated \$300 to St. Mark's Christmas Compassion Fund that brought smiles and joy to three families with children for the holidays. Thank you everyone for supporting this ministry throughout 2017 . . . More to come in 2018. . .



Cursillo Ultreya—December 2nd—Huge Success . . .

Ultreya! a Spanish word meaning Onward -- to greet and encourage others. St. Mark's Cursillistas hosted their annual Ultreya on Saturday, December 2nd. They had a good crowd — see more pictures on the bulletin board in Knight Hall.



Are You Looking for Information about St. Mark's?

Visit the pamphlet rack located at the far North end of our beautiful Narthex to find a copy of these pamphlets and much more!



St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Bishop's Committee:
Are You Called?

Bishop's Committee Candidate Guidelines 2015

Becoming a Servant Leader
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Welcomes You

- ☐ Are you an active, dedicated, and committed Christian?
- ☐ Do you seek to renew and enrich your faith?
- ☐ Would you like to learn how to share your faith?
- ☐ Are you comfortable in a small group ministry?
- ☐ Are you ready to serve your Parish, Diocese, and the larger community in purposeful ways?
- ☐ Are you ready to move forward on your walk in Christian Faith and Love?



Unlocking The



Cursillo
Weekend



Daughters



of the King

Upcoming Events . . .

January 7 — Epiphany — 10 am Bilingual Service — King's Cake & Birthday Party following service in Knight Hall

January 14 — LOVE SHOWER for Ebele Ubosi during Fellowship Hour — 9:00 am

January 16 — Ministry Council Meeting — 7 pm

January 21 — Annual Meeting

February 3 — Dressed to a Tea Party — Buy Your Ticket Now!

February 13 — Shrove Tuesday

February 14 — Ash Wednesday & Valentine's Day

February 21 — Lenten Supper & Stations of the Cross

March 13 — East Valley Pops Concert — 7 pm

Lion's Den Café — Open every Sunday between 9-9:45 am

Baptism/Confirmation Class — Every Sunday — 1:30 pm

Follow the Calendar on the Web Site for updates and additions

Room Reservation Forms are available in the Church office

Jr. Warden Schedule — 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 8-10 am — Fridays 7-11 am

Wednesday Night Bible Study — Contact Mary L. Burgess at mburg37114@aol.com or 480-218-5434



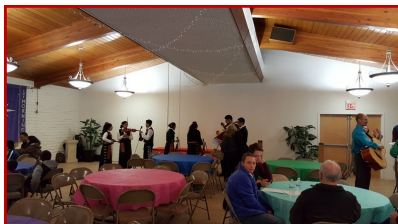
Divine Dinners . . .

The Divine Diner groups were busy in December having fun . . .




La Posada . . .

We had a lovely LA POSADA celebration after church on December 17th. Besides our own St. Mark's mariachi band (Chris & Anali Perry, Randy Rogers, Sean Jones, & Don the trumpeter); we had special guests from DESERT SOUNDS MUSIC from Mesa, a professional-level mariachi group made up of secondary-school kids! Wow! What a treat!



Parish Directory

The Rev. Gerardo Brambila	Vicar
The Rev. Steven Ford	Assistant Priest
	
Chris Perry	Director of Music
Gloria McManus	Parish Administrator
Deb Cannon	Licensed in Children's Ministries
Terry Gordon	Senior Warden
Bob Cheatham	Junior Warden
Al Rausch	Treasurer

Bishop's Committee Members

Caleb Collins	John Ddamba
Judy Hossack	Anali Perry
Paige Stalcup	Charles Vaughn

Ministry Leaders

Acolytes	Paige Stalcup
Altar Guild	Terry Gordon
St. Mark's Singers & Musicians	Chris Perry
Christian Formation for Youth	Deb Cannon/ Dianne Nunez
Communications	Kathy Cheatham/ ML Burgess

Ministry Leaders(Cont'd.)

Cursillo	Monica Larsen
Daughters of the King	Marge Fountain
Divine Dinners	Carolyn Morgan
ECW&M (Women's & Men's Ministry)	Jeanette Rogers
Food Pantry	Penny Place
Greeters	Judy Hossack
Hispanic Ministry	Fr. Brambila
Liturgical Arrangements	Viviana Brambila
Ministry Counsel	Terry Gordon
Office Angels	Gloria McManus
Pastoral Care	Elaine Austin
Scriptorium	Deb Cannon
Sunday Lay Ministries	Fr. Brambila/ Gloria McManus
Thrift Store	K Cheatham, B Haug, G Gordon
Ushers	Kathy Smith

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The Sights and Wonder of Advent and Christmas . . .

