



# The Franciscan



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## Maundy Thursday 2019

During this year's Maundy Thursday service, we will all participate in a Passover Meal in lieu of the Foot-Washing ritual. The Passover Meal will connect our Jewish roots in the Seder and Passover Meal to the Last Supper and to our modern Eucharist: going from exile and bondage in Egypt to a new life with God and His Love and Forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Fr. David has asked me to chair this activity, and I agreed, but only because I know my beloved parishioners will help me in organizing and providing for this meal. And, our professional in-house super-extraordinary decorator/designer, Azile Davenport, has graciously agreed to set up tables and decorations, so we all know it will be appropriate and beautiful! Thank you, Azile!

First, I need everyone in the parish who thinks they will be attending the Maundy Thursday Service to let me know names/numbers of people. So, sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, or send me or Janet an email or text that you plan to attend (Maury: 830-708-3133, [maurymeyer@gmail.com](mailto:maurymeyer@gmail.com); Janet: 830-964-3820, [francis@gvtc.com](mailto:francis@gvtc.com).) The deadline is Sunday, Apr. 14, **please!** But even if you don't sign up because you aren't sure about plans, please know you would never be refused entry to the service - we just don't



## Annual Honduras Night

**Manos de Dios  
Scholarship Fundraising**

**at Beto's, *Comida Latina***  
(8142 Broadway St., San Antonio)

**Thursday, April 25**

**5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

operate that way! We will plan for a small overage just to be sure all are included.

I also will need help with contributions of food and wine. To save money for expensive items such as nuts and dried fruit, I plan to use our family Costco membership to purchase those in bulk (of course taking a signed tax-free exemption form I will get from Janet.) Small contributions for those items (total is looking like about \$60.00 if we have 70+ people) would be appreciated or feel free to go with me on a Costco shopping trip just after Apr. 14 (we could do lunch at the Forum!)

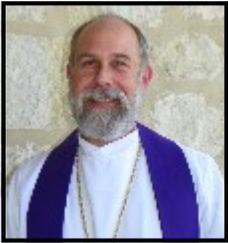
Not knowing how many people plan to attend means we need to wait a bit for the head count to give us a general idea on participation, but this coming Sunday through Apr. 14, I will have a detailed sign up sheet in the Narthex. The items we will need include: peeled hard-

boiled eggs, horseradish cream (sour cream and horseradish - I have a recipe,) mixed nuts, craisins, apple slices, parsley, Matzo crackers, and four different wines. Please let me know what you would like to contribute and once we get a decent head count, we can work on amounts per person. Again, text or email me to volunteer for certain items.

Azile and I may also need some help with some simple serving bowls and platters, and carafes or pitchers. We would like more rustic wood and pottery serving items that speak to the time of Christ and the Apostles. I have some and may do some CRRC thrift shop visits this week, but if you can help on this with items you have on hand, please let me know.

We will also need some help for set-up and clean-up, and I will have sign-up sheets for that by Apr. 14.

Peace,  
Maury Meyer



Dear Friends,

The color black is often indicative of poverty and death. It is the color of “nothing” and “void.” For a priest, black is a color of mourning and the remembrance of one’s death; the symbolism is “dying to oneself, in order to rise and serve the Lord,” and therefore it is a living witness to the Kingdom yet to come. Besides being Grateful (Dead,) another cultural icon actually spelled it out well. Johnny Cash explained wearing black.

***“For a priest, black is a color of mourning and the remembrance of one’s death; the symbolism is ‘dying to oneself, in order to rise and serve the Lord,’ ...”***

“Well, you wonder why I always dress in black, Why you never see bright colors on my back,

And why does my appearance seem to have a somber tone. Well, there’s a reason for the things that I have on.

I wear the black for the poor and the beaten down, Livin’ in the hopeless, hungry side of town, I wear it for the prisoner, who has long paid for his crime, But still is there because he’s a victim of the times.

I wear the black for those who’ve never read, Or listened to the words that Jesus said, About the road to happiness through love and charity, Why, you’d think He’s talking straight to you and me.

Well, we’re doin’ mighty fine, I do suppose, In our streak of lightnin’ cars and fancy clothes,

But just so we’re reminded of the ones who are held back, Up front there ought to be a Man In Black.

I wear it for the sick and lonely old, For the reckless ones whose bad trip left them cold,

I wear the black in mourning for the lives that could’ve been, Each week we lose a hundred fine young men.

And, I wear it for the thousands who have died, Believin’ that the Lord was on their side, I wear it for another hundred thousand who’ve died, Believin’ that we all were on their side.

Well, there’s things that never will be right I know, And things need changin’ everywhere you go, But ’til we start to make a move to make a few things right, You’ll never see me wear a suit of white.

Ah, I’d love to wear a rainbow every day, And tell the world that everything’s OK, But I’ll try to carry off a little darkness on my back, ’Till things are brighter, I’m the Man in Black.

May we all stand with the last, the lost, the least, the left out, and the losers in life...”

Faithfully,  
Fr. David



(L to R): Susy Durchholz, Libby Templeton, Carol Glasby, and Patricia Perea walked the Crop Walk on Mar. 9.



(L to R): Patricia Perea, Libby Templeton, Beth Coleman, and Ryan Klaftegger walked the Crop Walk on Mar. 9.



## Treasurer's report

By [Robert Amos](#)

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Greetings All,

St. Francis by the Lake continues to do well financially overall.

General Operations continues to run a deficit slightly higher than planned.

The Capital Campaign and Debt Retirement both continue to do well with solid contributions.

Debt retirement also did well with continued contributions.

Endowment Fund is recovering from the fourth quarter decline and has grown 9.3% year to date.

### February 2019 details:

#### Operations:

Revenues: Contributions to the General Fund are \$39,288.90, which is \$2,489.10 less (worse) than expected.

Expenditures: Expenditures were \$47,130.92, which is lower (better) than expected by \$924.08.

Balance (Revenue minus Expenditures): The resulting deficit is \$7,842.02 or \$1,565.02 more (worse) than expected.

#### Capital:

Capital Campaign: Contributions are \$10,061.23 through February, with total contributions of \$432,053.52. Fund balance is \$50,486.92.

Debt Retirement: Contributions are \$4,741.00 through February. The Debt Retirement Fund contains a total of \$12,957.62.

**Endowment Fund:** The Endowment Fund has grown by \$4,634.53 through February, or about 9.3%. Total in the fund is \$54,573.04.

Our **funds** as of February 31, 2019:

General Operating:	\$	3,953.28
Debt Retirement:	\$	12,957.62
Building Fund:	\$	49,277.82
Capital Campaign Fund:	\$	50,486.92
Endowment Fund:	\$	54,573.04
Debt	\$	0.00

If you have any comments or questions, or if you would like to discuss a pledge or contribution, please feel free to contact me at [treasure@gvtc.com](mailto:treasure@gvtc.com).

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## Holy Week (Sunday, Apr. 14 - Saturday, Apr. 20)

Palm Sunday - 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

Monday - Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist with Passover Meal

Good Friday - 12 noon - Stations of the Cross; & 7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - Holy Saturday Service; & 7:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil

## Easter Sunday, Apr. 21

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist



## Episcopal Church Women update

By [Tricia Jones](#), ECW President

Dear Friends,

Everyone has stories. Betty Colley, our speaker for the March ECW meeting, encouraged each of us to make time to record our stories, values, and messages that we want to share with our loved ones. Writing a memoir is for everyone. Her advice is to write the stories and messages you want told--your way: be personable, be honest, and get started.

Betty also shared her experience collecting and writing the stories of the vaqueros and their families who developed and managed the world-renowned King Ranch located on the southern coast of Texas. Besides being an accomplished author, Betty is an entertaining oral story-teller. Thank you, Betty, for sharing the experiences and passions in your life.

At the March meeting, two important items of business were approved that I am happy to share with everyone. First, a wide variety of outreach organizations were approved to receive funding totaling \$6,000. See the list of organizations and award amounts in this issue of the Franciscan. Second, the success of the Taters-N-Treasures Luncheon and Silent Auction positioned ECW to be able to make a \$3,000 award to the Ministry and Outreach Center kitchen fund. All awards were disbursed by the end of March with most awards made during the Big Give on Mar. 28. We are blessed to be part of a community that strives to love our neighbors by

supporting mission, ministry, and outreach. Thank YOU!

The next ECW meeting is on Apr. 11, at the parish hall. Brunch and fellowship begin at 11:00 a.m. and the program followed by the business meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. We are excited to have Cindy Smith as our guest to share her love of travel and geography. Cindy and her daughter made an adventurous trip to Antarctica in January 2018. Come see Cindy's photographic journal and hear her stories of this hard to reach continent.

At the April meeting, we will be voting on nominees for the President, Recording Secretary and Chaplain. If you would like more information about any of these Board positions, please contact any of the Nominating Committee members: Betty Morris, Ronnie Harper-Schwakhofer, or Valeska McHugh.

Almighty God, Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor fear the challenges of the future. Amen. Excerpted from the ECW Prayer.

The outreach funds awarded by ECW are shown on page 6.



## Reaching up... Reaching out

**Lord, what do you want to do through me?**

*This is our parish. The time is now. Pray for our Capital Campaign and our Stewardship Campaign and ask God's guidance in how you are to join in the vision.*

*The floor plan of the Outreach and Ministry Center is available in the Narthex.*



## Practical Exercise Class At

Saint Francis by the Lake

Class instruction focuses on posture, breathing, stretching, balance, form, and light exercise.

**Instructor:** Jeanne Slupik

**When:** Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

**Where:** Parish hall. Please wear comfortable clothing, and bring a yoga mat.

**Cost:** Donations only, to benefit St. Francis by the Lake.

**Come join us!**



## Needs for the CRRC food pantry

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

- peanut butter;
  - canned corn;
  - laundry detergent;
  - hand soap;
  - baking items;
  - cereal;
  - plastic grocery bags;
  - toilet paper;
  - baby diapers - sizes 2, 3, 4, and 5, and adult sizes, (both disposable and cloth diapers); and
  - toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss. (When visiting the dentist each patient is usually given a small bag that contains a toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss. As each of us has our semi-annual checkups, please consider bringing those to church for the CRRC donation box. Thanks to Betty Morris for that suggestion.)
- All contributions are appreciated.

## What's happening

**Daughters of the King (DOK)** will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall on Apr. 24 after the 11:30 a.m. Eucharist. Quiet Day begins at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Apr. 13. All are welcome to attend.

**Episcopal Church Women (ECW)** meet on Thursday, Apr. 14 at 11:00 a.m., in the parish hall. [\(See article, p. 4.\)](#)

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

**Vestry** meets the second Sunday of each month. The group will meet Apr. 14 at 12:15 p.m. in the parish hall.

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

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. The group decides at their meeting where the next get-together will take place.

**Breathing Under Water: Spirituality & the Twelve Steps** is Fr. Gordon's book study on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

**Al-Anon** meets every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in Jones Hall.

**NA (Narcotics Anonymous)** meets every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in Jones Hall.

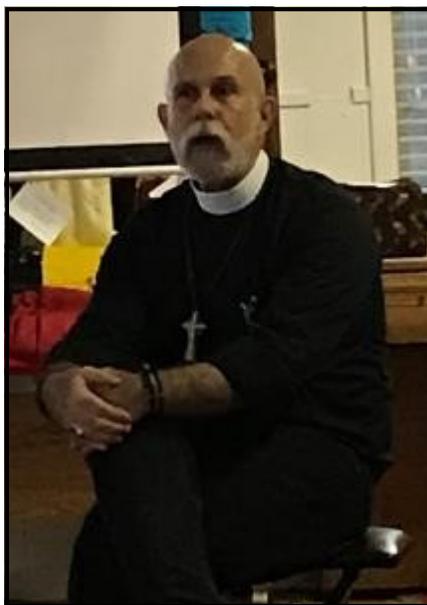
**Caregiver Support Group** meets every third Monday (Apr. 15) of the month at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

**COH Circle of Care** meets in the parish hall every first Monday of the month.

**St. Francis Book Club** meets at 6:30 p.m. every first Monday of the month in the parish hall.

**Men's Gathering** meets every second Saturday (Apr. 6) of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the parish hall.

**Second Saturday Diocesan Mini Retreat** meets each month on the 2nd Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at the Bishop Jones Center. On beautiful grounds, the time is for contemplative silence and fellow-ship. (If you would like to carpool, there are several woman from St. Francis that would be glad to have you join them. Please call the St. Francis office (830) 964-3820 for more information.)



Fr. David had a program at the Lenten soup suppers. He talked about his sabbatical, and what it meant to him.

## April birthdays

Lynda Leadford	4/6
Isabella Villarreal	4/8
George Bauslaugh	4/10
John Rose	4/10
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
Mike Maciejewski	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 & 10** - 6:30 p.m. - Lenten Soup Suppers.

**Apr. 6** - 9:00 a.m. - Highway Cleanup (*Texas Trash Off.*)

**Apr. 6** - 2:00 p.m. - Requiem Eucharist at St. Francis for Robert McNab.

**Apr. 8** - 6:30 p.m. - Ministry Leaders meeting in the parish hall.

**Apr. 13** - 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - Quiet Day

**Apr. 25** - 5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. - Honduras Night at Beto's.

**Apr. 26-28** - Women's Spring Gathering at Camp Capers.

**May 14** - Diocesan Top Golf Tournament. [\(See page 7.\)](#)

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## Outreach funds awarded by ECW

Organization	Actual Award
Communities in Schools	\$850
Family Promise	\$575
CRRC Food Bank/General Fund	\$475
CRRC Building Fund	\$375
Canyon Lake Animal Shelter	\$265
Crisis Center of Comal County	\$550
Homes for our Troops	\$425
DWTX Disaster Relief Fund	\$200
DWTX Magdalen House	
Church Periodical Club	\$100
Good Samaritan Center, San Antonio	\$325
Scholarships for St Francis women	\$450
Honduras Scholarship Fund	\$250
Rector's Discretionary Fund	\$300
St Francis DOK Backpack Ministry	\$600
St Francis Building Fund	\$35
Rector's Sabbatical Fund	\$200
St Francis Capital Campaign	\$25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>

See the ECW article on [page 4](#).



## 2019 Upcoming events:

May 2-5: Cursillo weekend #282 at Mustang Island Conference Center.

Sep. 26-29: Cursillo weekend #283 at Mustang Island Conference Center.

Nov. 7-10: Cursillo weekend #284 at Camp Capers.



Betty Colley was the speaker at the March ECW meeting. Her birthday was celebrated at this meeting. ([See article on p. 4.](#))

# Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Supper - Mar. 5

Thank you to all who help with this event,  
and to all who were able to attend!



Jim Kelch is one of several who cooked pancakes.



Frank Smith also cooked pancakes.



Brian Freiberger cooked the sausage patties.



Betty Morris (left) and Ann Freiberger



Judy and Paul McClendon



Linda Hillin (left) and Betty Colley



(L to R): Tom O'Bryant, Hollie Malone, Diane Thovson, and Maryanne O'Bryant



(L to R): Phil and Emily Hopkins, Josie Loria, and Shirley Duren

*In loving memory*

Dr. Bernard "Bubba" Horner  
Nov. 22, 1926 - March 23, 2019

*In loving memory*

Ed Brown  
April 30, 1940 - March 27, 2019



**Spring Women's Gathering - Then and Now: Encounters with Jesus in the Gospel of John**

From *Weekly ENEWS from The Episcopal Diocese of West Texas*

The 2019 Spring Women's Gathering, Apr. 26 - 28, at Camp Capers will feature the leadership of the Rt. Rev. Gary Lillibridge as we explore four women in the Gospel of John who impacted Jesus' life and ministry, and upon whom he had a profound impact: his mother, Mary; the Samaritan woman at the well; the woman who anoints him at a

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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.

meal, Mary the sister of Lazarus and Martha; and the "apostle to the apostles," Mary Magdalene. Registration cost is \$165 to stay in a cabin, or \$245 to stay in a lodge room

(double occupancy.) For more information, contact Marjorie George at ([marjorie.george@dwtx.org](mailto:marjorie.george@dwtx.org)).