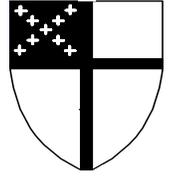




# The Franciscan



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Canyon Lake, Texas

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## Fixing things with volunteer help

From CRRC (*Community Resource and Recreation Center*) of Canyon Lake

We can't fix everything. Some things are beyond our ability. Or pay level. Or education. Sometimes, it's just that we don't have connections or information. But sometimes people come around that help to fill in some of these holes. Such was the case when a retired attorney came to volunteer with us.

A young couple came seeking assistance with their PEC bill. She'd been out of work for three months and the budget was just getting too tight. Their lease agreement called for them to pay the utility bills, which were still in the landlord's name. They have never seen a utility bill. They just paid what they were told - on top of their rent. Over the last three months, however, their utility bills had almost doubled. When they asked to see the bills, they were denied.

Enter our new volunteer. While these rights are not specifically addressed in any state laws, he was convinced that a judge would immediately demand the landlord hand over the bills for inspection. On top of that advice, our new volunteer even volunteered to write a letter on the couple's behalf, seeking copies of the bills.

When you walk into the CRRC Resource Center, as a client or a volunteer, you're not sure what's going to happen. But, we've come

to realize that it is usually good things that happen. More than anything, we hope that clients leave with encouragement. Volunteers always leave feeling like they've made a difference.

As President John F. Kennedy said, "One person can make a difference, and everyone should try."

## Remember -

**The Franciscan issue for the months of June and July are one, so if you have an article please send it in as soon as possible.**

Thank you,  
from *The Franciscan* editors.

## Highway cleanup in April

By [Bernie Frey](#), Outreach Chair

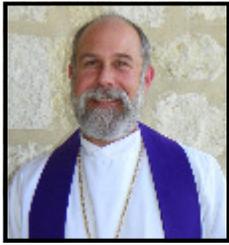
On Saturday, Apr. 9, 16 road warriors from St. Francis came out to support the *Annual Great Texas Trash Off Highway Cleanup*. The day started with sprinkles, which turned to clear skies, followed at 10:20 a.m. by rain showers just as the cleanup crews were finishing.

The volunteers picked up 14 bags of trash in addition to empty cardboard boxes and discarded signs. Larry Bosenbark also found a "collectable item."

Those participating were Robert McNab; Brad Mount; Don Stackhouse; Lynda Leadford; Larry Bosenbark; Becky Averyt; Lynda McNab; Paul McClendon; Tricia Jones; Micheline Ellas; George Witbeck; Jeanne Slupik; Tamara, Bella, and Pierce Huneau; and Fr. David.



Everyone was prepared to head out and clean up St. Francis' section of FM 2673 in Sattler. Bernie Frey was the photographer. (See article on this page.)



**Dear friends,**

The vestry has been having a conversation recently about growth, numerical and spiritual. This conversation nearly always leads to ideas and discussions about worship. In anticipation of this growth and how it will affect our worship I offer this teaching article.

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***“Worship is how we (plural) honor, respect, and love God.”***

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Worship is an amazingly personal, although never private, experience. This is because worship is corporate and communal (we call it Communion!) Worship is how **we** (plural) honor, respect, and love God. We honor, respect, and love God so much we seek to be faithful to how He has revealed Himself and how He has instructed us to worship Him. His instruction is found in Holy Scripture and in the Church’s Tradition, which gave us our sacred writings. They reveal the nature of worship, which is the *value*, the *wor(th)ship* that we place on our relationship with God. For some, whose history is long separated from the historical Church, this results in matters of style and taste being imagined of highest importance. Typically, Anglicans refer to these styles as “sacramental,” “evangelical,” and “charismatic.” They involve differences in gestures as well as musical differences, but they’re perceived by the unaware as mere distinctions in style and taste. They do give an indication of the breadth of experience available in faithful Anglicanism. Historically they’re called liturgical “streams.”

First, it’s important to note the liturgy is not entertainment: the lit-

urgy teaches us. The liturgy can be very enjoyable, but that is not its purpose or function. Rather than simply regard this *breadth* as superficial or merely experiential, and as mutually exclusive, let’s look at the three principal streams and see how they need one another and how, together, they provide more for us than we know.

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***“At its heart then, Christian worship is all for God and affords us the opportunity to express our relationship with Him in the community of brothers and sisters.”***

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St. Francis can be described as a “Three Streams, One River” parish. We are formed by, and seek to live out the values of, three great movements within Christianity:

**The evangelical stream.** This stream emphasizes the supreme authority of the Holy Scriptures in faith and life, and the necessity of personal conversion to Christ and biblical discipleship. We share its focus on the centrality of the cross of Christ, his atoning death and resurrection for us, and the truth of salvation through grace by faith in Christ alone. We also share its commitment to mission and evangelism.

**The charismatic stream.** This stream emphasizes the power of the Holy Spirit in the life of each of us and all of us: the individual member and the Church. It upholds the role of every believer who serves from a place within the five-fold ministries of Ephesians 4:11, empowered with spiritual gifts (such as healing, wisdom, faith,) all for the building up of the Church.

**The sacramental (or apostolic) stream.** This stream emphasizes the role of the Apostolic Church especially with regard to the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist (aka Communion, the Lord’s Supper) in

mediating the grace of God. It recognizes that God has been at work in the Church for over 2000 years, giving us a deposit of orthodox faith for our benefit and learning.

We believe that these three great streams ought not to be separated; that together they are greater than the sum of their parts. They form a mighty river - a fuller expression of the Body of Christ on earth, the Church.

At its heart then, Christian worship is all for God and affords us the opportunity to express our relationship with Him in the community of brothers and sisters. But *faithful* worship always points to, leads to, and must move us out in service to others. I’ll speak to this next month.

May the LORD bless us as we seek ever more faithfully to serve and worship Him,

Fr. David

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## 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.

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## Treasurer's report

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

Financial activities through the first quarter 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 March 2016 month-end actual revenues for the General Fund exceeded the budgeted projection by \$3,129; but was 38% less than in the same period in 2015. Year-to-Date revenues in the General Fund of \$60,642 were less than the budgeted projection by \$187; but was 24% less than in the same period in 2015. The March 2016 month-end expenditures for the General Fund of \$22,788 were less than the budgeted projection by \$894 and was 1.5% less than in the same period in 2015. Year-to-Date expenditures for the General Fund of \$74,421 were less than the budgeted projection by \$2,754 but was 9% higher than in the same period in 2015.

Activities to help increase revenue continues. 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. Initial projections are that interest revenue from this change should increase by more than 300% if current rates remain unchanged. An additional internet-

based bank account was opened for monies supporting the Honduras Ministry. Funding of the account began in May and interest revenue is expected to be earned at a rate far in excess of the rate earned at Security State.

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. This process allows for excess funds to be invested for longer periods of time before being used to fund the various operating needs of St. Francis and its ministries.

We continue to seek opportunities to reduce expenses. For example, the mortgage on the Rectory was paid off 11 months earlier than planned. The interest expense reduction was \$296. Thank you letters were sent to the three lienholders. Finally, additional review of certain on-going expenses is currently underway.

Our available **Funds** as of March 31, 2016:

General Operating:	\$ 63,005
Debt Retirement:	\$ -315
Building (New Bldg.):	\$ 36,923

Our **Debts** as of March 31, 2016:

Crump Note:	\$ 50,000
Rectory Note:	\$ 0



## Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

By [Valeska McHugh](#),  
ECW President

The ECW met on Apr. 14 at the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas. What a wonderful and inspiring trip to visit the facilities and meet with The Rt. Rev. David Reed.

Marjorie George, *Reflections* editor, did a historical slide presentation of the families that were instrumental in giving us this elaborately beautiful building, Sanctuary, and Cathedral Park.

The history was organized by families and the years they were involved in forming this wonderful masterpiece of buildings and grounds.

We were tremendously lucky to have Paula Butts walk us through the gardens and informed us about the changes they are making and intend to make in the future of the grounds. What a serene area to bring families to enjoy the beauty of nature.

Our *Have a Heart Donate for a Child* campaign shows how much St. Francis by the Lake and the community supports the children in our community. The *Have a Heart Donate for a Child* has come to a close. Thanks to everyone for your generous donations!

Our new officers will be installed at the 10:30 a.m. St. Francis service on May 8. We will have our salad luncheon on May 12 at Beverly Matthewson's home. The ECW will show appreciation for our past presidents.

Thanks to Tricia Jones for being the hostess for this meeting.

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



We can provide medical screenings and create healthier families.

We can provide job preparation and training for healthy families. And we can feed them, with more choices.

Healthy families contribute to a happier, healthier community.

Help us break ground, provide services and build hope for those in need.

Use your QR code reader below, or access:

<https://thefranciscan.org/ncpcrc-of-canyon-lake>



Big Give SA takes place on Tuesday, May 3 from midnight until 11:59 p.m.

CRRC of Canyon Lake  
P.O. Box 1472  
1917 FM 2673  
Canyon Lake, TX 78133  
830-964-2324

## The Big Give 2016

By [Bernie Frey](#), Outreach Chair

The Big Give S.A. is happening. CRRC is asking for your help. Actually, CRRC is asking for help on behalf of the 6,000 individuals who last year received assistance from our food bank. That total includes a significant number of children. Are you aware that in the Canyon Lake area some elementary schools have 75% of their students on either free or reduced prices lunches? That is

an indication of the importance of the service that the CRRC food bank provides.

Attached is information concerning the web site where a donation to CRRC can be made through the Big Give S.A. day of giving.

The demand has increased to the point where our 2,500 square foot facility is busting at the seams. We are in the process of raising funds to build a new facility that will be approximately 4,000 square feet to permit us to expand the food pantry and provide more programs and services to Canyon Lake's families in need. The new facility will house classrooms, medical screening equipment and counseling offices.

In addition to your contribution, we have the benefit of a \$2,500 matching fund which will double your contribution. Also, we are asking donors to contribute during the one hour period from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Central time in hopes of having the most donors during that time period in order to compete for a \$1,000 prize.

Help us to make a difference to Canyon Lake individuals, children

and seniors who can benefit from the services that CRRC offers.

With your support we can continue making a difference in many lives. Thank you for your consideration.

## Building for our future

By [Maury Meyer](#), Building Committee Chair

Building Committee members have been meeting with all the ministry leaders to talk about the plans for our new Ministry and Outreach Center. Those meetings and reports will be completed in May. We are also trying to schedule meetings in May to finalize selection of a builder. Once that is done, we will work with the builder to develop the final floor plan and exterior design.

Bernie Frey has resigned from the committee due to his involvement in so many community projects. Thank you Bernie for all you have contributed. If anyone is interested in filling his slot, please let me know.



(L to R): Lynda Leadford, Tricia Jones, Patricia Doyal, Becki Nichols, Ronnie Schwakhofer, Valeska McHugh, Judy McClendon, Betty Morris, Lin Boudreaux, and Brenda Klafftenegger at the ECW visit to the facilities of the Diocese of West Texas in San Antonio. (See the ECW article on page 3.)



## Needs for CRRC food pantry

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

- shampoo,
- conditioner,
- shower gels,
- dish soap,
- hand soap, and

baby diapers - sizes 2, 3, 4, and 5 (both disposable and cloth diapers.)

*All contributions are appreciated.*

## What's happening

### Daughters of the King (DOK)

will meet in the parish hall on May 25 at 12:30 p.m. after the Wednesday Eucharist. Remember to bring your sack lunch.

### Episcopal Church Women

(ECW) will meet at Beverley Matthewson's home at 11:30 a.m. on May 12.

### 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 - 4th Sunday (May 22)

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. at Imogene Howard's home on the third Saturday (May 21) of each month.

### Evening Study Class

meets at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the parish hall.

### Scrapbook and Craft Night

meets Fridays, May 13 and 27, 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 fourth Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m.



## Blue Box Sunday is coming - May 8.

## May birthdays

Jim Nichols	5/2
Casey Benham	5/5
John Elliot	5/7
Joan Art	5/11
Betty Look	5/14
Susan D'Andrea	5/17
Winnie Benson	5/18
Tom Hemphill	5/19
Kay Stackhouse	5/20
Bob Boudreaux	5/21
Gloria Glass	5/21
Patricia Perea	5/21
Mike Graham	5/27
Les Beauvais	5/30
Keren Necaize	5/31

## May anniversaries

Dennis and Nannette Callahan	5/4
Marcel and Brenda Klaftenegger	5/6
Fr. David and Julie Chalk	5/14
George and Cheree Bauslaugh	5/16
Ken and Ann Patla	5/18
George and Carol Glasby	5/20
Ann and Brian Freiberger	5/27
Keith and Donna Lewis	5/28
Art Hoecker and Patricia Perea	5/28
Robert and Brenda Amos	5/29
George and Gay Witbeck	5/30
Mike and Connie Graham	5/30

## Mark your calendars

**May 8** - Mother's Day

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

**May 8** - United Thank Offering

**May 14** - 6:00 p.m. - Borderline Singers Concert on St. Francis church grounds (The Borderline Singers will provide the music at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service on **May 15**.)

**May 15** - Pentecost Potluck Picnic - after the 10:30 a.m. service. St. Francis will provide the main course, so bring sides and desserts.

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## CRRC volunteer opportunities

By [Bernie Frey](#), Outreach Chair

The USMC says they need a few good men and women. CRRC of Canyon Lake is in need of a few good individuals and as such is recruiting volunteers to help with the several programs that the organization offers to the community. If you have a few hours a week that you would like to dedicate to helping others please consider making a gift of your time and talent.

Those interested please contact the Executive Director, Darin Zumwalt at (830) 964-2324 for more details.

## Small Church: BIG Mission

The Diocese of West Texas is excited to offer Small Church: Big Mission, an upcoming conference for churches with an average Sunday attendance (ASA) of 100 or below, although all churches are welcome to attend.

This conference will be offered in two locations with the same content:

**St. George, San Antonio, on Saturday, May 21**  
**St. Bartholomew's, Corpus Christi, on Saturday, June 4**  
 Both days will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

• [www.dwtx.org/smallchurch](http://www.dwtx.org/smallchurch) •

### 3 Plenary Sessions:

- Plenary 1 - PRUNING (what is not fruitful) led by the Rev. James Derkits, vicar of Trinity by the Sea, Port Aransas
- Plenary 2 - GRAFTING (expanding possibilities) led by Dexter Lesieur, Bishop's Warden of St. Matthias, Devine
- Plenary 3 - GROWING (new life) led by the Rev. Canon Joann Saylor, Canon for Deployment and Congregational Development

### 4 Workshop Options:

- Connection with your Community
- Evangelism
- Growing Leaders
- Christian Formation for All Ages

Plus, **Ministry Tables** highlighting successful ministries around our diocese, with resources to share.



Paul and Judy McClendon's Feast group enjoyed India cuisine early. (The St. Francis potluck theme was India/British theme with Fr. David and Valerie Kirk giving an update on their India trip.)

Cost is \$25 per person but no more than \$100 per congregation. To register a fifth (or more) individual, please contact Leslie Mixson or Nancy Stinson, 888/210-824-5387. Lunch and materials included. Childcare will be available at both locations. Register at [www.dwtx.org/smallchurch](http://www.dwtx.org/smallchurch)

## Bishop Gary Lillibridge visited St. Francis on April 3.

St. Francis welcomed the newly confirmed and received.



Mary Barker and Bishop Gary Lillibridge



Art Hoecker, Conner Brian, Bishop Gary Lillibridge, Staci and Michael Brian, and Fr. David

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## Joint Concert - Americana + Folk Music Saturday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m.



The Borderline Singers



Spit 'n' Wittle



**St. Thomas the Apostle Festival  
and Mother's Day Celebration**

Canyon Lake, (180 S. Thomas Drive, next to the dam)

**Saturday, May 7, 2016**

**RUN/RUN/WALK/WAG 8:00 AM FESTIVAL 10 AM - 10 PM**

**Committee Chair:** Kaye Devon Rozacky 830-708-4087

**Co-Chair:** Gypsyie Judice 830-237-1613

FOOD & DRINKS \* Raffle \* Silent Auction \* Live Entertainment  
2 Bands \* Kids' Activities \* Craft Vendors \* Fun Run/Walk/Wag

9:00 - 10:00 A.M.	Fun Run / Walk / Wag - Festival Kids-Off
10:00 - 11:00	Mother's Day Tribute (near stage)
11:00 A.M.	Silent Auction - Food - Games Begin
12:00 - 1:00	DJ Gno
1:00 - 1:45	Rebels of Eden Christian Band
2:00 - 3:00	Hill and her Dancers
3:00 - 4:00	Music by Brenda Idris
4:00 - 4:30	DJ Gno
4:30 - 5:00	Gene Bartkewicz, Accordionist
5:30 - 6:00	MASS - Quiet Time outside (No Music / Announcements)
6:00 - 7:30	St. Graham Band
7:00	Silent Auction ENDS
7:30 - 8:00	Raffle Winners Announced
8:00 - 10:00	Gabe Garcia Band

Sign up for the Fun Run/ Walk/ Wag!

**BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS**—after weekend Masses or in church office. Limited number being sold!!!



The annual *Women's Gathering* took place on Apr. 15 - 17 at Camp Capers. (Standing L to R): Betty Morris, Carol Glasby, Lynda Leadford, Jo Laney, Ronnie Schwakhofer, Velda Vukoder, and Linda Hillin, and (sitting L to R): Tommie Helen Woollven, Valerie Kirk, Julie Chalk, and Keren Necaie.

**Borderline Singers  
Concert**

**May 14**

**at 6:00 p.m.**

**on St. Francis by the  
Lake  
church grounds**

The proceeds will go to outreach in our community.

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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.

**Pentecost Potluck Picnic**

**May 15, 2016**

**after the 10:30 a.m. service**