



# ST. ANDREW'S NEWS

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As Lent comes to a close and we prepare for Easter celebrations, I'd like us to focus on the great gift of God in Christ Jesus - he came into the world to affirm our humanity, in fact to elevate our existence, and remind us that it is to a divine purpose that we are born. And, the entirety of the Gospel message is this -

Be not afraid

You are Beloved of God

Nothing can separate you from God (not even death)

Receive this gift and go out and live it!

It is a message of comfort, of joy, of hope, and a message of empowerment. And we need such a message, we need to be reminded that the world is good, that God is good, that we are good, and that our job is to engage the world in love. Life is difficult, and it is very easy to be mired in anger, disillusionment, and fear, preventing us from living out the Gospel message. Lent is the time to employ spiritual tools to help unburden us so we can receive God's message of comfort, hope, joy, and empowerment, so, we may be free to engage with the world, to be God's love in the world.

As we enter into the Easter mystery, let us remember that the Resurrection is not just an event, it is a way of life. We are called to live as Easter people.

Here is an excerpt from *Immortal Diamond* by Richard Rohr that gives examples of ways that we can live resurrection, daily, now:

## 12 Ways to Practice Resurrection Now

1. Negativity: Refuse to identify with negative, blaming, antagonistic, or fearful thoughts (you cannot stop "having" them).
2. I'm Sorry: Apologize when you hurt another person or situation.

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## Calendar at a Glance

Apr 1-Work morning 8:00am

Apr 6 Children's Clinic

Apr 9 PALM SUNDAY

Apr 9 Vestry Meeting 11:45am

Apr 13 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00pm

Apr 14 GOOD FRIDAY Service 12:00 pm

1:00pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Good Friday Service

Apr 15-Easter preparation 8:00am

Apr 15-GREAT VIGIL Sonoita 6:45pm

Apr 16 EASTER 6:00am & 10:00am Potluck

Easter Luncheon

Apr 23-UTO ingathering

May 4 Children's Clinic

May 20 ECW, Home of Sally Lockwood  
11:00am

May 21 Vestry Meeting 11:45

June 25 Vestry Meeting 11:45

## On-going

*Tuesdays:* Evening meal, Faith Formation and Eucharist, 6:00pm

*Beginning again in May* Eucharist and Bible Study at Messick's in Tubac 1:00am

*2nd & 4th Saturdays:* Casa Blanca Chapel in

Note for men: The Men's Breakfasts on Wednesdays have been discontinued.

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

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3. The Power of Positivity: Undo your mistakes by some positive action toward the offended person or situation.
4. Lies: Do not indulge or believe your False Self—that which is concocted by your mind and society's expectations.
5. Your Relationship with God: Choose your True Self—your radical union with God—as often as possible throughout the day.
6. Look Within: Always seek to change yourself before trying to change others.
7. Do For Others: Choose as much as possible to serve rather than be served.
8. Good: Whenever possible, seek the common good over your mere private good.
9. Look After Others: Give preference to those in pain, excluded, or disabled in any way.
10. Justice: Seek just systems and policies over mere charity.
11. Your Voice: Make sure your medium is the same as your message.
12. L-O-V-E: Never doubt that it is all about love in the end.\*

In the Resurrection Life,

Ernie+

\*Richard Rohr, *Immortal Diamond: The Search for Our True Self* (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2013), pp. 211-212.

### Save the Date:

*Ordination of The Reverend Deacon Rodger Babnew*

*June 10 at 10:00am at Trinity Cathedral*

*114 W. Roosevelt St., Phoenix*

*There will be a bus for transportation.*

*More details to follow.*

## Newly elected and returning vestry members hold retreat

Fr. Galaz led the vestry in discussions and planning at the annual retreat March 18 at the church. He welcomed and oriented new members and reviewed vestry responsibilities and roles. Work sessions in the morning and afternoon, lunch in the ramada and eucharist in the chapel filled the schedule.

Vestry members serve for 3 years, called classes, Members of the class of 2017 are Brian Young, Jean Ross, Karen Sykes and Dorothy Sturges; Class of 2018: Chuck Gruneisen, Jean Moehlman, Katie Tadeo and Clair Danielson; Class of 2019: Miriam Berke, Pat Robinson and Albert Wascher. Senior Warden is Sally Lockwood; Junior Warden is Ismael Tadeo.

Photos of the vestry will soon be posted. If you have concerns about the church, go to Fr. Galaz or one of the vestry members.



## Church on Sundays is good; but find more ways to get involved

We are in a transition with this issue of the newsletter. I am now serving as the Senior Warden. It would be really great if someone in the congregation would like to edit our newsletter. I will help get him or her started. It is fun if you enjoy desktop publishing, and you will meet people and be on the inside of what is happening in the church.

But with Ernie's e-blast, up-to-date news is going out weekly. As members of the congregation that is your best way to keep informed. Perhaps more help is needed for some of you to be able to read that weekly news. Call the office (520-281-1523) and tell the person or machine that you would like help with getting the computer newsletter and leave your phone number. I will call you and try to help with the problem.

This newsletter will focus on what we have done in the past few weeks. A group went to visit Café Justo in Mexico where our coffee is roasted. The women of the church had a retreat at the church on March 4. We had a Tuesday Taco party for Mardi Gras with the desserts benefiting the summer Camp Fund for our kids. On Ash Wednesday there were two services at church and ashes were administered at Garrett's parking lot in Rio Rico over the lunch hour. The vestry held its annual retreat on Saturday, March 18. And now, if we look ahead Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter will be here soon. This newsletter will cover those events are more.

There are on-going opportunities for Spiritual Formation with a Tuesday evening group which meets for a light supper, discussion and Eucharist. On Thursday morning a group meets in Tubac for Bible Study and Eucharist.

I hope you have been able to take part in some of these events. Consider joining one of the on-going groups, come to the Holy Week services and find a way to become more involved at St. Andrew's. There is a lot going on.

*The mission of St. Andrew's Nogales is to provide a place of shared faith and a warm, accepting church family of all ages, living out Christ's ministry.*



## Healing Meals and other service opportunities

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10*

Here's a chance to work with others who like to cook or would like to assist others in the congregation. And here's a service the ECW (but it does not have to be only the women) offers to our St. Andrew's family. If someone is unable to prepare meals or shop or get to an appointment, we would like to help. We can deliver a meal or bring groceries or take people where they need to go.

But we need to know who needs such services. Call the church office if you have such needs.

Would you like to help make casseroles some morning? Call Sally Lockwood (520-820-5101) and tell her you would be interested. Then we can work out a time when as many as possible can get together to do this one-time cooking event.

## “Hello & Welcome to St. Andrew’s”

*I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Matthew 25:35*

**ANNOUNCING** a new group at St. Andrew's that has been meeting over the past few months to discern a process for welcoming visitors, integrating new members into our parish life and offering ways to deepen faith.

We've talked with Marilyn Hedges (ushers) Sara Cobb (DOK) and Fr. Ernie to establish what our process should be for welcoming visitors – who does it, when and how. However, the hardest part of welcoming is not “at the door”. So we are looking at ways to integrate new people into our parish life and establishing ways for them to grow in their faith.

**And that's where you fit in!** We are asking for volunteers to join Sally Lockwood, Fr. Pat Maitrjean and Jean Ross to help brain storm and try out events and ideas to keep us active in our faith. So prayerfully consider joining us; talk with anyone of us and look for an announcement for the next meeting date.

At our last meeting we began plans for an Outdoor Party in the Park this summer. Fr. Pat is planning a Movie Night during the fall where we will be entertained following a light meal provided by Jean and Sally. Fr. Ernie and Elizabeth are hosting their October Open House.

Hope you will join us, your thoughts and ideas are appreciated, especially newer members who just experienced coming to St. Andrew's.

***We Embrace the other, Listen to their stories, Come together, Overcome our fears, Minister to one another and Energize each other.***

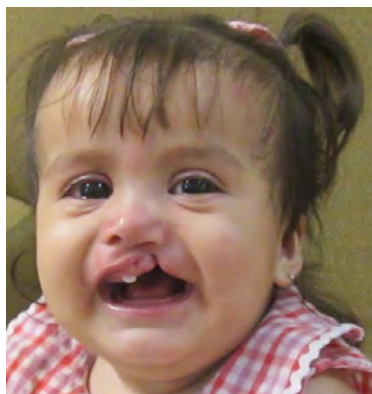
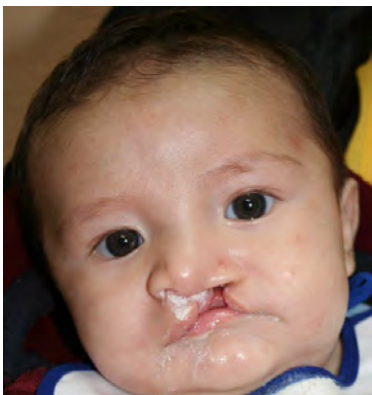
## St. Andrew's Children's Clinic

—Vicki Fitzsimmons

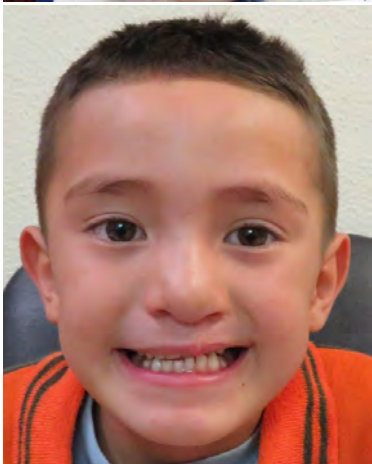
What do Iker, Javier, Kylie, Ivon, Maily, Sebastian, Gael, Axel, Luis, and Abel have in common? They are all “stars” in the new Clinic slide show about the Annual Cleft Palate/Cleft Lip Mission in Hermosillo last October. They each have a cleft lip and/or cleft palate. The slide show features photos of each before surgery and after surgery and in some cases a few years later. You will be amazed at the differences in the children. You can only imagine the difference in their lives that these surgeries make.

See the 4-minute slide show featuring these children and the ones listed above at the web site for St. Andrew's Children's Clinic: [www.standrewsclinic.org](http://www.standrewsclinic.org). Learn about the three partners involved in the Mission and what their roles are. The Clinic Executive Director, Laura Romero, is available to speak with groups about the Mission or the Clinic in general. You can contact her at: [ed@standrewsclinic.org](mailto:ed@standrewsclinic.org) or call the Business Office at: 648-3242.

Included here are photos of Javier and Maily. They both were born with cleft lip and cleft palate. Javier was several months old before surgery. Note the milk running out of his nose; these babies cannot suck like normal babies. This is why the Clinic provides special bottles and nipples to the mothers. In the other photo, he is age 5.



*Maily is 10 months in the first photo and 1 year, 11 months in the second*



## ECW plans May meeting

—Marilyn Hedges, ECW Coordinator

Our May ECW meeting is at Sally Lockwood's home on Saturday May 20th at 11:00 AM. Please bring a small salad to share with everyone. Drinks, bread, and dessert will be provided. Directions to Sally's house will be sent out with a meeting reminder and agenda on Mon. May 15.



We haven't met for a few months so there will be a lot to discuss again such as finances, Ministry reports, and planning our June, July, and August luncheons. At our last meeting in Feb., we started to discuss during lunch some fun things we could do in the community to possibly raise some funds for our outreach programs. The more ideas we have to choose from the better.

We welcome all St. Andrew's and Casa Blanca women to all of our meetings and hope you will share your special interests/ministry with all the other women.

See you on Sat., May 20th.

## New Directory has contacts for ministries

If you haven't already gotten your new directory, you should do so as soon as possible. On the inside cover is a listing of the clergy, vestry, staff and volunteers and how to contact them. On the inside of the back cover is a list of 33 ministries that are currently happening at St. Andrew's. The line is blank for who is delivering our canned food to the food bank. That is an easy, once a month kind of job. Would you be willing to help deliver food?

If there is something that you think should be happening, and you would like to do it or get a group together to do it, let Fr. Galaz or someone else know. Maybe it really needs to be done and someone can help. You will have more fun and be more inspired if you are involved.

## Taco Mardi Gras was fun for everyone!



*Judith and Lada preparing the tacos.*

This was the 3rd Taco Mardi Gras party, but with a change this year. The children sold the desserts to help defray summer camp costs.

Again for only \$4 per person we served tacos, beans, rice, salsa and beverage. 85 people enjoyed the food and camaraderie. A special thanks should go to Rosalva Alatorre, who prepared the delicious meat, rice and beans and to David Moehlman who made the salsa. The event this year was sponsored by the ECW and the men of the church.



*Fr. Pat, Dan and Raymond serving the food.*



*There was enough left over to serve the coffee hour the following Sunday.*



*Lou and Richard added the festive decorations.*



### Ashes at Garrett's

Lenten Ashes were distributed at services at 8:00am with Fr. Suthers and at 7:00pm with Fr. Maitrejean. From noon until about 2:00 Fr. Maitrejean and Roger Babnew distributed ashes at Garrett's picnic area in Rio Rico. About 280 people received ashes there. They even made one home call for a person who asked for ashes for someone homebound.

### Where does our coffee come from?



This building in Agua Prieta, Mexico, just across from Douglas, AZ, houses the roasting facility for Café Justo, the Mexican coop that we support by drinking and selling their coffee. The coffee is grown in Chiapas, shipped to the border where it is roasted and then trucked across the border to be shipped throughout the U.S.

On February 21 seven of us drove to Douglas and met Adrian Gonzales of Café Justo. He took us across the border in his van, we ate lunch at a great restaurant and then toured the facility.

### Casa Blanca Chapel invites you to come.

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. Though most of the congregation live in Sonoita, Elgin and Patagonia, we are all invited to worship with them.

Below is a schedule for their lay readers.

Apr 8	Dorothy Sturges
Apr 22	Karol Koon
May 13	Jo Dean
May 27	Dorothy Sturges
June 10	Karol Koon
June 24	Jo Dean
July 8	Dorothy Sturges
July 22	Karol Koon



## Noticias Breves en español



6 de abril-Clínica para Niños-todo el día  
9 de abril-Domingo de Ramos 8:00am y 10:00am  
13 de abril-Jueves Santo 7:00pm  
14 de abril-Servicio de Viernes Santo 12:00pm & 7:00pm,  
Via Cruces 1:00pm  
16 de abril-Domingo de Pascua  
Santa Eucaristía a la salida del sol 6:00am  
Misa para la familia 10:00am (almuerzo estilo  
'potluck')  
4 de mayo-Clínica para Niños-todo el día  
20 de mayo-Grupo de Mujeres (ECW) 11:00am. Casa de  
Sally Lockwood  
**Que continua**  
*Martes:* Vespertina y Santa Eucaristía 6:00pm  
*Segundo y curarto sábado del mes:* Capilla Casa Blanca, en el  
edificio del condado de Santa Cruz, Sonoita, 10:00am

## 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 and Office Volunteers: Elizabeth Campbell (520-909-4175).

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

Coffee Hours: Martha Zybko (520-394-0183) or Karin Rodes (520-841-2448).

## What happened to the Rota and birthday list?

Because the newsletter is going out less frequently, the method of communicating birthdays and the schedule for service participation and coffee hours had to change. They are now available as links for the e-blast and on our website. You can download and print them for reference.

## 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. This is another way that you can help to care for our neighbors. Thanks to Art Whipple who has accepted the responsibility of taking the food to the food bank.

## How to help with Coffee Hour

Choice dates are still available for next year to host a Coffee Hour. Contact Karin Rodes 520-841-2448, [khrodes@gmail.com](mailto:khrodes@gmail.com) or Martha Zybko 520-398-0183 [mzipcode@yahoo.com](mailto:mzipcode@yahoo.com) more information.

## Church Office Hours and Emergency Contacts

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

**Fr. Ernie's hours: Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 9:00am-12:00pm and by appointment.**

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Please note these emergency telephone numbers:

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Sally Lockwood, Sr. Warden: 520-820-5101

Ismael Tadeo, Jr. Warden: 520-988-5478



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A Mexican artist has decorated the wall between the US and Mexico in Agua Prieta with this painting.

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