

# THE WORD

October 2022

from St. Andrew's



## Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

2 pm under the portico in front of the church

(Large animals will be blessed in the parking lot)

Donations will be accepted for the Roswell Humane Society

Bags of dry dog or cat food for the 4 Paws Pet Pantry will be very welcome

From the *Franciscan Spirit* blog, by Kevin E. Macklin, OFM

This time of year, people in various places may notice something odd. A procession of animals, everything from dogs and cats to hamsters and even horses, is led to churches for a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets. This custom is conducted in remembrance of Saint Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures.

Francis, whose feast day is October 4th, loved the larks flying about his hilltop town. He and his early brothers, staying in a small hovel, allowed themselves to be displaced by a donkey.

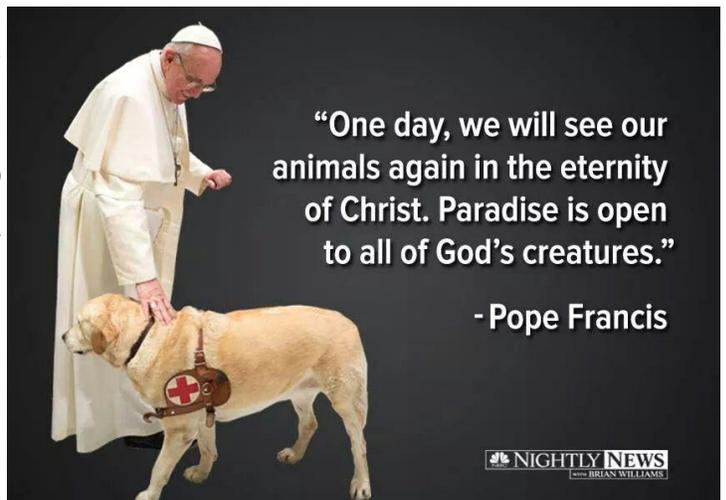
Francis wrote a Canticle of the Creatures, an ode to God's living things. "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." And there was testimony in the cause for Saint Clare of Assisi's canonization that referred to her little cat!

That there are today over 62 million cats in the U.S. attests to the continuing affection we have for our furry, feathered or finned friends. For single householders, a pet can be a true companion. Many people arrive

home from work to find a furry friend overjoyed at their return. Many a lonely senior has a lap filled with a purring fellow creature.

The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye-to-eye, a person and their pet are two creatures of love.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/franciscan-spirit-blog/blessing-of-animals>



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**Senior Warden Sez...**



"You are not only responsible for what you say, but for what you do not say."

-Martin Luther

Given the above, I will endeavor to share with you fellow worshippers where the Search Committee as well as the Vestry finds ourselves in our efforts to secure a priest for St. Andrew's.

I would imagine it is no secret that qualified candidates that we can consider are in limited numbers. We continue to work with Canon Curtis in the hopes that men or women we can consider will be made known to us.

I thank the Search Committee for their commitment to this task. I ask your prayers on their behalf.

It takes 43 muscles to frown and only 17 to smile. Do the math. Given that, I offer this bit of humor to induce a smile:

President Obama walked into a second-grade classroom in rural Georgia, clapping his hands and saying, "Every time I clap my hands, a person dies of gun violence."

A young boy stands up in the back of the classroom and, with the literal mind of a child states, "Well, stop clapping your hands" (ed: would that it were that simple)

**Vestry Notes**

The Vestry accepted Cory Butler's resignation as Junior Warden with a vote of thanks for his dedicated service and attention to detail during the past two years.



A Stewardship committee was formed to plan and execute our upcoming stewardship campaign for the coming year. Committee members do not have to be on the Vestry, so if you would like to help, please call Duane Evans.

A Vestry Personnel Committee was formed to assist the Senior Warden with staff and management issues.

A revision to the Parish By-laws was given a first reading, to be voted on in October. The diocese has requested this of all parishes, to bring By-laws into accordance with diocesan Constitution and Canons, and to conform to a standard format. These revised By-laws must be voted on by the Annual Parish Meeting in order to have effect, so the October Vote will be to finalize the wording, and present it to the Parish for action.

Replacement of the cranky, old telephone system with VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol), using a new and more flexible system from our internet provider.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Earl Pittman, Craig Lysak, Manuel Linares, Jeremiah Bryant, Laura Read, Nancy Hartwick, Janet Macaluso, the family of John Keeth, Alec, John Fuss, Cyndy Collins, Andrew Patton, Rebecca & Rick, Mary Ritter, Burnitta McClung, Bruce Currier, Mike Brazie, Billie Weber, Karen & Pat Hendricks, Lorinda & Royce, Jeanelle McGuire, Andy Morehouse, Kelli, Jack Giovo, Stu Shanor, Carol Anne, Marilyn Manatt, Gary & Enid Smith, Michelle, Ann Wonders, Isabel Castillo, Lisa Huff, Molly Pittman, Dwight & Anne Crowder, Julie Deaton, Betty, Aaron & Sarah, Doug Morris, Maddy, Abby K & family, Martin Kelley, Victoria Cobb, Pat Wiberg, Andrew W., Matthew, David Smith, Breanna Hickey, Rachel, Amanda Olivo, Sevie Bates, Florence Carr, Beth Rogers, Jeannine Byron, Melody Green, Marisa, Lew Hightower, Clayton Thompson, Bill & Meredith Patton, Annette Mader, Julian Linares, Raymond Linares, Jennifer Linares, Jean Hooper, Cassie, Gary Larson, Sandi Olivo, Fern Simpson, Anna K,

- Our Home-bound: Lynn Waggoner, Alice Smith, Cory Woodbury
- Ministries of St. Andrew's, Fr. Maurice, the Vestry, and the Foundation; Layreaders, Ushers, the Choir, and Altar Guild, Office Crew Teresa and Janet, and our Sexton Ernie
- Outreach ministries: Wings for L.I.F.E, Andy's Community Breakfast, Needle Arts ministry; Four Paws Pet Pantry, Starting Line, Community Kitchen
  - The Diocese of the Rio Grande, Bishop Michael Hunn, Canon Lee Curtis
  - For Camp Stoney, the DRG Youth Council, and Br. Angel Roque, Youth Missioner
  - For Diocesan Councils, Committees, Commissions, Borderlands Ministries
    - For the SE Deanery, Fr. Rod Hurst, Dean
  - RCC Inmates & Officers; Guards & Teachers; CCDC inmates & staff;
    - Those who are sick and those who care for them;
      - Those who Mourn
  - All those in the Armed Forces serving in the US and on foreign soil and their families; for First Responders, keeping us safe
    - The People of Ukraine, and all who are fighting tyranny and oppression
      - Refugees, and those providing help for them
    - Victims of fires, floods, storms, and other disasters falling disproportionately on the poorest, and all who seek to relieve and support them.
  - For the unemployed and 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
    - For peace, and for those who threaten it, turning the hearts of those who would harm others

## For all those in the path of the storm

### A prayer for the Calling of a Priest

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we thank you for the many blessings bestowed upon our parish family as we join in worship and fellowship. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, please provide a priest of your choosing who has a strong commitment to our Lord and the teachings of the Gospel and will faithfully guide, strengthen, inspire, and grow our parish family so we can do Your work in helping those in our community desperately in need of the knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



## From the Kalendar

### St. Teresa of Avila, 15 Oct

Teresa de Cepeda y Ahumada (later known as Teresa de Jesus) was born in Avila, Spain, 28 March 1515, one of ten children whose mother died when she was fifteen. Her family was of partly Jewish ancestry. Teresa, having read the letters of Jerome, decided to become a nun, and when she was 20, she entered the Carmelite convent in Avila. There she fell seriously ill, was in a coma for a while, and partially paralyzed for three years. In her early years as a nun, she was, by her account, assiduous in prayer while sick but lax and lukewarm in her prayers and devotions when the sickness had passed. However, her prayer life eventually deepened, she began to have visions and a vivid sense of the presence of God, and was converted to a life of extreme devotion.



Christ has no body now but yours  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours  
Yours are the eyes through which He  
looks compassion on this world  
Christ has no body now on earth but  
yours.

In 1560 she resolved to reform the monastery that had, she thought, departed from the order's original intention and become insufficiently austere. Her proposed reforms included strict enclosure (the nuns were not to go to parties and social gatherings in town, or to have social visitors at the convent, but to stay in the convent and pray and study most of their waking hours) and discalcing (literally, taking off one's shoes, a symbol of poverty, humility, and the simple life, uncluttered by luxuries and other distractions). In 1562 she opened a new monastery in Avila, over much opposition in the town and from the older monastery. At length Teresa was given permission to proceed with her reforms, and she travelled throughout Spain establishing seventeen houses of Carmelites of the Strict (or Reformed) Observance (the others are called Carmelites of the Ancient Observance). The reformed houses were small, poor, disciplined, and strictly enclosed. Teresa died 4 October 1582. (She is commemorated on the 15th--why not the 4th?--because the Pope changed the calendar from the Julian to the Gregorian system on the day after her death, deleting 10 days.)

Teresa is reported to have been very attractive in person, witty, candid, and affectionate. She is remembered both for her practical achievements and organizing skill and for her life of contemplative prayer. Her books are read as aids to the spiritual life by many Christians of all denominations.

Her [Life](#) is her autobiography to 1562; [The Way of Perfection](#) is a treatise on the Christian walk, written primarily for her sisters but of help to others as well; The [Book of Foundations](#) deals with establishing, organizing and overseeing the daily functioning of religious communities; [The Interior Castle](#) (or *The Castle of the Soul*) deals with the life of Christ in the heart of the believer. Most of these are available in paperback. 31 of her poems and 458 of her letters survive.

(The links are live, but may take some time to load.)

(A probably apocryphal story tells that once she led a group of nuns on a narrow footpath beside a river in flood:

The current was so strong that she lost her footing, and was on the point of being carried away when our Lord sustained her. "Oh, my Lord!" she exclaimed, with her usual loving familiarity, "when wilt Thou cease from scattering obstacles in our path?" "Do not complain, daughter," the Divine Master answered, "for it is ever thus that I treat My friends." "Ah, Lord, it is also on that account that Thou hast so few!" was her reply.)





- 10/3 - Jack Finley
- 10/5 - Quinn Rico
- 10/7 - Kensey Plummer
- 10/8 - Jeannine Byron
- 10/10 - Jennifer Wolfe
- 10/13 - Pat Hendricks
- 10/20 - Diana Hudson
- 10/23 - Nancy Hartwick  
Josh Rico  
Alisha Smith
- 10/24 - Rochelle Kelley
- 10/24 - Andrew Wilkins
- 10/26 - Chance Chase
- 10/31 - PJ Greer

## Study of "The Lord's Prayer" - begins October 16th

### The Lord's Prayer

So simple, toddlers can say it. So common we say it whenever and wherever Christians gather. So common, in fact, that we can slide over the words without a thought to what they mean.

But it is also so profound, and comprehensive.

Please join Fr. Maurice in the Parish all right after the service to explore this powerful prayer. Beginning October 16<sup>th</sup>, each session will take a look at a portion of the prayer, and its meaning. The sessions will be short, only 15 to 30 minutes, so come grab a cup of coffee and join in the conversation!

### Wednesday Night Church Supper

Join us Wednesday evenings at 5 pm in the Parish Hall for supper and fellowship. For \$5 per plate, you don't have to cook!

Upcoming menus:

- 10/5: Navy Bean Soup
- 10/12: Ground Beef Casserole
- 10/19: Chicken Enchiladas
- 10/26: Sausage & Peppers
- 11/2: Chili

Clean-up crews are always welcome, since the cooks have to hurry to Choir Practice, and if you'd like to make a dessert, please call Sissy Mayne to sign up.

### Coffee Hour:

The sign-up sheet in the kitchen is bare, and therefore so are the tables on Sunday morning. Won't you please sign up to provide goodies after church? They don't need to be elaborate, or home-made, and it's great to team up with friends to bring some tasty nibbles to brighten our coffee, and encourage conversation and fellowship. (Nothing draws a crowd like FOOD.)



The deadline for the November Word is

**October 26<sup>th</sup>.**

Send anything you would like to share to Charmaine Martin.

[charmainem704@gmail.com](mailto:charmainem704@gmail.com)

Would you come help fold? Nov 1st 9:30 am

# Around St. Andrew's

## FOUR PAWS PET PANTRY

Pet Food Distribution

Wednesday, October 19

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

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Bagging starts at 2:30. Please Come and Help!



### Your gifts of pet food make it possible!

You may make a monetary donation or just buy a bag of dry food and drop it off at the Church

(Call First 622-1353)

Please bring Dog (and Cat) Food to the Church Office

If you prefer you may order the Pet food from

[Chewy.com](http://Chewy.com)

They deliver!!



Gallon Size Ziploc Bags also needed

## Andy's Breakfast!

Saturday, October 29, 2022

Andy's Breakfast's return to sit-down service is a great success. Wonderful to see guests and volunteers mingling in the Parish Hall.



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 crew.

### Donations ALWAYS Needed !!!

Monetary donations are also welcome.

Be sure to note in the memo line:

*Andy's Breakfast Supplies*



## Needle Arts Ministry

Every month, Needle Arts takes 6 flannel receiving blankets and six tiny knitted hats to the Maternity ward at each hospital. The nurses are always so very happy to get them. They only give them to people who really have nearly nothing for their newborn babies, and they are usually running out by the end of the month. To be able to wrap your baby in something soft, warm, washable, and CUTE is life-affirming.

And the blankets are very cute. Debbie Smith keeps her eye out for precious flannel, cuts it to size and makes kits for finishing. All we need to do is put a hem around the edges. Won't you take a kit or three to finish? (Love to shop in crafts stores? If you see cute flannel in a cute, baby print, snap it up for Needle Art. It only takes a yard.)



Needle Arts will meet on Tuesday, October 18th at 10:00 in the Parish Hall.

Please Call Debbie Smith to help with this ministry 623-8791

Andy's Place also tries to provide simple toiletry items, and we are out of almost everything. Please help with donations of sunscreen, tooth brushes & small tooth paste, small deodorant, razors, small shampoo & conditioner, hand soap & sanitizer, facial tissue, and socks for men & women.

**With the days getting shorter, and the nights colder, we'd like to have some warm gloves, hats, coats and blankets available too.**

There is a basket in the Narthex for these items or you can drop them by the office.

To help in the kitchen, call Greg Anderson, 575-420-1300. To help with the other distributions, call Carol Anne Linson, 575-420-5814



## Daughters of the King

October 21st 2pm

Church Office



**Nursery care** is once again available during the Sunday service!

The room is located in the Education wing, off the Parish Hall, and all children **ages 6 and under** are welcome.

**Volunteers needed:**

The Nursery needs helpers. Kate McClelland cannot always be there, and the number of children is growing all the time. Please call Kate, or Candy McClelland if you would like to help with the children on Sunday morning.

**Parish Hall Bulletin Boards**



Sue Evans is still updating the bulletin boards, and she could use your help. If you have pictures and stories for our Wall of Honor (1<sup>st</sup> responders, those serving in the military) or Parish members or families participating in sports, hobbies, school activities, family reunions... Whatever you would like to share with your larger church family. Call Sue.

Good cooks and/or willing helpers are needed for the **Bereavement Committee**. You'll be asked to be "on call" for a month to provide/host a funeral reception or a family meal for parishioners who have suffered a loss. Or to help out a parish family who may need meals brought during a convalescence. One person will chair each month to coordinate, and the larger the crew, the less work there is for each. Please call the church office to choose your month.

**The Undercover Chorister:**

Happily, our choir makes room for even neophytes with limited musical education, and our leaders are also teachers. This week's lesson: how to breathe. Especially how to breathe during a loooong-held note.

The short answer: technique and **TEAMWORK!**



After much soul searching, Choir Director **Janet Macaluso** has decided to resign her position. **John Fuss**, who so ably "filled in" for her during her illness, will take up the post officially now. Janet is not going anywhere: she will still sing as her voice gets stronger, and will continue assisting in selecting hymns and preparing the programs. Our love and prayers are with both Janet and John as they lead us in making a joyful noise to the Lord.

**St. Andrew's Choir** holds regular rehearsals on **Wednesday nights at 6pm.**



has begun practicing every Sunday, after the service and

meet until 11:45 a.m We have 8 children so far, and there's lots of room for more. Open to ALL kids, age 4 to 5th grade, and they don't have to be members of St Andrew's. Bring your friends!

**The Advent Festival is BACK!**

To be held in the church on Dec 11th, with singers and musician from all over.

Rehearsals begin on Monday night, October 16 in the Parish Hall at 6:pm

There are costs involved: if you would like to make a donation, note "Advent Festival" in the memo of your check.



We were saddened to hear of the passing of our friend

### John Keeth



John was active at St. Andrew's in the 1980s through the 2000s, served as an usher, a Vestry member, and an expert pancake-flipper on Shrove Tuesday. Old-timers will remember him for his smile.

On All Saints Day, we celebrate all the heroes of the faith, including those lost to history, who "toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew." Remembering the Saints gives us examples of what it is to live the Christian life. Their experiences differ widely, but the common thread is always love and devotion to Christ.

Sometimes, it helps to learn about Saints' foibles as well, because we are called to be saints in our own day, and it's comforting to know that our imperfections will not derail God's plans. (St. Paul complained about a "thorn in the flesh", and I can't help thinking he occasionally comes across as a pain in the neck)

The next day is All Souls Day, when we commemorate family members, and those close to us, who have died. Most of us learned how to be a Christian not from stories of the great Saints of history, but from these commonplace saints: we learned what God's love is by receiving it from them.

This is a very important holiday in the Hispanic communities, El Dia de los Muertes, and is sometimes celebrated a bit like Hallowe'en, with street parties and parades, but at its heart it is a family celebration of loved ones.

At St. Andrew's we customarily recall those dear to us who have passed on the Sunday after All Saints Day. We print in the bulletin the names of parishioners who have died in the preceding year, and invite members to place their own loved ones on the list, regardless of how long we have been separated by death.

## Community Kitchen



**They are Serving Lunch from 11:00 to 12:15**

**Monday through Friday**

**Sack Lunches on Saturdays and Sundays**

If you are interested in helping out at the Community Kitchen please call Judith White or Ronnie Whitaker and let them know

Judith 575-622-5064 Ronnie 575-622-3849

The Women of St. Andrew's began their year with a September meeting at Sue Evans's lovely home, and began laying plans for the year's activities, including a Springtime raffle of themed Gift Baskets.

Our next meeting will be **Monday, September 12th**, at Anita Smith's home. Fellowship begins at 9:30 am and the meeting will start at 10:00. Please plan to attend!

## All Saints' Days

The world is gearing up for Hallowe'en, with spooky décor, creepy costumes, and the heart of the holiday: **CANDY**.

But, as we enjoy the fun of this day, remember that Hallowe'en is the EVE of a holiday: one of the principal feasts of the church, All Saints Day.

### Watch out on Hallowe'en!

From ghoullies and ghosties  
and long-leggedy beasties  
and things that go bump in the night,



**Good Lord, deliver us! Amen.**



# Assurance Home

(Part 11 of a Series on Lay Ministries)

In 1975, St. Andrew's parishioner, Ron Malone, gathered a group of people to address a need in our community. Ron had been working at the Chaves County Boys Home, providing services to delinquent boys in a residential, home-like setting. These were boys on their way to or from detention, and in working with them, Ron realized that it was a tremendous opportunity "to have a huge impact on people's lives because the people you worked with, you saw them every day and in every aspect of their life: In the mornings, in the evenings, through the good times and the bad times." Unfortunately, that program closed because of lack of support.

"There were a lot of people in Roswell at that time, that had the feeling that there had to be some kind of program for kids that either were in trouble or before they got in trouble. So the Assurance Home Board of Directors incorporated back in 1975, and we just spent several years to figure out what kind of program was needed in Roswell. What we found out was that a lot of kids that got involved in the criminal justice system were kids that came from bad homes, poor home environments. There were kids that were abused and neglected and mistreated and just weren't parented very well. So we decided what we needed was a program to reach children before they got involved in the criminal justice system. We wanted to open a home for kids that were abused and neglected. And so, we raised money and wrote grants and did a lot of work trying to start this program and Assurance Home actually opened its doors in 1979, about four years after we incorporated," Malone said.



The home began in an old terminal building at the RIAC, originally built by the Air Force, and barely suited to the purpose. After three years, the Home was able to move to a property on 19th street, with a country feel to it. In the forty years since, they have expanded the property to include horses, a ropes course, a library, chapel, and therapy center. The therapeutic aspect is very important, as most of the children have experienced trauma, and benefit from help to process it and develop a more healthy, stable, and in-control life. Therapists help each child to develop both short-term and long-term goals with individual treatment plans that are realistic and attainable.

Just as important is the home-like atmosphere, where their life includes everything a child has in a large family, including chores. They learn to be responsible, taking care of the horses, cleaning, doing their wash, cooking and taking out the trash. The teenagers receive an allowance; they can bring their friends home, have barbecues, go on summer vacation and are firmly integrated in the community, attending public schools, and working in summer jobs, gaining the skills and experiences to lead full, successful adult lives.

Assurance Home is funded entirely by the public, through grants and donations. From the very start, St. Andrew's and its parishioners have supported this important program. You can learn more at their website, including how you can help:

<https://assurancehome.org/>

-Some reporting from the Roswell Daily Record, 12-18-2019

[https://www.rdrnews.com/arts\\_and\\_entertainment/vision/a-better-community/article\\_393894c2-699c-5c62-8a23-da5eea6a2670.html](https://www.rdrnews.com/arts_and_entertainment/vision/a-better-community/article_393894c2-699c-5c62-8a23-da5eea6a2670.html)

## More than Enough

This was posted on Facebook, taken from *The Psychology of Money* by Morgan Housel:

John Bogle, the Vanguard founder who passed away in 2019, once told a story about money that highlights something we don't think about enough:

At a party given by a billionaire on Shelter Island, Kurt Vonnegut informs his pal, Joseph Heller, that their host, a hedge fund manager, had made more money in a single day than Heller had earned from his wildly popular novel *Catch-22* over its whole history. Heller responds, "Yes, but I have something he will never have ... enough."

*Enough.* I was stunned by the simple eloquence of that word—stunned for two reasons; first, because I have been given so much in my own life and, second, because Joseph Heller couldn't have been more accurate.

For a critical element of our society, including many on the wealthiest and most powerful among us, there seems to be no limit on what enough entails.

Our Stewardship campaign theme this year is *More Than Enough*, and it comes from the end of Luke's version of the feeding of the five-thousand. Responding to Jesus' call, the gathered crowd turns their pockets inside out, shakes out their blankets, rummages through their parcels to find enough to take care of the needs of the community. And what do they realize? That by the miracle of faith and the action of Love, there was more than enough, an abundance of leftovers!

Our stewardship campaign is like that ancient story: each of us contributing what we can provides enough – enough to fund our operations and an abundance more to take care of our neighbors and plan for the future. Every gift is a miracle, a chance to change the world. And every gift is Love, the kind of love that protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres, as St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians.



## MORE THAN ENOUGH

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

-Luke 9:16-17

## The Burning Bush

by Charles Currier

The last article left off with Pharaoh's daughter adopting the Hebrew child she named "Moses". Moses was saved because midwives, Shiphrah and Puah, who feared G-d, lied to Pharaoh to save babies' lives. The Bible records their names but not that of Pharaoh. Also, the diabolical scheme of Pharaoh was frustrated by the compassion of his own daughter, who knew Moses was Hebrew. Ironically, Moses grows to manhood in Pharaoh's palace and is trained and educated among the most elite of Egypt.

As an adult, Moses was aware of his heritage and witnessed the oppression of the Hebrews. Moses saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew. Moses killed the Egyptian. As to whether this was murder is unclear.

Protecting another from death is recognized as a defense to murder, just like self-defense. The text does not say, but the Egyptian must have been a very important person. Moses was the adopted son of the daughter of Pharaoh, so he was fairly high in the pecking order.

Before Moses killed the Egyptian, he looked to see if anyone was around, perhaps to see if anyone else would intervene but more likely to see if there were any witnesses. Killing an ordinary Egyptian by a member of the royal family would not seem to be a big problem. Killing a high-ranking Egyptian would be more problematic. Later, when Moses was called out by a Hebrew slave that knew what Moses had done, Moses decided to flee. Pharaoh heard of the act and set out to kill Moses. Both the fleeing by Moses and the intent of Pharaoh to kill Moses, points to a very well-connected Egyptian that was killed. Of course, that also makes the conduct of the Egyptian worse if he was a powerful and influential person in Pharaoh's realm and was beating a lowly defenseless Hebrew slave.

Moses fled to Midian, a place in the Sinai Peninsula in present day Saudi Arabia. The text doesn't say why Moses chose Midian, but probably it was far enough away from Pharaoh's control, that he felt safe. By coincidence, Mount Sinai is in Midian. In Midian, Moses saw 7 women filling their troughs with water for their father's flock. Some shepherds came and

chased them away. Moses drove the shepherds away and helped the women to water their flock. The women were the daughters of the priest of Midian, Jethro (also called Reuel, although one could be a title and the other a name). Some scholars say that Jethro may have been a descendent of Abraham's second marriage to Keturah, after Sarah died. Likely, Jethro was a worshipper of the G-d of Abraham, although he was not an Israelite or Hebrew. The daughters told Jethro of the encounter and Jethro told them to bring the man to him. Moses stayed with Jethro, shepherded his flocks, and married Jethro's daughter, Zipporah.

After some years, the pharaoh who ordered the killing of Moses died. The Israelites made their groanings heard to God and G-d remembered his promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. While tending flocks on

"the mountain of G-d", named Horeb (many historians believe this is Mt. Sinai), Moses saw a burning bush that was not consumed. Some people might not have suspected a miracle but turn away once no danger was perceived. Moses kept looking

and wondering. Then G-d spoke to Moses from the bush and told him to remove his sandals as he was on holy ground. Elizabeth Barrett Browning wrote:

Earth's crammed with heaven,  
And every common bush afire with God  
But only he who sees takes off his shoes...

G-d called to Moses, "Moses, Moses" and Moses answered, "Here I am." The same response by Abraham in Genesis 22:1. And G-d said, "I am the G-d of your father - the G-d of Abraham, the G-d of Isaac and the G-d of Jacob." The LORD told Moses that Pharaoh, who sought to kill him, had died; that Moses must go back to Egypt to free the children of Israel and take them to a land filled with milk and honey (an idiom - milk represents abundance of livestock and honey refers to date-honey, or an abundance of produce). Moses is reluctant and asks, "Who am I that I should go...?" Of course, G-d doesn't often call the equipped, but equips the called.

In our next article, we will cover other excuses by Moses as to why he is not the right person for the mission.



## In the Diocese ...



# Joy

with Br. Angel Roque

St. Mark's, Albuquerque

Nov. 4-5 (in person and Zoom)

Br. Angel Roque will be our speaker for the Women of the DRG Annual Fall Retreat. **This year we'll meet at St. Mark's, ABQ on Nov. 4-5.** You can also join via Zoom if you prefer to not travel.

"Joy"—what do you think of when you hear that word? Br. Angel Roque, diocesan Youth and Young Adult Missioner and member of the Brotherhood of St. Gregory, is our presenter for the Annual Fall Retreat on November 4-5 at St. Mark's, ABQ (and via Zoom). Jesus said, "unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." In the same way, **Joy is the seed that bears fruit in our lives and ministry.** Br. Angel will show how Joy can fill our lives even, and perhaps especially, in times of loss and change.

**Registration and further info on the DRG Women's Ministry website or contact [Cindy Davis](#).**



## Uncle Sam isn't the only one who wants You!

The Bishop wants you to serve the Diocese. There are lots of open positions in church governance where you can give your time and talent. Elections are held at the Diocesan Convention, Nov 11-12. Bishop Hunn outlined what these positions entail in his Weekly Update of September 10th:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1473541869751847>

Cathedral Chapter (3 positions open, staggered terms)

This governs the cathedral, functioning like a Vestry, but has members from all over the diocese, both clergy and laity.

Commission on the Ministry of the Baptized (COMB) (1 position, 4 yr term)

Lay Leader formation & clergy formation. Helping people discern their calling. Meets online several times a year, and requires a time commitment to interview people to assist their discernment.

Diocesan Council (1 position, 2 yr term)

Functions like the Vestry of the Diocese. It serves as the Convention between Conventions. It prepares the Diocesan budget. Meetings happen online

Standing Committee (2 positions, 3 yr & 1 yr terms)

Council of Advice to the Bishop, sets Diocesan policy, and serves as Board of Trustees for the Diocesan assets. (weekly online meetings) Also consents (or not) to the elections of Bishops in the all the dioceses of the Episcopal Church.

Disciplinary Board (1 position, 4 yr term)

Hears allegations of misconduct, works to make sure justice is done, and the pastoral needs of all concerned are met. Twice a year training on line, and meetings as may be needed to hear cases.

General Convention Deputies (4 positions)

Church-wide position, representing the diocese in the General Convention in 2024. Like the Congress of the Episcopal Church. In-person convention held in the summer. Online prep session, but the big time commitment is to be there for about a week (in Louisville KY.)

Nomination forms at <https://dioceserg.org/convention>. (This shows the deadline is past, but Mary Jewel, the Bishop's asst. informs us, that they will be accepted through the month of October.)

Are you being called to one of these important Lay Ministries?

## UTO

As always, the Women of the DRG will be gathering our offerings to the UTO at the Diocesan Convention (Nov 11-12.)

At St. Andrew's, we will gather our United Thank Offerings in the Offertory on Sunday, Oct 30th, and on Nov 6th.

What's it all about? Since 1889, Episcopal Church Women have been dropping coins in UTO blue boxes as a daily offering of thanks to God. These offerings are gathered from the whole church, and used to support the mission of the church here and abroad.

Never have change handy? Keep a blue box as a daily reminder, and write a check for the In-gathering. (Payable to St. Andrew's, with UTO in the memo line.)



# THE GREAT EPISGOPAL RACE

October 14 - 23

*Presented by The United Thank Offering  
in partnership with Episcopal Migration Ministries*

Join us in gratitude and race YOUR way in the third annual **Great EpisGopal Race virtual race** to support the 2022 UTO Ingathering and [Episcopal Migration Ministries](#). Anytime **between October 14 - 23**, choose your preferred mode and distance and race to raise money for EMM's [Neighbor to Neighbor](#) and UTO's 2023 grant cycle, focused on the worldwide incarceration crisis. You can bike a 10K, run a half marathon, or skate a mile—the options are limitless. **Let's race together in gratitude!**

## How It Works:

- 1. Choose your location.** This race is virtual, meaning you can compete from anywhere in the world! You can hike a mountain in Switzerland, cycle around your neighborhood, or run a marathon in your house.
- 2. Choose your time.** The race takes place from October 14 - 23. Race at a time that works for you.
- 3. Choose your mode.** We are joining together in gratitude for our bodies. Move in a way that makes you happy - run, bike, swim, hike, paddle board, martial arts, the options are endless.
- 4. Any distance.** Whether you want to set your personal record or take a stroll around your neighborhood, this race is for you. 1 mile, 5k, marathon, or anywhere in between, you choose!

See a video from Presiding Bishop Curry inviting YOU to join the race!  
<https://unitedthankoffering.com/race/>

## About Neighbor to Neighbor

Through Neighbor to Neighbor, Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) directly trains and provides ongoing support to faith communities who serve as community sponsors for asylum seekers (Track 1) or Afghan arrivals (Track 2, in partnership with the Sponsor Circle Program for Afghans). Community sponsors welcome their new neighbors by offering friendship, fostering community connections, and providing practical support such as housing, assistance in accessing services and navigating the community, enrolling children in school, supporting adults in learning English, securing employment, and more.

<https://episcopalmigrationministries.org/neighboroneighbor/>

Not something you're up for? Don't forget Capt. Sir Tom Moore, who as he approached his 100th birthday gained fame and affection by walking sponsored laps in his garden to raise funds for charity.



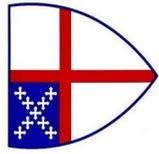
The British veteran of World War II became an international sensation last year when his modest offer to raise money for the U.K.'s National Health Service ultimately collected more than **\$40 million** in pledges. He did it by asking donors to sponsor walks he took in his garden in England.

## Outreach Ministries Funds — August 2022

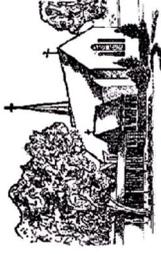
FUND	Beginning Balance	AUGUST DONATIONS	AUGUST EXPENDI- TURES	Aug 31, 2022 FUND BALANCE
Andy's Breakfast	\$ 631.60	\$ 497.20	\$ 220.52	\$ 908.28
EfM Tuition	343.00	0.00		343.00
Needle Arts	2,367.42	500.00	0.00	2,367.42
Pet Pantry	4,340.55	385.00	0.00	4,725.55
Rector's Outreach (Discretionary Fund)	10,117.99	1,789.20	4,885.72	7,021.47
Starting Line	1,549.74	0.00	40.91	1,508.83
Altar Fund	1,011.44	235.00	0.00	1,246.44
Unspecified Mission and Outreach	9,109.52	0.00	1,455.00	7,654.52
Choir Fund	357.79	0.00	0.00	357.79
Children's Choir	50.00	400.00	0.00	450.00
Youth Group	4,521.42	0.0	0.00	4,521.42
Scholarship Fund	8,765.00	400.00	0.00	9,165.00

### Income and Expense Report — August 2022

	<u>Aug 2022</u>	<u>Aug Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Ordinary Income:				
Plate Offerings	\$ 771.73	\$ 250.00	\$ 2,355.75	\$ 2,000.00
Current Pledges	10,276.00	12,500.00	87,893.98	99,946.00
Pre-Paid Pledges	0.00	0.00		0.00
Unpledged Contrib	2,860.00	2,920.00	13,791.00	23,320.00
Special Offerings *	73.00	0.00	381.00	0.00
Foundation Income	0.00	0.00	73,084.59	73,084.59
Altar Flowers	85.00	100.00	910.00	800.00
Other Income	0.00	167.00	785.00	1,332.00
<b>Income—Total</b>	<b>14,065.76</b>	<b>15,937.00</b>	<b>179,201.32</b>	<b>200,482.59</b>
Payroll Expenses	10,425.99	18,333.41	86,593.11	124,008.29
Other Expenses	12,528.32	8,596.00	88,809.48	84,999.00
Total Expenses	22,954.31	26,929.41	175,402.59	209,007.29
Net Ordinary Income	<b><u>\$ (8,778.58)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (10,992.41)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,598.57</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (5,554.70)</u></b>



# October 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2 Morning Prayer 10</b> Discretionary Fund Offering Children's Choir 11	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Tai Chi 4 pm	<b>5</b> Dinner 5 pm Choir Practice 6 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>Holy Eucharist 10 am</b> Blessing of Animal 2 pm Children's Choir 11	<b>10</b> Indigenous Peoples' Day <b>Columbus Day</b>	<b>11</b> Tai Chi 4 pm	<b>12</b> Dinner 5 pm Choir Practice 6 pm	<b>13</b> Dinner 5 pm Choir Practice 6 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16 Holy Eucharist 10</b> Study on Lord's Prayer following Service Children's Choir 11	<b>17</b> Women of St. Andrew's 9:30 am Advent Fest Prac. 6 pm Symphony Choir 7pm	<b>18</b> <b>Needle Arts 10 am</b> Tai Chi 4 pm	<b>19</b> Dinner 5 pm Choir Practice 6 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Daughters of the King 2 pm	<b>22</b>
<b>23 Holy Eucharist 10</b> Study on Lord's Prayer following Service Children's Choir 11	<b>24</b> Advent Fest Prac. 6 pm Symphony Choir 7pm	<b>27</b> Tai Chi 4 pm <b>Vestry 4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>26 Pet Pantry</b> Dinner 5 pm Choir Practice 6 pm	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>29</b> 
<b>30</b> <b>Holy Eucharist 10</b> Study on Lord's Prayer following Service Children's Choir 11	<b>31</b> Advent Fest Prac. 6 pm Symphony Choir 7pm	<b>Nov 1</b> Tai Chi 4 pm <b>All Saints Day</b>	<b>Nov 2</b> Dinner 5 pm Choir Practice 6 pm <b>All Souls Day</b>	<b>Nov 3</b>	<b>Nov 4</b> WORD deadline	<b>Nov 5</b> Andy's Breakfast Clean-up Crew 9:30

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## **Saint Andrew's Church**

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### **Sunday Services**

In-Person and Livestream

**10 am**

**Coffee Hour follows in the Parish Hall**

### **MASKS ARE OPTIONAL.**

Persons in high-risk categories are encouraged to stay home and join us on Facebook, live-stream or view it later

## PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS

LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT  
OF YOUR PEACE;  
WHERE THERE IS HATRED, LET ME SOW LOVE;  
WHERE THERE IS INJURY, PARDON;  
WHERE THERE IS DOUBT, FAITH;  
WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE;  
WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LIGHT;  
AND WHERE THERE IS SADNESS, JOY.

O DIVINE MASTER,  
GRANT THAT I MAY NOT SO MUCH SEEK  
TO BE CONSOLED AS TO CONSOLE;  
TO BE UNDERSTOOD AS TO UNDERSTAND;  
TO BE LOVED AS TO LOVE.  
FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE;  
IT IS IN PARDONING  
THAT WE ARE PARDONED;  
AND IT IS IN DYING  
THAT WE ARE BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE.



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