

Letter From Father Paul -

Living the Love of God

Eastertide...when we say "Alleluia" a lot – more than making up for its absence during Lent. We use the longer and more elaborate Eucharistic Prayer D at the 10:30 service. We use white on the Altar every Sunday. It's a time of celebration as we remember Christ's victory over death.

Pastor Sarah and Tony, Pastor Angel from Palomas, his wife Mayela and I saw a bit of that celebration on May 6th. We gathered with a whole bunch of people at Lajitas, Texas, for La Protesta, Voces de Ambos Lados/Voices from Both Sides. It is an international celebration of the unity of peoples, north and south, in spite of political borders that separate us. We set up a table in the middle of the Rio Grande and celebrated a Mass for Humanity, symbolizing the fact that in God's eyes there is no difference between the people north or south of the river, and in the Church political divisions have no sway. The death that is often the result of political decisions is overcome in Christ.

How are you experiencing it? Where has death approached and is now overcome? Where has loss threatened but was thwarted? Where has loneliness been overcome by community, adversity by peace, and alienation by reconciliation? These are your Easter stories, and telling them celebrates the power of the season. The driving force behind that power is the love of God, so telling them shares the love of God. It's time to tell your stories.

Next month: What else might it mean?

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Voices from Both Sides is a day when the Border Patrol allows people to cross the river to and from Mexico freely to visit family and friends, to buy and sell, and to celebrate the fact that in spite of the political divisions marked by the Rio Grande, the human family is one, and has been one along both sides of this river for centuries. The event commemorates the closing of this small international port by the U.S. Border Patrol on Mexican Mother's Day, May 10, 2010, hence the alternate Spanish name of La Protesta, and has taken place on the Saturday closest to that date since that year. It is marked by family reunions, a lot of good food and drink, music from both sides, and good fun. At 3:00 in the afternoon everyone is encouraged to get into the water.



The Rev's, Moore, Guck and Garibay, with the indispensable help of Episcopalian Martha Stafford of Terlingua, set up a table in the middle of the river at 10:30 a.m. and celebrated the Eucharist in English and Spanish, offering communion to anyone who wished on both sides. The short homilies by both the Rev. Moore and Rev. Garibay garnered spontaneous applause as they both talked about how the human family and especially the family of God is not divided by political borders. About 30 people, 15 on each side, received the Sacrament.

Many people, including the coordinator of the event, thanked the team for the significance and power of what took place, and plans are developing for a repeat celebration next year.



Altar Guild - We Need New Members!

The Altar Guild is a volunteer group of the parish whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Altar Guild members prepare the sanctuary for services, and clean up afterwards. Altar Guild members frequently supervise the decoration of the sanctuary of the parish with flowers.



Diocese of the Rio Grande Cursillo



July 13-16, 2017

The Bosque Center, Albuquerque

Plans are underway for the next Cursillo weekend for our Diocese. Apply now for team or as a candidate. For more information, contact Kathleen Pittman at kpittman@uwa.edu or John Phinizy at phindogair@gmail.com

Cursillo is a Short Course in Christianity. It is intended to help Christians learn to define what is fundamental and to discover and live out a personal vocation. Its purpose is to help those in the church to understand their individual callings to be Christian leaders. The goal of Cursillo is to bring the world to Christ by empowering adults and equipping and encouraging them to live out their Baptismal Covenant to serve Christ.

If you think this may be for you- contact Kathy Strange 538-3310 or kjstrange45@hotmail.com

Dessert Auction Fundraiser!

Griffon Campbell will be going on her third medical mission to Vietnam in October. Your prayers and support are important to this mission. Contributions can be made to the *Vietnam* designated fund. Details on the fundraiser to follow.

Many Thanks from Griffon!



- 2 Bob Baker
- 11 Paul Sherrell
- 13 Mary Harrell
- 17 Dave Kuthe
- 25 Evelyn Yates
- 31 Win Taylor
- 30 Susie Trujillo
- 31 Bob Fuller

May



May 8, Ron and Cheryl Oglesby

May 23, Glen and Nita Dibble

May 11, Bruce and Winn Taylor

May 21, Richard and Holly Peterson

If you have a birthday or you know of another Church Member who has a November Birthday please email to the Church Office

May Lay Ministry Schedule

EM/Lector Schedule

- 5/7 8:00 Karisse Moore
Lector-1st Lesson: Tom Hester
10:30 1st Reader - Pat Brown
2nd Reader - Win Taylor
Eucharistic Ministers - Pat Brown, Win Taylor
- 5/14 8:00 Karisse Moore
Lector-1st Lesson: Mary Burton-Riseley
10:30 1st Reader - Paul Sherrell
2nd Reader - Jane Bates
Eucharistic Ministers -Jeanie Locicero, Jane Bates
- 5/21 8:00 Karisse Moore
Lector - 1st reading: Cheryl Swedberg
10:30 1st Reader - Jene Mosley
2nd Reader - Kris Heck
Eucharistic Ministers - Linda Shay, Kris Heck
- 5/28 8:00 Linda Shay
Lector - Ted Presler
10:30 1st Reader - Bryce Wooton
2nd Reader - Mary Ihlefeld
Eucharistic Ministers - Jane Bates, Mary Ihlefeld
- 6/4 8:00 Karisse Moore
Lector - Tom Hester
10:30 1st Reader - Pat Brown
2nd Reader - Jeanie Locicero
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Acolytes for May 2017

- May 7 - Win Taylor, Linda Richter, Mary Ihlefeld
May 14 - Kris Heck, Linda Shay, Jeanie Locicero
May 21 - Win Taylor, Teneal Weatherby, Alessandra Martinez
May 28 - Kris Heck, Linda Richter, Jorge Martinez
Jun 4 - Win Taylor, Linda Shay, Jeanie Locicero

May and June Eucharistic Visitor Schedule

7th: The Gucks
14th Jeanie Locicero and Dora Somerville
21st The Bells
28th Linda Shay and Kris Heck
June 4 The Gucks
June 11 The Bells
June 18 Dora Somerville and Mary B.Risley.
June 25 Rosella Escobedo and David DeBusk .

The first Eucharistic Visitor listed is lead.
If you cannot serve on the day scheduled,
please contact Mary Harrell or Father Paul.

