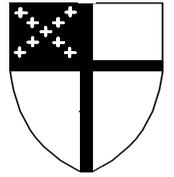




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## Snack items for the Backpack Program

By [Bernie Frey](#), Outreach Chair

The picture above shows the items that were delivered to the First Baptist Church for the backpack program on Monday, Mar. 7. You can see the sticky notes on each item that says 'St. Francis.' The coordinator asked me to identify what we are contributing so she knows where donations come from.

The coordinator of the program told me that she appreciates all that we do. Last week 30 packages were delivered to local schools.

Again, thanks to everyone who provides these items as there is a never ending need. Our local schools have 75% of the students receiving either free or reduced meals, it is obvious that we need to continue doing all we can to support this vital program. As a suggestion, if you shop at Costco or Sam's Club, they have snack items in larger quantity boxes.



## Annual Honduras Night

**Manos de Dios Scholarship Fundraising**  
at **Beto's, Comida Latina**  
(8142 Broadway St., San Antonio)  
**Thursday, Apr. 28**  
Stay tuned for more details...

[Patricia Perea](#)

## CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk 2016

By [Bernie Frey](#), Outreach Chair

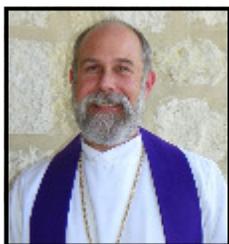
St. Francis was well represented on Saturday, Mar. 12, at the 2016 CROP Walk. The day was perfect for walking with crisp temps, little wind, and no rain. Those participating were Larry Bosenbark, Bruno Torres, Tom and Maury Meyer, Patricia Perea, Susie Durchholz along with her Collies- Joy and Rhett, Fr. Jerry and Martha Sneary, Ray Ferguson, Tamara Huneau, and Bella Huneau.

Bruno Torres and Bella Huneau got tattoos to remember the event.

In addition to the walkers, thanks to all who have donated for the CROP walk event.



(L to R): Bernie Frey, Tom and Maury Meyer, Martha and Fr. Jerry Sneary, Bruno Torres, Patricia Perea, and Susie Durchholz walked the CROP Walk on Mar. 12. Susie brought her dogs Joy and Rhett along for the walk.



**Beloved,**

At Easter we discover the True Answer to the Eternal Questions and Issues that

plague us.

The fears, the doubts, and our problems are all connected. And they are connected to us by one link.

Death. Death is the first link. It is ancestral rather than original. It is inherited, not in our DNA.

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***“...in the Resurrection, Christ Jesus, the Messiah, has destroyed Death.”***

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To that first link, our circumstances, history, culture, and context have contributed to form a chain. The long chain we wear has been being forged since our conception. But it is not us nor does it define us. But it affects us profoundly. This is our lot in life. But we need not despair. God loves us. And when obedience and pleas failed, love won. At Easter, the Resurrection has solved the arch problem of our existence.

The distilled and concentrated answer is this: in the Resurrection, Christ Jesus, the Messiah, has destroyed Death.

Jesus Christ has dissolved that first link, death, which every human being is born with.

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***“Love has set us free to love. That is the image and likeness in which we were created.”***

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And so we are free. We are free to let go of whatever binds us.

We are no longer in bondage to anything.

Because the link that binds all our sins, and even our sinfulness, to us is destroyed.

Love has set us free to love. That is the image and likeness in which we were created.

And love is the likeness which we are to manifest to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

In Christ’s amazing love,  
Fr. David

**Upcoming events:**

**May 12-15, 2016:** Cursillo weekend #272 at Mustang Island Conference Center, The rector is Denise Powers from St. Luke’s, San Antonio, and the spiritual director is The Rev. Carol Morehead, St. Mark’s, San Antonio.



**Oct. 6-9, 2016:** Cursillo weekend #273 at Mustang Island Conference Center.

**Nov. 3-6, 2016:** Cursillo weekend #274 at Camp Capers.



Several individuals attending the Quiet Day on Saturday, Mar. 5, enjoyed lunch outside on the church grounds.



## Treasurer's report

By [Micheline Ellas](#)  
Email:  
[treasure@gvtc.com](mailto:treasure@gvtc.com)

Financial activities through the first two months of 2016 continue to show mixed results in the management of expected revenues and expenditures. As previously reported in the January Franciscan, the Vestry approved a 2016 budget which reflected needs in excess of expected revenues of \$47,085. The February 2016 month-end actual revenues exceeded the budgeted projection by \$6,586; but was 30% less than in the same period in 2015. Year-to-Date revenues of \$49,975 exceeded the budget by \$3,913; but was 11% less than in the same period in 2015. The February 2016 month-end expenditures of \$36,259 exceeded budgeted projections by \$8,187 and were 66% greater than the same period in 2015. Year-to-Date expenditures of \$87,332 exceeded the budgeted projection by \$28,561; and were also 13% greater than in the same period in 2015.

Activities to help manage our expenses are underway. As previously reported, certain St. Francis bank accounts were closed with the balances consolidated into the Church's interest bearing accounts at Prosperity Bank in order to take advantage of a more favorable interest rate environment. Since then, an additional internet based bank account was opened in order to take advantage of a substantial improvement in the interest rate environment. Cash assets at Prosperity Bank and Security State are being managed much more tightly as targeted balances are in place and requests for checks will be processed

by close of business only on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week.

Our available **Funds** as of February 29, 2016:

General Operating:	\$ 64,194
Debt Retirement:	\$ 11,157
Building (New Bldg.):	\$ 36,710

Our **Debts** as of February 29, 2016:

Crump Note:	\$ 50,000
Rectory Note:	\$ 11,866



## Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

By [Valeska McHugh](#),  
ECW President

The ECW met on Mar. 10 at the home of Judy and Paul McClendon for our meeting and birthday celebrations.

The 2016/2017 nominations was opened from the floor to anyone wanting to add their name to the slate of officers, as presented in the handouts. The nominees were then submitted and voted on by ECW members. The new set of officers are: President: Betty Morris; Vice President: Lin Boudreau; Recording Secretary: Tricia Jones; Corresponding Secretary: Mary K. Chitenden; Treasurer: Lynda Leadford; and Chaplain/Devotions: Lynn Zimmerman.

A wonderful time of warm-hearted sharing was contributed by each member. We all shared insight into our lives and families. It is through knowledge that we grow in love.

Our next meeting will be held at the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas. The Rt. Rev. Gary Lillibridge

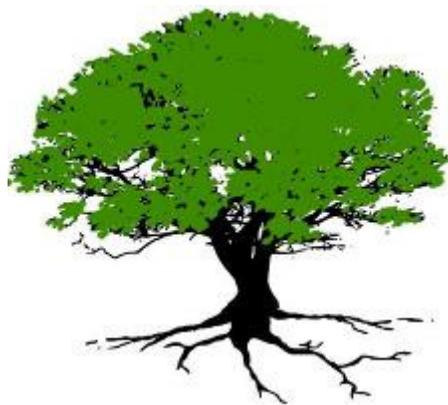
will start our visit. We will meet at St. Francis at 8:15 a.m. to carpool to the Diocese by 10:00 a.m. If you drive yourself, please be there by 9:45 a.m. Please bring a sack lunch. Our lunch will be enjoyed on the grounds.

Live Simply! Love Generously!  
Care Deeply! Speak Kindly!

## Spring Women's Gathering at Camp Capers

*Weekly Enews* from The Episcopal Diocese of West Texas

The annual Spring Women's Gathering will be held at Camp Capers, Friday-Sunday, Apr. 15-17. This year's topic is "Here I Am." Over this weekend we will explore our individual gifts as Paul presents them in *Romans 12:6-8*. We'll look at our strengths and weaknesses, talk about the place of God's grace and guidance, discern how to listen for God's call, and consider the role of others in discovering our gifts. There will be plenty of time for rest and reflection as well as good fellowship among godly women who are also listening for the voice of God in their lives. The weekend begins with dinner Friday night and concludes after Eucharist Sunday morning. For more information, go to the website below. To register, follow the link. Also, view the flyer on page 6. Links for the flyer information are [www.dwtx.org/calendar-events](http://www.dwtx.org/calendar-events), [www.dwtx.org/departments/womens-ministries/womens-events/](http://www.dwtx.org/departments/womens-ministries/womens-events/), and for more information, contact Marjorie George at [marjorie.george@dwtx.org](mailto:marjorie.george@dwtx.org).



# Recovery Ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas

## 107th Spiritual Retreat in Recovery

Sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas

Led by the Rev. Jonathan Wickham and Greg Richards

Apr. 29 - May 1, 2016

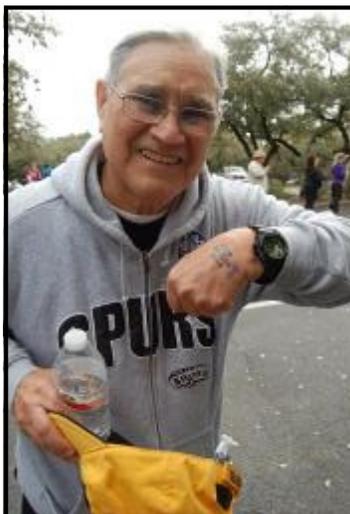
Camp Capers  
418 FM 1621

Waring, TX 78074

Please register by Apr. 15. *Online registration is now open.* Visit [www.dwtx.org/recovery](http://www.dwtx.org/recovery). Registration will close on Friday, Apr. 15.

Cost for the retreat is \$145 per person in a cabin or \$195 per person in the lodge, and the fee needs to be paid for registration to be complete. There are some scholarship funds available.

For more information, please contact *Recovery Ministries* at (210) 446-6932 or [dwtxsrr@gmail.com](mailto:dwtxsrr@gmail.com).



Bruno Torres



Bella Huneau

Bruno and Bella show off their temporary CROP Walk tattoos.



Larry Bosenbark



## Needs for CRRC food pantry

Our local food pantry continues to be in need of the following items:

- soups,
- plastic grocery bags,
- laundry detergent,
- shampoo,
- shower gels,
- dish soap, and
- hand soap.

*All contributions are appreciated.*

## What's happening

### Daughters of the King (DOK)

will meet in the parish hall on Apr. 20 at 12:30 p.m. after the Wednesday Eucharist. Remember to bring your sack lunch.

### Episcopal Church Women

(ECW) will meet at St. Francis at 8:15 a.m. on Apr. 14, to carpool to the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas in San Antonio. Remember to bring your sack lunch.

**Scripture Study Group** is an informal study that meets at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays in the parish hall, followed by Eucharist.

**Vestry Meeting** - 2nd Sunday (Apr. 10) at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

**Adult Sunday School** meets Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the parish hall.

**Youth Sunday School** meets Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the youth room (last room in the portables.) Topics explored are related to the Gospel reading and how they relate to each of our lives.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets at 10:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month. The meeting is canceled for the month of April due to the *Women's Gathering* take place on the third weekend in April.

**Evening Study Class** meets at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the parish hall.

**Scrapbook and Craft Night** meet Fridays, Apr. 8 and 22, at Linda Hillin's home at 6:00 p.m.

**St. Jude's Ranch** - We celebrate the Eucharist with the children on first Sundays of the month at 6:00 p.m. in Bulverde.

**Al-Anon** meets every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in Jones Hall. (See flyer attached to the kiosk in the Narthex.)

**Circle of Care** meets every third Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m.



## Blue Box Sunday is coming - May 8.

## April birthdays

Lynda McNab	4/2
Lynda Leadford	4/6
Isabella Villarreal	4/8
George Bauslaugh	4/10
John Rose	4/10
Keith Lewis	4/17
Aidan Rodgers	4/17
Helen Stackhouse	4/18
Burnham Jones	4/20
Connie Graham	4/21
Riley Mitchell	4/22
John McBride	4/24
Hanna White	4/25
Larry Bosenbark	4/27
Brian Benham	4/29

## April anniversaries

Dave and Diane LaCombe	4/13
Chuck and Azile Davenport	4/24

## Mark your calendars

**Apr. 3** - St. Francis visitation with Bishop Gary Lillibridge

**Apr. 9** - 9:00 a.m. - Highway Cleanup

**May 8** - Mother's Day

**May 8** - ECW Officers installation at the 10:30 a.m. service

**May 8** - United Thank Offering

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## CRRC (Canyon Lake Resource and Recreation Center) food donation

By [Bernie Frey](#), Outreach Chair

Once again, parishioners came through in a big way with food donations to the CRRC Food Bank. These items were given plus an abundance of plastic bags which they can always use. On behalf of those who depend on the food bank for their next meals, a BIG THANK YOU!!!

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## The annual diocesan Nails and Prayers Men's retreat

*Weekly Enews* from The Episcopal Diocese of West Texas

The annual *Nails and Prayers* men's retreat will be held at Camp Capers on Friday through Sunday, Apr. 22-24. The retreat will be led by the Rev. Jay George, and is open to all men over 18.

Weekend projects will focus on sprucing up Camp Capers for the busy summer season, and may include painting, cleaning, landscaping, etc. The weekend cost is \$75 per person. [Register online](#). Questions? Contact Camp Capers at [camp.capers@dwtx.org](mailto:camp.capers@dwtx.org) or (830) 995-3966, ext. 10.

## Flyer from The Diocese of West Texas for April's Women's Gathering

*Here am I*

**The Spring 2016 Women's Gathering**  
 April 15-17  
 at Camp Capers  
 in Waring, Texas

What are you doing when you feel the most fulfilled? That's probably when you are using your God-given skills, talents, and abilities.

Over this weekend we will explore how God calls each of us by looking at the gifts Paul presents in **Romans 12:6-8**. \* We'll talk about the place of **God's grace and guidance**, discern how to **listen for God's call**, and consider **the role of others** in discovering our motivational gifts.

There will be plenty of time for rest and reflection as well as good fellowship among godly women who are also listening for the voice of God in their lives.

The weekend begins with dinner Friday night and concludes after Eucharist Sunday morning.

**Weekend presenters are**

- Marjorie George
- Cheryl Jones
- Catherine Lillibridge

**Costs: (room, all meals and materials included)**  
 Stay in cabin - \$165 for the weekend  
 Stay in lodge- \$245 for the weekend, double occupancy.

Registration is online at [www.dwtx.org/calendar-events](http://www.dwtx.org/calendar-events)  
 If you are unable to register online, contact Leigh Saunders at 210-824-5387 or [leigh.saunders@dwtx.org](mailto:leigh.saunders@dwtx.org). All fees must be paid prior to the start of the weekend. Scholarships are available.

**Questions?** Marjorie George at [marjorie.george@dwtx.org](mailto:marjorie.george@dwtx.org)

**To learn more** about the weekend and the presenters:  
[www.dwtx.org/departments/womens-ministries/womens-events/](http://www.dwtx.org/departments/womens-ministries/womens-events/)



As we live into the person God created us to be, we find not only personal fulfillment but also deeper connection to God and others.  
 - from Parker Palmer in *Let Your Life Speak*

\*Romans 12:6-8 (NRSV)  
 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.



The Palm Sunday service on Mar. 20 began in the memorial gardens.



The Easter Vigil service on Mar. 21 began in the columbarium grounds.



The Easter Vigil service continued in the church.



The flowered cross



The congregation at both services flowered the cross on Easter Day, Mar. 27



## “Glory in the Garden” Cathedral House Gallery through April

*Calendar of Events* from The Episcopal Diocese of West Texas

Cathedral House Gallery is pleased to present a stunning new show, “Glory in the Garden,” at the Bishop Jones Center (111 Torcido, San Antonio, TX 78209.) The show features paintings, stitcheries, photographs, jewelry, calligraphy, cards, lamps, and gifts by: Shirley Bland, Keith Cheshire, Toni Cheshire, Jim

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### Our Mission Statement

As Children of God, we at St. Francis by the Lake are committed to living, learning, and sharing the love of Christ, the word of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit with our parish family, our communities, and the world.

Elliott, Sherry Humphreys, D. Ellis Phelps, Sheryl Perry, Terry Gay Puckett, Patsy Sasek, Edwin Sasek, Georgia Wedin, Dyanne Welch, Anim Vinson, Noelle Vinson, and also artists around the world represented by *Threads of Blessing* and World Missions.

The show will hang throughout April, and regular viewing hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information call (210) 824-5387.

A portion of the sales will benefit the programs of the diocese.