

THE WORD from St. Andrew's

May 2026



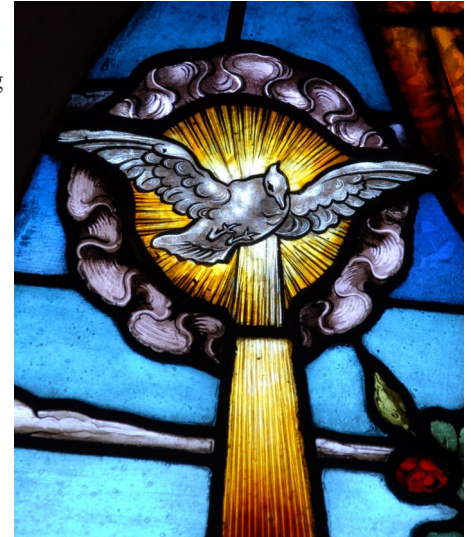
Invoking the Holy Spirit

“Sacred Practices” from the blog of Matthew Root

For the second week in a row, my sacred practice for the week took me by surprise. As I wrote [last week](#), I've been feeling a little out of sorts lately and found some solace in the awkward place we've been in the liturgical calendar, the ten days of waiting between Ascension and Pentecost. What better opportunity, I realized, to re-up and renew my prayers for the filling and guidance of the Holy Spirit than this week. And so, that's what I did.

This week's practice isn't really a traditional Christian 'practice' — though certainly all Christian traditions have included prayers for the coming of and renewal of the Holy Spirit (including even my own Anglican tradition, which has had for the most part a rather shameful apathy toward the Spirit and its work — the English don't do disruption very well!). Rather, it's more an intentional recognition of and leaning into a unique place in the liturgical calendar, and a cultivating of a sense of expectation surrounding the possibilities of a Spirit-filled life. I took my cue from the Acts of the Apostles, which begins with Jesus telling his disciples to wait for the coming of the Spirit. After he ascends into heaven, they go back to the upper room and wait for what comes next. This past week I tried to put myself in that frame of mind, asking God to guide my next steps and to renew the Holy Spirit within me.

Every morning this week, in place of my usual morning prayer, I prayed a series of prayers gathered together from various Christian traditions invoking the Holy Spirit. Any prayers will do for this — there are no magic words or formulas in Christianity — but if you would like to engage with this practice this week now that we are on the other side of Pentecost and are at a loss for words, the prayers I used can be found in the [Resources](#) section of this site. <https://matthewroot.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/prayers-for-renewal-in-the-holy-spirit1.pdf>



My week with this intentional practice of calling upon the Spirit in preparation for Pentecost was gentle and lovely. There were no huge insights and certainly no sounds of rushing wind or visual manifestations of fire. I did however experience a deeper sense of the Spirit in my life and the possibilities for the coming year. This was helpful, not only because of the sense of 'being in between things' that had drawn me to the practice this week, but also because it so happened that Pentecost fell on my birthday this year, and I am a person who finds anniversaries of special dates to be a natural time for reflection and recalibration.

The biggest complaint I hear about Pentecost is “Why do we say ‘Come, Holy Spirit’ when we've already received it?” It's an interesting question, and I'd be lying if I said it hasn't ever struck me as weird. Two answers come to mind that both touch on why I found the practice this week to be valuable. The first riffs off of an answer I once heard to a similar question, “Why do we pray ‘Lord have mercy?’ Isn't God already merciful? Why do we have to ask?” The answer was that, traditionally, Christians pray what we believe and believe what we pray. And so, we pray ‘Lord have mercy’ because we believe that God *is* merciful, not because we're worried God might not be. And praying ‘Lord have mercy’ reinforces that belief. The same reasoning words here. We pray ‘Come, Holy Spirit’ because we believe that the Holy Spirit has come and is always coming; and the prayer in turn reminds us of this. The second answer is about ‘special’ days, roles, or places generally speaking. In a sense, none of the Christian feasts or holy days ‘make sense’. We sing ‘Jesus Christ is risen today’ at Easter and shout ‘Christ is born! Glorify him!’ at Christmas but the days themselves are, really, nothing. But by marking out certain days as special commemorations and celebrations, it helps us to make what we are celebrating real. It's a lot like the sacramental priesthood to me: The communities I've seen who most embody the ‘priesthood of all believers’ are those who also have ordained priests. Similarly, the communities that make the most of their sacred spaces are the ones that have the greatest sense that the whole world is a temple. It seems we often need the specific in order to really see, believe, and live out the general. And so I think these sacred days are beneficial. Because we have Easter, we can better see the Easternness of every day; because we have Good Friday, we can see the Good-Fridayness within every day. And, because we have Pentecost, I think we can better grasp that the renewal, empowerment, and vocation it represents really are truly open and available to us every day.

I found that this week of invoking the Spirit prepared my heart for Pentecost, similar to how Lent prepares us for Easter or Advent for Christmas. I do feel like it enabled me to ‘keep a good Pentecost’ this year, particularly in a season in my life in which I do feel a bit out of sorts and dissatisfied. And that was a great blessing. And, as I said above, I also feel a renewed sense of possibility and vocation for the coming year — I still don't know what that will look like, but this practice did help at least reorient me once again to the things that are important to me and to the life I want to and hope to live, with God's help.

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Vestry Report



The Vestry met on April 20. Mother Susan opened with a prayer, and then reported on an excellent and well attended Holy Week, with 65 attendees at the luncheon on Monday. Maundy Thursday and the Good Friday service each attracted their customary number of 25-30, and the Great Vigil attendance as up from the previous year (55). On Easter Morning, the pews were packed with 97 people, and the courtyard afterwards rang with the joy of happy children.

There were about 20 attendees at the "Life is Changed, Not Ended" luncheon, asking many questions of the guest speakers and Mother Susan, who spoke about supplementing a Will with a Testament, enunciating your faith and values, and making a document to assist your heroes in planning a funeral, noting that an Episcopal funeral has lots of parts that non-Episcopalians might find confusing.

She thanked the new Coffee Hour hosts, who will rotate duties so that no one will be burned out. Hosts are scheduled through August and most teams will only have to serve once every eight weeks.

The plug-in microphone to improve sound quality on our livestreams is having a mildly positive effect, but we continue to research more robust solutions.

The second Nursery Worker did not work out, so we are again searching.

We assisted 15 families through our office during the month of March, at a cost of \$1,280. This most the aid went primarily for gasoline, rent, and electric bills.

In other business, the Senior Warden described efforts to improve the courtyard with some xeriscaping plants. He also discussed some plans for improving the Prayer Garden, and making it more inviting and accessible.



Under old Business, the increased cost of altar flowers was addressed. The consensus for this year is to have the new florist match the quality of our previous flowers, at the best price possible. People who have signed up for flowers in 2026, will only be billed the expected \$35, although if any wish to pay more, that will be fine. The church will pay the difference from the budget. For 2027, other options will be explored, but will most probably involve an increase in cost to the parishioners giving flowers.

Under new business, it was decided to sell, donate, or otherwise dispose of the stage which belonged to the Day School, and which has resided for years under the stairs in the education building. The school closed in 2008, and the stage has been used no more than three times since.

The next Vestry meeting will be **Monday, May 18** at 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall, and all are welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Amailani Gilson, Jose Chavez Jesus J. Chavez, Chavez family. Kay Threlkeld, Marina Blake, Domenic Macaluso, Teresa Patton, Twyla Rob, Pam McArthur, Fr. Maurice, Fred Telling, David Baker, Charles & Suzanne Berry, Dom Perri, Sharon Collins, Kevin Taylor, John Ahlen, Ronnie Whitaker, Lauren Greenwade, Matt Werner, Marilyn Manatt, Bill Mayne, Bill Murphy, Beth Bierwirth, Nick Nickerson, John Fuss, Kap Kelley, Melody Green, Eric & Gaylie, Pat & Carlton, Jim Teel, John LeBarre, Cole Robinson, Chance Cavin, Mike Leshnov, David Knadle, Alice B. Smith, Lynn Townsend, Sevie Bates, Andrew W., Cory Woodbury, Lew Hightower, Pat Wiberg, Jeannine Byron, Fern Simpson,

- Ministries of St. Andrew’s: Mother Susan, the Vestry, and the Foundation; Layreaders, EMs (Eucharistic Ministers), Ushers, Altar Guild, the Choir, EfM, Earth Keepers, Kids Quest, Loaves & Fishes hospitality ministries, Men’s Group, Women of St. Andrew’s, & Daughters of the King,\.
 - Our Sexton Don Lupien, Parish Administrator, Janet Macaluso. Receptionist Lila Sanchez, Nursery Attendant, Tiffany Stafford.
 - Outreach ministries: Andy’s Community Breakfast, Four Paws Pet Pantry, Needle Arts ministry; Starting Line, Wings for L.I.F.E, Community Kitchen, Alzheimer’s Caregivers’ Support Group
 - The Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe
 - The Diocese of the Rio Grande, Bishop Michael Hunn, Canon Kristin Kopren
 - For Camp Stoney, and the Missioner for Christian Formation, Rev. LeAnna Brun
 - For all seminarians, for the Commission on Ministry, and the Bishop’s School for Ministry.
 - For Diocesan Councils, Committees, Commissions, and the Cathedral Chapter
 - Borderlands Ministries, Bridge Chaplain Ana Reza
 - For the SE Deanery, Rev. Heather Rose, Dean
 - All those in the Armed Forces and their families; and for First Responders
 - RCC Inmates & Officers, Guards, & Teachers; CCDC inmates & staff;
 - Those who are sick and those who care for them; for nurses, doctors and all medical staff
 - Those who Mourn
 - The People of the Gulf, Israel, Lebanon, Iran, Ukraine, Sudan, and all who suffer the horrors of War
 - For those fighting Injustice or Suffering it
 - Refugees, and those providing help for them; for Episcopal Migration Ministries
 - For those in the path of storms, floods, fires, and other disasters, and all who work to relieve and support them
 - For the homeless; For the needy and hungry; For the will and means to help them
 - For the unloved and those who have no one to pray for them;
- For our leaders in the city, state, and nation: wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties

Come, Holy Spirit



Holy Spirit,
We welcome you.
You are life giving,
Breath filling,
And reviver of the soul.

Holy Spirit,
We welcome you.
Bringer of joy,
Cradle of comfort,
Inseparable companion and guide.

Holy Spirit,
We welcome you.
Revealer of mysteries,
Whisper of wisdom,
Fountain of all understanding.

Holy Spirit,
We welcome you.
Untameable fire,
Unshakeable thunder,
Strong contender for mercy.

Holy Spirit,
We welcome you.
Creative inspirer,
Delighting admirer,
Preparer for things eternal.

- <https://faith.workthegreymatter.com/prayer-to-welcome-the-holy-spirit/>

Holy Spirit.
We welcome you.

Marilyn Manatt



Marilyn was born in Albuquerque but she lived there only two months. Her father, James J. McMullan, was hired as Southern NM District Manager at State Farm Insurance in Las Cruces so the family relocated there. Her dad, who was raised in Vaughn, NM, was a football and track star in high school and, after WW II, at UNM. Marilyn was number five of eleven children. She met her best friend, Liz, when she was age one, and they are still best friends today. Marilyn graduated from Las Cruces High School and attended University of New Mexico (UNM) and later New Mexico State. It was at UNM that Marilyn met Jim Manatt.

Jim was in graduate school at UNM where they met and began dating, but Marilyn was young and popular and had several boyfriends. A few years later, Marilyn visited her sister in Santa Fe. Her sister's boyfriend's mother was Senator Gladys Hansen. Senator Hansen got Marilyn a job as a tour guide at the State Capitol during their sixty-day session. As fate would have it, Jim, who was now Executive Director of the Republican Party, was working at the Capitol during the session. This time Jim was not about to let Marilyn get away. They were married on Cinco De Mayo, May 5, 1979, in Las Cruces. Jim had been recruited to work here by Colin McMullan in the oil and geophysics business at the time of their marriage, and this brought them to Roswell.

Marilyn has had a variety of interesting careers. After graduating high school, she worked as a silversmith and created beautiful pieces of jewelry (see picture). She was a flight attendant for Zia Airlines here while they operated out of Roswell. On her maiden solo flight, the right main tire blew out on landing in Albuquerque. Always the quick thinker, while the plane sat halfway off the runway, she announced on the microphone, "Anyone who would like 'a double' please use your flight attendant call button!"

(Pictured Above, Marilyn's Hand Made Gold And Turquoise Ring)



Marilyn also likes to entertain and prepare meals for various parties and friends, including her Roswell Symphony and other friends. She still does. One of her greatest compliments is when she is asked who catered the meal. Her Lebanese mother Mary Budagher McMullan was a superb Lebanese and Mexican cook, teaching Marilyn the fine art of making red chile from the ristras and all things Lebanese. Thus, she began a private catering business and later worked eight years at Tinnie Mercantile & Deli, a very popular restaurant and store here in Roswell, now Pecos Valley Flavors Winery (she brokered the sale). It was there that she met and became life-long friends with Jodi Smith Leonard, a long-time member of St. Andrew's, who also worked at Tinnie.

Along the way, Marilyn took a break from her work to become a full-time mom. Claire was born in 1983, followed by Robert born 1985 and Ben in 1986. All three children attended St. Andrew's preschool and elementary. Once Ben began elementary school, Marilyn returned to work.

Marilyn earned her real estate license and worked for Century 21, then Walter Dollahon Realty. Jim became a broker, Marilyn moved to Manatt & Company Realtors and has continued in this profession for 34 years. Marilyn was a Roswell City Councilor. She chaired the Parks & Rec Committee, also serving on the Police & Fire Committee. She has been a Den Mother for her boys' Cub Scout group, a great cheer leader for her 3 kids' soccer and swim teams.

Marilyn was brought up in the Catholic faith and attended the Catholic Church regularly. Jim was Episcopalian and, at the time, did not attend church regularly. That soon changed. Jim had a pilot's license and, while in the air, the cockpit filled with smoke and he needed to make an emergency landing quickly. He said to God that if he survived, he would start attending church regularly. Not only has he attended St. Andrew's regularly but has served on various committees and is currently a Eucharistic Minister. Marilyn was still attending the Catholic Church that only gives communion to those Baptized in the Catholic faith, so she decided to join St. Andrew's and became a member of the choir at the same time. She has blessed us with her beautiful voice for thirty-five years. Jim later joined the choir, and we are so thankful to have both of them here at St. Andrew's Church.

Andy's Breakfast!

Sat. May 30, 2026

7:30 – 10



Everyone is Welcome!

Things picked up in March: 94 plates (including to-gos.) were served to 63 guests by a lucky 13 **Volunteers**. Thanks to all who came, either as a guest or a volunteer!

We can always use help with the clean up. Please call Greg Anderson to find out how you can help. Or just **show up** in the Parish Hall at **9:30** for clean-up duty.

We have plenty of travel-size toiletries, but we can use Warm Socks, Warm Clothes and Warm Blankets. The nights are still chilly.

Monetary donations ALWAYS Needed !!!

Make checks to St. Andrew's Church and be sure to note in the memo line: **Andy's Breakfast**

Thank you again for your generosity and support!!

If you would like to help in the kitchen, call Greg Anderson.

To help with the other distributions, call Eileen Grooms.

Daughters of the King

Monday May 18th

11 am Hunker Room

All women of St. Andrews are welcome!



Alzheimer's Caregivers' Support Group



If you are dealing with the challenges of caring for someone with dementia, or know someone who is, there's help!

The Roswell Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group

Meets the **1st & 3rd** Wednesday of each month at 11 am in Howden Hall

The Group has a page on **Facebook**, where they share lots of useful information

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61583802483554>

The Women of St. Andrew's

will hold their end-of-the-year luncheon on Monday,

May 11th at Los Cerritos at 11:30

RSVP to Anita Smith

No business, just fun.

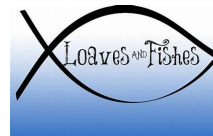
The Loaves & Fishes Team for **May** is:

Team 1: Jan., **May**, Sept. & Dec (Chair: Greg Anderson)

Shelly and Charles Currier

Almeta and Tom LeBarre

Marilyn Manatt



If you would like to serve on this team, or any of the others, or would be a substitute, please contact Greg Anderson 575- 420-1300.

Team 2: February, June, August, Oct (Chair: Sue Evans)

Team 3: March, April, July, Nov (Chair: Charmaine Martin)



Wings for L.I.F.E. has been collecting LOTS of bottle caps, and turning them in to be recycled into park benches. One of these

will soon grace the St Andrew's courtyard. But they're still collecting, and you can help. There's a box in the Narthex, where you can put your bottle caps to donate to the cause. Any kind of PLASTIC bottle cap is IK. Any size, any color. (The plastic bottles themselves are a different kind of plastic, that is more difficult to recycle, so we aren't taking those.) If you have bags and bags of bottle caps, too many for the little box, just give them to Shelly or Charmaine. We'll get them to Wings.



Kids Quest will be starting their summer break a bit early.

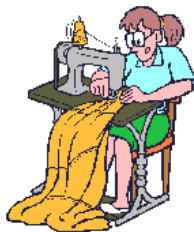


They'll resume in the Fall to tell of all their individual summer quests.



Needle Arts

In March, we took six receiving blankets, hats and accessories to both ENMMC and Lovelace. The nurses are always so kind to say how much they appreciate having these items for their moms and babies in need. We had just enough blankets for April. Several of our regular blanket makers are not able to make blankets at the moment so we would really appreciate any help with the blankets. Sewing one or two blankets a month will help us be able to keep both hospitals supplied with these receiving blankets. These are very easy to make. It simply involves hemming all four sides. Fabric kits are always available in the office or you can contact me and I can get some to you. Perfection not needed - the babies love them just the way they are.



We recently gave Mtr. Susan 20 more mini quilts. These are also available to our parish members for themselves or to give to someone else. You can check with Mtr. Susan or contact me. There is also a comfort/prayer shawl available in the office for anyone in need of a St. Andrew's hug.

Thank you to all of you who sew blankets, knit hats and accessories, help make tags at the meetings, make monetary donations and donations of fabric and yarn. This ministry is possible because of your support.

Our next meeting will be

Thursday, May 14th, at 10:00 in the conference room in the office. Please come join us!!



5/6 - Cindy Anderson

5/8 - Suzi Glass
Jazmin Sanchez

5/9 - Sarah Gifford

5/14 - Bob Willis

5/16—Barbara Evans

5/17 - Reanna Sanchez

5/18 - Cade Steinback

5/29 - Calder Ezzell

5/30 - Addy Thomas



FOUR PAWS PET PANTRY

Next Pet Pantry Day:

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

3:30 to 5:30 at the 5th Street Entrance.

Bagging Begins at 2:30

Dog Food and Cat Food NEEDED!!

also Gallon size Ziploc Bags

OR just buy a bag of dog or cat food and drop it off at the Church Office

If you prefer you can order Pet food from

Chewy.com They Deliver!

Make **monetary donations** payable to St. Andrews, and write "Pet Pantry" in the memo line.

(We continue to have to purchase 90% of the food we hand out.)

If you know of an organization or group looking for a service project to help, please mention Four Paws Pet Pantry. We will be glad to provide any information you might need. Thank you so much to all those who have helped us in EVERY way.



Save the Date!

May 31st-Beginning of Summer Cookout!

The Church will provide meat and buns. Check your favorite recipes for sides or desserts, and sign the sign-up sheet.

Forget to cook? Come anyway! There's Plenty!

The deadline for the **June 2026 Word** is **May 21st**. Send anything you would like to share to Charmaine: Word@standrewsroswell.com

Join **The Word Gang!** The extraordinary crew of Folders and Label-stickers!

Thursday, **May 28th** at 9:30 in the Church Office
View The Word Online! In Full Color, with working links: <http://www.standrewsroswell.com/the-word.html>

The Word is *love*

ROGATION DAYS (May 11, 12, & 13)

Traditionally, these are the three days before Ascension Day on which the litany is sung (or recited) in procession as an act of intercession. They originated in Vienne, France, in the fifth century when Bishop Mamertus introduced days of fasting and prayer to ward off a threatened disaster. In England they were associated with the blessing of the fields at planting.

The vicar “beat the bounds” of the parish, processing around the fields reciting psalms and the litany. In the United States they have



been associated with rural life and with agriculture and fishing. The propers in the BCP (pp. 207-208, 258-259, 930) have widened their scope to include commerce and industry and the stewardship of creation. The BCP also permits their celebration at other times to accommodate different regional growing seasons. The Book of Occasional Services contains material for a Rogation procession, including petitions to be added to the Great Litany and the prayers of the people. The term is from the Latin rogatio, “asking.”

From the Episcopal Dictionary

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/rogation-days/>

EMBER DAYS (May 27, 28 & 30)

“On rogation and ember days the practice of the Church is to offer prayers to the Lord for the needs of all people, especially for the productivity of the earth and for human labor, and to give Him public thanks.” Prayers for Ember Days are found in the Book of Common Prayer, pp 256-257.

Many Christians observe these days by fasting and praying, and showing generosity to those in need. At St. Andrew’s, we mark the days by our support of the **Roswell Community Kitchen**, which provides a hot lunch to all who need one, five days a week, and a sack lunch on week-ends. We gather in our offerings for this work on the Sunday following the Ember days, **May 31st**. Bring your gifts of non-perishable food (rice, pasta-except- spaghetti, large cans of fruit or vegetables) or place a monetary offering in the alms basin. Make checks to St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, with “Community Kitchen” or “Ember Days” in the memo line.



NURSERY

The Nursery is “all dressed up and no way to go.” Unfortunately, the second Nursery worker we hired has not worked out. To comply with Church safeguarding regulations, we must have two trained adults in the nursery in order to accept children, so we are back to the search. If you know ANYONE who could use a little “side gig”, tell them to apply online <http://www.standrewsroswell.com/job-opportunities.html>



...out of the mouths of babes...

At Coffee Hour, a young mother told how her excited youngster asked, “Will I get the Bottle of Crumb?”

“The What?”

“the Bottle of Crumbs!”

“The Body of Christ?”

“Yeah!”



Someone asked, “Did you teach her about that?” No, she picked it up just by being there. Kids pay attention when we don’t even notice.

And sometimes, you learn something new by paying attention to them: I once knelt next to a young boy as we prayed the Lord Prayer. He prayed “Give us this day our daily breath”

And I thought then, and ever since, “Yes, Lord, give us breath. Every day.” -overheard at St. Andrew’s

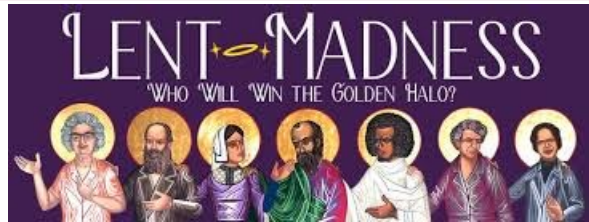
“My five-year-old daughter asked me at breakfast one morning about her bedtime prayers. She wasn’t really sure, she admitted, just what to say to God. (Now this is the sort of opening I like: “Mom, teach us to pray.”) I poured orange juice and congratulated myself on such a splendid opportunity for age-appropriate instruction in confession and petition. “God likes to hear from us,” I told Emily, “the same things all mommies and daddies like to hear from their children: please; thank you; and I’m sorry.”

Emily considered this, licking jam from her fingers in order to count to three: please; thank you; I’m sorry. She nodded, then waved the two unaccounted-for fingers and said, “Maybe there are two other things I say a lot that God would like to hear from us.”

“What’s that, honey?” I asked absently, beginning to clear the table (the lesson being over.) “Maybe,” she suggested, “I could tell God ‘Wow!’ and ‘I love you.’”

I sat down, my hands full of silverware. “Yes, of course, darling, what a wonderful idea. Those are excellent prayers,” I assured her, and sent her off to brush her teeth. But when I got up a few moments later, I was under no illusions about who had received the lesson.

-Deborah Smith Douglas
The Praying Life



Constance & Her Companions : The Martyrs of Memphis

In August 1878, yellow fever invaded the city of Memphis, Tennessee for the third time in ten years. By the month's end, the disease had become epidemic and a quarantine was ordered. While more than 25,000 citizens had fled in terror, nearly 20,000 more remained to face the pestilence. As cases multiplied, the death toll averaged 200 people per day. When the worst was over, ninety percent of the people who remained had contracted the fever and more than 5,000 people had died.

In that time of panic and flight, many brave men and women, both lay and ordained, remained at their posts of duty or came as volunteers to assist in spite of the terrible risk. Notable among these heroes were four Episcopal sisters from the Community of Saint Mary, and two of their clergy colleagues, all of whom died while tending to the sick. They have ever since been known as "The Martyrs of Memphis," as have those of other communions who ministered in Christ's name during this time of desolation.



The Sisters had come to Memphis in 1873, at Bishop Quintard's request, to found a school for girls adjacent to St. Mary's Cathedral. When the 1878 epidemic began, George C. Harris, the cathedral dean, and Sister Constance immediately organized relief work among the stricken. Helping were six of Constance's fellow Sisters of St. Mary, plus Sister Clare from St. Margaret's House, Boston, Massachusetts; the Reverend Charles C. Parsons, Rector of Grace and St. Lazarus Church, Memphis; and the Reverend Louis S. Schuyler, assistant at Holy Innocents, Hoboken, New Jersey. The cathedral group also included three physicians, two of whom were ordained Episcopal priests, the Sisters' two matrons, and several volunteer nurses from New York.



The cathedral buildings were located in the most infected region of Memphis. Here, amid sweltering heat and scenes of indescribable horror, these men and women of God gave relief to the sick, comfort to the dying, and homes to the many orphaned children. Only two of the workers escaped the fever. Among those who died were **Sisters Constance, Thecla, Ruth, and Frances** from the Community of Saint Mary, **Rev. Charles Parsons, and Rev. Louis Schuyler**. All six are buried at Elmwood Cemetery. The monument marking the joint grave of Fathers Parsons and Schuyler bears the inscription: "Greater Love Hath No Man." The high altar in St. Mary's Cathedral, Memphis, is a memorial to the four Sisters.

-Forward Day by Day <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/calendar/the-martyrs-of-memphis>

The Girls' School they founded is still going strong:

<https://www.stmarysschool.org/>

Sr. Huggetta Snowdon, the one surviving Sister from the Yellow Fever Epidemic, moved to Sewanee, TN, after the epidemic and in 1888, with the help of other Sisters, started what is now the Southern Province of the Sisters of St. Mary in Sewanee, Tennessee, still active and thriving.

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In the Diocese...

**Here Be Dragons (Meditation 3):
Trusting God in Silence and Dark-
ness Bishop**



<https://youtu.be/fYJV7kF2-pU?si=DfhsQh3LhUkbeWr> or go to

YouTube and search "Michael Hunn"

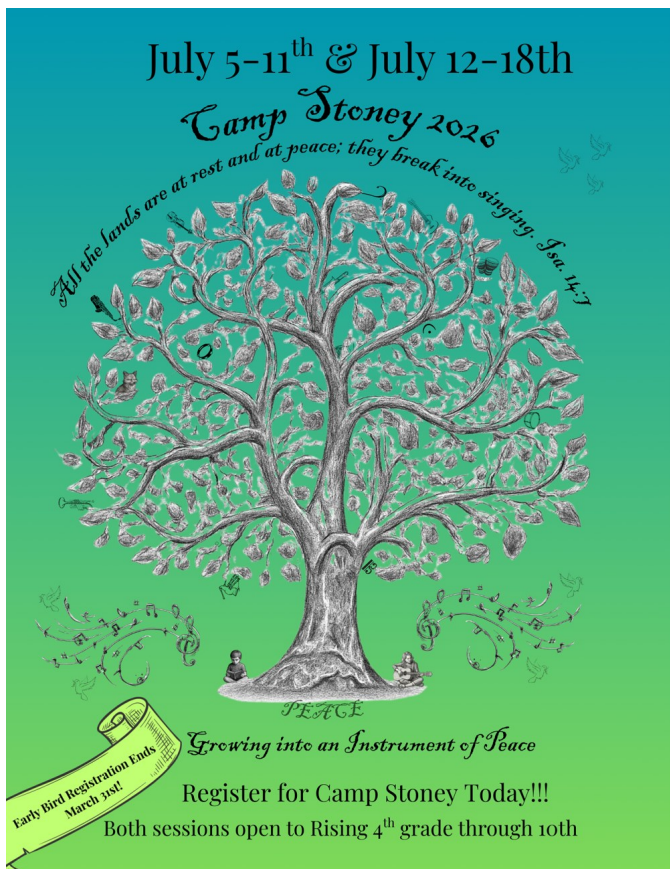
Bp. Hunn offers the third meditation in "Here Be Dragons: three Meditations on the Apophatic Way," reflecting on Jesus' raw prayer in Gethsemane and the apophatic experience of Holy Week where praise turns to abandonment and silence. He argues Christian leadership keeps tending earthly responsibilities while remaining open to God's will, practicing costly trust rather than resignation. Hunn critiques the urge to fill hospital rooms and church meetings with easy answers, insisting darkness and silence are not empty but the soil of resurrection that strips away false images of God tied to success or influence. He urges shared resources across a wealthy church and describes cyclists navigating dark tunnels by lightly touching shoulders, a metaphor for staying connected in risky ministry, reaching out, listening, and trusting God is quietly at work.

**A Border Wall in the Big Bend?
Why No One Wants A Wall in the Big Bend**

Traveling to Terlingua and Lajitas, Texas, Bishop Michael Hunn speaks with Mike Wallens about proposed border wall expansion in the Big Bend near Big Bend National Park and Big Bend Ranch State Park. Wallens argues a physical wall is unnecessary and impractical because the Rio Grande's winding course would force construction inside the U.S., cutting ranchers and farmers off from water access, blocking wildlife movement, and potentially undermining tourism and river guiding by restricting access to the river and emergency routes. They discuss migrant rescues and deaths in the rugged canyons, and contend the wall offers little operational benefit in remote areas where response-time delays are meaningless. Instead, they point to existing technology—sensors, cameras, drones, and solar-powered rescue beacons—as the effective "wall," noting broad local opposition that has united residents across political divides.

Camp Stoney 2026

The Summer will be here before you know it! Our camp weeks will be



July 5th-11th and July 12th-18th.

We will run two tracks side by side again this year. Track 1 will be Rising 4th graders through Rising 6th graders. Track 2 will be Rising 7th graders through Rising 10th graders.

Campers will choose between participation in physical activities, such as Archery, Swimming, Hiking, Low Ropes Challenge Course, Gaga Ball, and other games. Additionally, campers will choose their Fine Arts activity, in conjunction with the Christian Education that is offered by our Formation Chaplains. Campers will learn about Prayer and study the Holy Scriptures, while also engaging in common worship. There are specific activities each day that will center on spiritual development.

Contact Rev. LeAnna Brun with any questions at: (575) 741-6424 or lbrun@dioceserg.org

Register Now!

<https://dioceserg.org/camp-stoney>

Scholarships available through both the diocese and St Andrew's.

In the Prayer Garden...



Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement (including Catholics and Anglicans) that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since it began in May 2016, God has grown TKC from a dream of possibility into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions- so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way. It is our hope & prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him.

Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to **pray that God's Spirit** might work in the lives of **5 people** who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part & join in.

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

Prayers for Renewal in the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit!

We praise you O God, who sent your Holy Spirit upon the disciples at Pentecost. You opened up the gates of eternal life to all people: slave and free, male and female, young and old, Jew and Gentile. Empower us to share your Gospel to peoples of all nations, tribes, and tongues. Grant that we may be anointed afresh by your Spirit, equipped for your ministry, led into all truth, and consecrated for service in your Kingdom, and all for your glory. Amen.

Blessed are you, creator God,
To you be praise and glory for ever.
As your Spirit moved over the face of the water, bringing light and life to your creation,
Pour out your Spirit on us again today
That we may walk as children of light and by your grace reveal your presence.
Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever. Amen.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.
Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.
Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life for all eternity.

O Lord, immaculate, invisible, incomprehensible, inscrutable, unchanging, unsurpassable, immeasurable, who dwell in unapproachable light and have created heaven and earth and everything within them: Hear us, O Lord, who sent down your Holy Spirit on your disciples on Pentecost, filling them with inexhaustible grace, and inspiring them to prophesy of your greatness in many tongues. Receive us today, and forgive us our sins, known and unknown, judging us according to your tender love and compassion. Look down on us who wait for you in your rich mercy. Visit us in your goodness; and deliver us from all evil. Amen.

O Lord, beginning and end of all goodness and truth, calm haven of the storm-tossed: Open my lips and teach me to pray, and you pray yourself in me. Order and protect my life and show me the paths I should walk. And with your guiding Spirit, establish my faltering mind that it may be directed toward what is good and useful for me, for my neighbour, and for the whole creation, which you have fashioned in your love. Amen.

Holy One, grant me a Spirit of Holiness;
Wise One, grant me a Spirit of Wisdom;
Beginning and End of all Understanding, grant me a Spirit of Understanding;
Counsellor, grant me a Spirit of Counsel;
Mighty One, grant me a Spirit of Might;
All Knowledgeable One, grant me a Spirit of Knowledge.
O Great and Majestic One, grant me a Spirit of Fear of the LORD.
Amen.

You who gave insight to the prophets to speak your Word, grant me likewise a Spirit of insight.
You who came not to be served but to serve, grant me likewise a Spirit of service.
You who taught the good news to the afflicted, grant me likewise a Spirit of teaching.
You who encouraged the downtrodden, grant me likewise a Spirit of encouragement.
You from whom comes every good and perfect gift, grant me likewise a Spirit of generosity.
You who guide the lost, grant me likewise a Spirit of guidance.
You who show mercy and compassion to all, grant me likewise a Spirit of compassion.
Amen.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Trisagion Prayer

O heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of truth, everywhere present and filling all things; Treasury of blessings and Giver of life: Come and abide in us and cleanse us from every impurity, and save our souls, O good One.

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.
Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.
Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever
and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

<https://matthewroot.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/prayers-for-renewal-in-the-holy-spirit1.pdf>



Outreach Ministries Funds — March 2026

Unused funds carry over from one year to the next. This doesn't tell the whole story: much of our outreach ministry is accomplished by donated materials and **ESPECIALLY** by volunteer labors. **Thank you** for supporting these ministries.

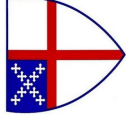
FUND	Beginning Balance		Mar DO-NATIONS	Mar EXPEND-ITURES	Mar 31, 2026 FUND BALANCE
Andy's Breakfast	\$ 4,582.80		\$ 119.43	\$ 187.03	\$ 4,514.50
Needle Arts	5,790.71		0.00	0.00	5,790.71
Pet Pantry	11,047.68		250.00	246.40	10,551.28
Rector's Outreach (Discretionary)	7,530.80		861.41	1,280.00	7,112.71
Starting Line	1,503.49		0.00	0.00	1,503.49
Unspecified Mission and Outreach	8,547.94		300.00	0.00	8,847.94
Altar Fund	1,224.41		300.00	0.00	1,224.41
Capital Improvements Fund	3,595.48		0.00	0.00	3,595.48
Saving Grace Campaign Fund	40,500.00		0.00	772.26	39,727.24
Choir Fund (& Advent Fest)	6,215.79		0.00	.00	6,215.79
Children's Choir	4,216.77		0.00	0.00	4,216.77
Memorial Funds	47,148.45		0.00	60.76	47,087.69



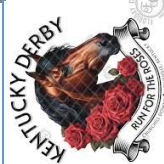




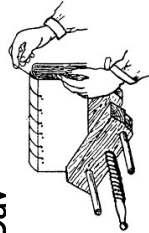









Income and Expense Report — Mar 2026

	Mar 2026	Mar Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
Ordinary Income:				
Plate Offerings	\$ 461.41	\$ 625.00	\$ 1,200.02	\$ 1,875.00
Current Pledges	12,413.07	9,963.37	38,950.14	29,890.03
Pre-Paid Pledges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unpledged Contrib	4,224.05	5,416.67	16,973.25	16,249.97
Special Offerings *	.00	0.00	.00	0.00
Foundation Income	0.00	0.00	97,725.00	97,725.00
Altar Flowers	35.00	116.67	430.00	449.97
Other Income	153.00	308.37	188.00	925.03
Income—Total	17,606.53	\$ 16,430.80	\$ 155,466.41	\$ 147,015.00
Payroll Expenses	27,216.22	21,313.80	65,319.05	63,493.36
Other Expenses	9,453.65	12,633.90	52,440.61	46,296.79
Total Expenses	37,169.87	33,947.70	117,759.65	109,790.15
Net Ordinary Income	(19,563.34)	(17,517.62)	37,706.75	37,224.85
Transfer from Savings**				
Net Income + Transfer	\$ (19,563.34)	\$ (17,517.62)	\$ 37,706.75	\$ 37,224.85

*in addition to the donations to specific funds—see first table. **Trans from Money Market

May 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 26 Holy Eucharist 10	Apr 27  Marine Mammal Day	Apr 28 Mail Word 9:30 Tai Chi 4 pm	Apr 29 EpiscoSchool 5:15 Choir Practice 6	Apr 30 Int'l Jazz I	1 May Day 	2 
3 Holy Eucharist 10	4 	5  Tai Chi 4 pm	6 Alz Group 11 EpiscoSchool 5:15 Choir Practice 6	7 	8 	9 Make a Book Day 
10  Mothers' Day Holy Eucharist 10	11 Women of St.Andrew's 11:30—Cerritos Rogation Day	12 Men's Group 7:30 Tai Chi 4 Rogation Day	13 EpiscoSchool 5:15 Choir Practice 6 Rogation Day	14 Needle Arts 10 Ascension Day	16  Chocola	16 Vestry Retreat
17 Holy Eucharist 10	18 Daughters of the King 11 am Vestry 5 	19  Plant Something Day Tai Chi 4	20 Alz Group 11 Pet Pantry 3:30 EpiscoSchool 5:15	21 WORD deadline	22 	23 World Turtle Day
24 Holy Eucharist 10 Pentecost 31 Trinity Ember Days Cook-Out	25 Memorial Day Office Closed	26 Foundation Board Meeting Tai Chi 4	27 Ember Day Nat'l Grap Day 	28 	29 Ember Day  Vestry Day	30 Ember Day  Andy's Breakfast Clean-up Crew 9:30

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Sunday Services

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10 am

Followed by:

Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Pentecost

May 24th



Come, Holy Spirit
and fill the hearts of your people