



# ST. ANDREW'S NEWS

January 1, 2016

My Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The ushering in of the **New Year is a traditional time** for taking stock of your life, finding yourself sorely lacking in one way or another, and **making impossible (and usually doomed) resolutions** to change throughout the year. But I'd like to suggest that New Year, which falls in the middle of Christmastide, is a time to reflect on the fact that God loved us so much he chose to become one of us - to share the joys, beauties, sorrows, and brokenness of our lives - and a **time for us to rejoice in our belovedness.**

The nature of **God's love for us can be very difficult to grasp**, because it is not based on any particular quality or accomplishment on our parts. God simply loves because it is God's nature to love. And, God's love for you is in no way whatsoever contingent upon your acceptance by others - whether church, or social group, society, or family members. **It does not depend on your success, talent, adherence to any laws, norms, or rules. You are simply beloved.**

Sadly, our **culture and society do so much to negate our belovedness in God.** We are inundated from all sides with messages and images that tell us that we need to do more, be more, want more. And, I would suggest that the majority of our "ills" come from trying to live up to values, standards, and expectations that have nothing to do with God's love. Inevitably we fail to live up to this overload of impossible expectations that come at us from all angles - from society, from those we admire and those we fear, even from church - and then fall into patterns of self-doubt and self-loathing. And **rejecting our selves is the greatest hindrance to the spiritual life because it contradicts God's voice that calls us "Beloved,"** which is the very nature of our being.

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## Calendar at a Glance

- Jan 7 Children's Clinic
- Jan 18 ECW at Sigrid Maitrejean's 11:00
- Jan 22 Deadline for Annual Reports
- Jan 24 Vestry
- Jan 31 One Sunday service 9:00am
- Jan 31 Potluck brunch 11:00am
- Jan 31 Annual Meeting 12:00 pm
- Feb 4 Children's Clinic
- Feb 9 Taco Tuesday/ A Nogales Mardi Gras
- Feb 10 Ash Wednesday. Services with ashes at 8:00am and 7:00pm and somewhere in the community—to be determined.
- Feb 23 Vestry 11:30am

### On-going

- Tuesdays:* Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist 6:30pm
- Wednesdays:* Men's Group, Nickel's Diner, Rio Rico 8:00am
- 2nd & 4th Saturdays:* Casa Blanca Chapel in Santa Cruz County Building in Sonoita



## Potluck Brunch at 10:00 Jan. 31

On January 31 there will be only one Sunday service at 9:00am.

At 10:00, following the service, we can enjoy food and fellowship at a Potluck Brunch. Please bring your favorite food to share. It will be a fun time for all!

Following the brunch the congregation will be together for our Annual Meeting. You will receive the annual reports from the organizations and activities. The budget will be presented, and the congregation will elect the people to fill vestry openings and to serve three-year terms.



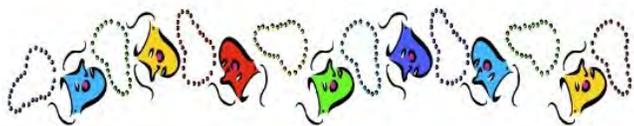
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You may ask, “But, doesn’t God want me to grow in faith and love? Didn’t Jesus command us to “love?” Absolutely, God has chosen you, his beloved, to be his love in the world. And, I believe when we spend less time worrying about living up to what we think God (or others) want us to be, and more time being still and knowing that God is God **and knowing and believing the love God has for us, then we are more free and eager to live into our belovedness.** As Henri Nouwen has put it, “Our deepest truth must be that we are God’s beloved. What reserve do we have to love, to give out of ourselves, if we first do not know that we are deeply and intimately loved?”

So, my beloved brothers and sisters, my New Year’s challenge to you is this - when the fog of holiday revelry has dissipated, resolve to engage yourself in the real “work” of prayer, which is to become silent and **listen to the voice that says good things about you**, the voice that speaks from deep within and whispers softly, **“You are my Beloved; on you my favor rests.”** It won’t be easy. You will find that there are many competing voices, all negating God’s affirmation. But, persist, and gently push aside and silence the voices that question your goodness and **trust that you will hear the voice of blessing.** Your hard work will pay off. And, as your understanding of God’s unqualified love for you increases, so will your gratitude and your **desire to live gladly into the life of the beloved into which God has called you.**

Peace and joy to you in the New Year!

Ernie +



### 3rd Annual Taco Mardi Gras and Salsa Expo on Feb. 9

Come to the St. Andrew’s version of Fat Tuesday where you will find tacos, beans, rice and salsa for only \$4 per person. The date is Feb 9; the hours from 5:30—7:30 in St. Mary’s Hall at St. Andrew’s. Families of 4 or more only \$15. Tickets are available at the church-or they can be purchased at the door. Call 520-281-1523 for information.



## Welcoming 2016

—Martha Zybko, Senior Warden

I am often tempted to stop listening to the news because of the heartbreaking stories that have no resolution.

Thinking about the past year, I am again grateful for St. Andrew’s—a community that reflects God’s love for us and His world. We have cared for each other and for people we do not know with simple generosity and faith. We are doers. We are my inspiration and a source of opti-



## Contribute Flowers for Altar

Now at the beginning of 2016, the Altar Guild would like to remind all parishioners of our policy about altar flowers. The Altar Guild purchases and arranges the flowers for the altar each week; we depend on donations from individual parishioners to do this. If you wish to donate flowers for a special day, please write your name on the flower chart in St. Mary’s Hall, and include what you wish to appear in the bulletin (in memory of, thanksgiving, etc.). The cost of the flowers is \$35; you may write a check, noting “altar flowers” on the memo line, and place the check in the offering plate, or send it to the church office. There are no flowers on the altar during Lent or Advent. We are most grateful for parishioners’ donations and a new year of flowers!

## Random Thoughts

—Barbara Laupmanis

- What can we offer God? Increasing awareness.
- Discussion and discord, the cacophony of day to day living, can become a symphony, if heard from the language of the heart.
- Kindness can be learned and grows with use.
- Parents become teachers, become students.
- If we are not able to change our minds, we are not able to change anything.
- Knowledge knows, but wisdom understands, it is better to be wise than smart.

*Barbara is a member of Daughters of the King, a group of women who pray daily.*

## St. Andrew's Children's Clinic concludes a successful year

—Vicki Fitzsimmons

The December Clinic had healing in the air as well as Christmas gifts for the children. Sandra Itzel, age 9, was fitted with a badly needed pair of shoes



by our pedorthist, the Reverend Deacon Michael Meyers, a volunteer from St. Michael & All Angels. She will probably go to Shriner's Hospital for tendon release in both legs; she walks only on her tiptoes. The shoes she had were not supportive at all and had holes in them. She and her mother were

thrilled with the new shoes, and we showed her mother how to help her daughter practice walking in them.

Special thanks to The White Elephant Thrift Store in Green Valley. We applied for a grant and received \$65,000 this year at the annual Distribution Day in December. We encourage everyone to shop at and donate to The White Elephant—it comes back to our clinic!



St. Andrew's Children's Clinic Director Laura Romero accepts the grant for the Children's Clinic given this year by the White Elephant.

Several area individuals and groups, some of whom have been coming for years, brought gifts to the children. You may have seen photos of the children with their gifts in either the *Nogales International* or *Green Valley News and Sun*. Also in December, both newspapers ran the fantastic story that Dan Shearer wrote about our annual cleft palate/cleft lip mission in Hermosillo. If you missed it, it is posted in St. Mary's Hall along



with the Christmas photos. Or, you can go to our web site and find it under the **Articles** button on the main menu: [www.standrewsclinic.org](http://www.standrewsclinic.org)

Thanks to Lou Clapper and Richard DeLong who hosted the great *Wine and Cheese Among the Trees* event with proceeds going to St. Andrew's Children's Clinic. The



event raised \$8,000 which will go a long way in providing healing for our patients

The St. Andrew's Children's Clinic is held the first Thursday of each month, except in July. (Because the first Thursday fell on New Year's Eve this year, the January Clinic will be on January 7.)

If you have never been to one of our monthly clinics, please call The Clinic business office or e-mail to schedule a tour: 648-3242; or [office@standrewsclinic.org](mailto:office@standrewsclinic.org). If you would like to volunteer, please speak with Jim or Vicki Fitzsimmons or call/e-mail The Clinic office.

## Lift High the Cross, once again.



On November 29, St. Andrew's Day, the congregation and clergy blessed the new cross above our church. The old, rugged cross was taken down several years ago. With the generous donation of several church families we were able to once again have a cross above our church, a symbol visible from both the interstate highway and Grand Avenue, letting people know where we are located.



Neil Parker, Rodger Babnew, Luis Olsted and Ismael Tadeo helped raise the cross and secure it in the tower.

*Our Vision: St. Andrew's strives to be the face of Christ within our walls and beyond our doors.*

Fr. Ernie led the blessing service with the congregation in attendance on this beautiful morning.



## Fr. Derwent honored for 60 years in the priesthood

During the Christmas eve service church staff and officers laid their hands on Fr. Derwent in thanks and with prayers for him in celebration of this 60 years in the priesthood. Following the service a reception was held so that all the congregation could wish him health, happiness and continued service to God.



## Birthdays



January	February
7 JZ Smith	8 Cynthia Bustamante
9 Zach Taylor	2 Richard Messick
10 Jim Lee	14 Richard Delong
11 Deborah Tollefson	26 Suzette Smith
14 Iselia Tadeo	27 Sally Hanson
16 Helga Boggess	29 Elizabeth Campbell
16 Sara Cobb	
16 John Maynard	
17 Hattie Wilson	
20 Karla Hernandez	
20 Andi Privette	
23 Ted Wingfield	
28 Ronnie Tadeo	
30 Pat Robinson	

**Annual Reports from church officers and staff are due on January 22 in Word or simple text.**

## November Financial Report

—Kate Endersbe, Treasurer

<i>INCOME</i>		<i>EXPENSES</i>	
Plate Offerings	\$251.75	Fund Raisers	\$3,108.62
Building Use Donations	\$1,110.00	Loan Payment	\$455.60
Fund Raisers	\$4,737.57	Salaries & Benefits	\$11,306.68
Pledge Support	\$13,078.00	Outreach Expense	\$2,287.02
Investment Support	\$1.44	Music & Worship	\$360.18
Weekly Offerings not pledged	\$1,217.00	Education Expense	\$00.00
Contributions	\$10,456.00	Administration	\$934.27
Altar Guild	\$70.00	Premises Expenses	\$1,331.56
Outreach Designated Income	\$515.12		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$31,436.88</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$19,783.93</b>

## ROTA or (Schedule of Service Participants)

Date	8:00 Lay Reader	8:00 Healing Team	10: Chalice Bearer	10 Lay Reader	10 Healing Team
Jan 3	T. Brown	L. Clapper	D. Moehlman	K. Endersbe	Rev. J. Lee
Jan 10	R. Brown	K. Rodes	J. Moehlman	P. Parkinson	S. Ferreira
Jan 17	K. Rodes		J. Lee	M. Friedmann	D. Moehlman
Jan 24	L. Clapper	K. Rodes	R. Babnew	A. Jehle	P. Ferreira
Jan 31			I. Tadeo	M. Hedges	Sara Cobb
Feb 7	T. Brown	L. Clapper	D. Moehlman	Jack Ross	Rev. J. Lee
Feb 10				E. Campbell	
Feb 14	R. Brown	K. Rodes	J. Moehlman	K. Endersbe	S. Ferreira
Feb 21	K. Rodes	L. Clapper	J. Lee	M. Friedmann	D. Moehlman
Feb 28	L. Clapper	K. Rodes	R. Babnew	A. Jehle	P. Ferreira

Date	Coffee Hour Hosts	Ushers	Counters
Jan 3	John & Jessica Oliver	Kate Hutson & Kenn Briggs	Ken Briggs
Jan 10	Martha Zybko & Christine Courtland	Miriam Berke and Marilyn Hedges	Lou Clapper
Jan 17	Katie Tadeo & Jean Moehlman	Martha Zybko and Jim Lee	Jack & Jean Ross
Jan 24	Pattie Oliver	Lindsey and Brian Young	Karen Sykes
Jan 31	Annual Meeting Potluck	Jean and Jack Ross	Suzette Smith
Feb 7	Karen Sykes & Mary Ley	Kate Hutson & Kenn Briggs	Ken Briggs
Feb 14	Anne Jehle and Marilyn Hedges	Jean and Jack Ross	Jack & Jean Ross
Feb 21	<i>Needs volunteers</i>	Martha Zybko and Jim Lee	Lou Clapper
Feb 28	Lindsey & Brian Young	Miriam Berke and Marilyn Hedges	Karen Sykes

Note: The Casa Blanca Chapel meets in the Community Room in the Santa Cruz County Building in Sonoita at 10:00am on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

### Readers at Casa Blanca Chapel

Jan 9	Dorothy Sturges
Jan 23	Karol Koon
Feb 13	Jo Dean
Feb 27	Dorothy Sturges

### Coffee Hour Coordinator needed

Would you like to coordinate our coffee hour for just a year?

Call Jean Ross for information. (520-990-3967)

Reminders: Turn on the hot water on the dishwasher when you arrive so you'll have hot water when needed. Please clean up the kitchen; empty dishwasher after the last load; dry and put away dishes in the drainer.

## Noticias Breves en español



7 de enero— Clínica para Niños de San Andrés-todo el día

19 de enero-Grupo de Mujeres(ECW) en las casa de Sigrid Maitrejean 11:00am

24 de enero-Reunión del Vestry (la junta directiva a las 11:30am)

31de enero-Reunion anuario de los miembros de las congregación después del servicio de las 9:00 y un almuerzo estil 'potluck'

4 de febrero-Clínica para Niños de San Andrés-todo el día

9 de febrero-Cena de Tacos "Mardi Gras"

10 de febrero-Miercoles de Ceniza, misa a 8:00am y 7:00pm Cenizas para llevar —el lugar que se determiná

21 de febrero-Reunión del Vestry (la junta directiva a las 11:30am)

### Que continua

Miércoles: Grupo de hombres, Nickel's Diner, Rio Rico, 8:00am

Martes: Vespertina y Santa Eucaristía 6:30pm

Segundo y cuarto sábado del mes: Capilla Casa Blanca,

## Coordinators of Lay Ministries

Contact the coordinator if you are assigned, are unable to complete the responsibility and can find no substitute. If you are trading dates with someone, please call the church office so that the bulletin can be printed correctly.

Lay Readers/Chalice Bearers: Jim Fitzsimmons (520-625-4341).

Healing Team: Sara Cobb (520-394-2721).

Counters: Jim Lee (602-318-5992).

Ushers: Marilyn Hedges (520-399-0477).

## Newsletter and Internet Submissions

Newsletter and internet submissions are appreciated. Your material can be published in our print newsletter and digitally on Facebook or our website. Photos of church activities are always welcome.

The next newsletter deadline is February 22. Please submit your articles as Word documents, if possible. Email your submissions to editor Sally Lockwood at [slockwood584@gmail.com](mailto:slockwood584@gmail.com) and to the church office at [standrews@standrewsaz.com](mailto:standrews@standrewsaz.com).

## How to donate food for our Food Banks

In the narthex of the church, just to the right of the front door as you enter, there is a collection basket for food to be donated to a food bank here in Nogales. When the food is collected monthly, we will receive a report indicating the number of pounds of food we have donated. This is another way that you can help to care for our neighbors.

**INVEST IN ST. ANDREWS**  
**Donate to the Endowment Fund**  
A reminder from Louis Clapper,  
Endowment Fund Chairman

## Church Office Hours and Emergency Contacts

Office Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9:00-12:00pm

Fr. Ernie's hours: Tuesdays—Thursdays 9:00-1:00 and by appointment.

Office Phone: 520-281-1523, FAX: 520-281-1592

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Please note these emergency telephone numbers:

Fr. Ernie Galaz: 520-909-4169

Martha Zybko, Sr. Warden: 520-394-0183

## More recent events in Review



*Fr. Pat and Sigrid Maitrejean staffing booth at Tumacacori Festival.*



*Michael DeMik pipes in the service for St. Andrew's Day.*



*Sunday School cast for the Christmas pageant.*



*Parking lot repair*



*Santa comes to the Preschool.*