

From the Rector...

Refuge and Asylum Seekers Ministries in El Paso and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A couple of months ago based on the circumstances and realities, our Diocese and some parishes start with these ministries. Our Parish of St. Christopher's was involved through our Outreach Programs. In joint effort with Father Hector Trejo, the Rector of three Anglican Congregations in Juárez we start a Shelter in the Church of Saint Matthias, in this Shelter we are currently 85 Cuban people, since 5 to 65 years old, single and families.

Our Diocese in general, starting with Bishop Michael, and some congregations had been very supportive of this ministry; but also dioceses and congregations through the nation have been responding to this need. To us it is not enough to feed them and clothing them, we want to be self- sustainable as much as possible.

But for the moment, if you want to donate food, hygiene supplies, toiletries school supplies for the children please bring them to the church. Also if you have sewing machine and or fabrics that you made donate please bring it.

We are in the process the start another two Shelters, One in Holy Spirit Church and the other one in San José de Anapra Church. I will keep you posted of any other news about it.

Hace un par de meses, basados en las circunstancias y realidades, nuestra Diócesis y algunas parroquias empezamos con este nuevo ministerio. Nuestra Parroquia de St. Christopher's estuvo involucrada desde el principio através de nuestros Programas de Outreach. En un esfuerzo conjunto con el Padre Héctor Trejo, el Rector de las tres Congregaciones Anglicanas en Juárez, iniciamos un Refugio en la Iglesia de San Matias, en este Refugio tenemos actualmente 85 cubanos, desde las edades 5 hasta 65 años, solteros y familias completas.

Nuestra Diócesis en general, comenzando por el obispo Michael, y algunas congregaciones han apoyado mucho y han sido muy solidarias con este ministerio; pero también Diócesis y Congregaciones a lo largo de la País han respondido a esta necesidad. Para nosotros no es suficiente alimentarlos y vestirlos, queremos ser autosostenibles tanto como sea posible.

Pero por el momento, si desea donar alimentos, suministros de higiene, artículos de aseo o útiles escolares para los niños y niñas, por favor tráigalos a la iglesia. También si usted tiene máquina de coser o telas que quiera donar por favor tráigala a la iglesia.

Estamos en el proceso de iniciar otros dos refugios, uno en la Iglesia del Espíritu Santo y el otro en San José de Anapra. Los mantendré informados de los avances de este Nuevo ministerio.

*In His Name,
Fr. Bernal +*



From the Senior Warden...

SEASON OF PENTECOST

On June 9, we began what is considered to be our longest religious season – Pentecost. This is our time to await the Holy Spirit and is a time of prayer. One of the major feasts (or celebrations) during Pentecost will happen on 6 August 2019 - this celebration is the Transfiguration of Christ.

This season is our longest religious season which began on or about 09 June and will end on 24 November 2019. 1 December 2019 will be our first day in Advent and at that time we will begin “Year A” in our new year readings.

As stated previously the celebration of Christ’s Transfiguration is considered by many to be the high point of Jesus’ earthly life. This high point is when he is “transfigured” by a brilliant white light at the top of a mountain and is proclaimed by a heavenly voice to be his “well-beloved Son” (i.e. the Son of God). On this mountain, Jesus begins to shine with bright rays of light and his garments become “white as the light”. It is then that a voice in the sky proclaims Jesus as “my well beloved son - said voice is assumed to be God, the Father.

The transfiguration is one of the miracles of Jesus described in the Gospels but what makes this miracle unique is that the miracle happens to Christ himself. This miracle is considered to be “the greatest miracle” which is equal to his baptism. This event is also considered to be one of the five major milestones in the life of Christ – the others happen to be baptism, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension.

This miracle of the transfiguration is a momentous moment in Christ’s life as we assume that this event considered to be the point where human nature meets God, the meeting place of the temporal (i.e. temporary) and eternal and with Jesus himself being the connecting point between heaven and earth.

For us as Christians and for those around the world, the Transfiguration remains as an important observance. It is a time of universal prayer and a chance for us to reflect on the glorious divinity of Christ made manifest (i.e. make clear or evident) in this our material world.

*In Christ,
Joe Maldonado, Senior Warden*

From Fr. Alex...

THE LORD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH

We are dealing with the sense of loss in our city after the mass shooting at the beginning of the month; I talk to people feeling anxious and upset trying to find how to feel better and to leave their homes and simply how to feel relaxed and normal again. It is going to be a long recovery for El Paso to feel normal but we rely on God's help to move on after this terrible shooting. It may be difficult for some of us to go to stores but this is the first step to overcome this fear of being killed.

We are people of faith and because we have our trust in God. we should pray not to be afraid; the Lord is our refuge and strength when things look really hard or when we do not have the courage to face them. Many times we have been in situations that only our Lord can help us; that is why we find comfort and guidance in the bible and our prayer life, this is the foundation to start feeling better after the mass shooting. May our God "deliver us from evil" as we pray every Sunday in our celebration. Let us offer our worries and pains to Jesus Christ who is our refuge and strength.

Nosotros nos encontramos con el sentimiento de duelo despues del doloroso acontecimiento del inicio del mes en nuestra ciudad; tal vez sentimos miedo de ir a las tiendas o salir de nuestra casa.

Probablemente nos preguntamos cuando Podemos sentirnos bien otra vez; puede ser que que pase mucho tiempo para que todo vuelva a la normalidad. En nuestro Dios encontramos consuelo y refugio en momentos dificiles; que nuestra plegaria sea "libranos del mal" como rezamos cada Domingo en el templo. Que El tome nuestraas preocupaciones y nos llene de su paz. Amen.

*In Christ,
Fr. Alex +*



*Meet the new Canon to the Ordinary
For those who missed this announcement from the June 19
edition of the Diocesan weekly newsletter "In the Loop"
The Reverend Canon William Lee Curtis, III*

Bishop Hunn names next Canon to the Ordinary

The Rt. Rev. Michael Buerkel Hunn, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande, is pleased to announce his selection of the Rev. Canon William Lee Curtis III as Canon to the Ordinary to succeed the Rev. Canon Raymond Raney. Canon Curtis will assume his duties with the Rio Grande on August 19, 2019.

In making his announcement, Bishop Hunn remarked: "During our interviews Lee repeatedly brought ideas and perspectives to the conversation which I had not heard before, and I've been actively engaged in congregational development for more than two decades. His fresh perspective and new ideas will be of tremendous value throughout the Diocese as we lean into the future God has in store for us and learn together the new ways of being church which God is calling us into.

"Our diocesan priorities include reaching young families and young adults, deepening our Hispanic/Latino ministry and supporting all congregations so they thrive. Canon Curtis brings technology skills and experience in social media, demographic analysis and Spanish language competency. He has extensive cross-cultural and multi-cultural experience and learning. His passion is to help the church engage the next generation while being true to its roots.

"He approaches ministry as a facilitator and is well aware that as a young Canon he will need to come alongside our congregations and clergy offering perspective, new ideas and encouragement. I am excited to work with him, Archdeacon Patty Soukup and our staff as we help the Diocese of the Rio Grande engage the next generation of Leadership for the Episcopal Church."

Canon Curtis was born and raised on Florida's Space Coast where Shuttle launches were a regular part of the rhythm of life. A graduate of Florida State University and the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Lee's ministry has been focused on developing faithful, mission-driven communities that thrive at the intersections of language and culture.

Canon Curtis' ministry has been lived out in multicultural and multilingual spaces. Beginning in Atlanta, GA- serving as Rector of the Church of the Incarnation and as Campus Missioner to Georgia Tech and Georgia State Universities. In 2015 Lee was called to serve as Canon Missioner at Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis, Indiana, working on integrating the bilingual life of the Cathedral more deeply with the life of the City of Indianapolis.

As teacher, facilitator, and workshop-leader, Lee has spoken about learning through failure, the intersection of justice and evangelism, new ministry development, and theories of innovation in ministry. He continues to work on developing the capacities and practices needed to help build a multilingual and multicultural church for the 21st century.

He and his wife Hannah are the parents of two remarkable boys, and caregivers to two very good dogs. While ministry is his joy and passion, he spends his off time with his family- practicing soccer with his boys, reading Latin American Literature and Poetry, making good barbecue, and (occasionally) writing and recording music.

"I'm remarkably thankful for this opportunity to serve the Diocese of the Rio Grande as Canon to the Ordinary. This Diocese is asking all of the right questions about what it means to live faithfully in Far West Texas and New Mexico, and I am excited to partner with y'all in that good and holy work. I look forward to all that God has in store for our common life together."

Obispo Hunn nombra el siguiente Canónigo del Ordinario

El Reverendísimo Michael Buerkel Hunn, Obispo de la Diócesis del Rio Grande, se complace en anunciar su elección del Reverendo Canónigo William Lee Curtis III como Canónigo del Ordinario para suceder al Reverendo Canónigo Raymond Raney. Canónigo Curtis asumirá sus responsabilidades con el Rio Grande en el 19 de Agosto, 2019.

En hacer su anuncio, Obispo Hunn dijo; "Durante nuestras entrevistas Lee repetidamente trajo ideas y perspectivas a la conversación que nunca me he oído antes, y yo he sido participando en desarrollo de congregaciones para más que veinte años. Su perspectiva nuevo e ideas nuevas tendrán valor inmenso para toda de la Diócesis cuando movamos en el futuro que Dios tiene para nosotros y aprendamos nuevas maneras de ser la Iglesia a cuál Dios nos está llamando."

"Nuestras prioridades diocesanas incluyen alcanzando a familias y adultos jóvenes, ampliando nuestros ministerios Hispano/Latinos, y apoyando todas las congregaciones a prosperar. Canónigo Curtis trae capacidades tecnológicas, experiencia con redes sociales, análisis social, y competencia en el idioma español. Él tiene experiencia y aprendizaje intercultural y multicultural. Su pasión es para ayudar en crecer la iglesia mientras permaneciendo fiel a sus raíces."

"Él trabaja en ministerio como un facilitador, y le sabe bien que, como un Canónigo joven, el necesitará trabajar al lado de nuestras congregaciones y cleros en ofreciendo la perspectiva, nuevas ideas, y apoyo. Estoy emocionado para trabajar con él, Arcediano Patty Soukup, y nuestro equipo diocesano cuando ayudamos la Diócesis del Rio Grande trabajar con la siguiente generación de líderes de la Iglesia Episcopal."

El Rvdo. Canónigo Lee Curtis era nacido y criado en el Space Coast del Estado de La Florida donde lanzamientos del Space Shuttle era un parte habitual del ritmo de la vida. Un graduado de Florida State University y el Candler School of Theology a Emory University, su ministerio ha sido enfocado en desarrollando comunidades fieles e impulsadas por la misión, cuales prosperan al punto de encuentro de varias idiomas y culturas.

El ministerio de Canónigo Curtis se ha vivido en espacios interculturales y multilingües. Comenzando en Atlanta, GA- donde Él sirvió como Rector de la Iglesia de la Encarnación y Misionero a las Universidades Georgia Tech y Georgia State. En 2015 Lee era llamado a servir como Canónigo y Misionero a Christ Church Cathedral en Indianápolis, Indiana trabajando a integrar la vida de la Catedral mejor con la vida de la ciudad de Indianápolis.

Como maestro, facilitador, y líder de talleres, Lee ha enseñado sobre como aprender por fallar, el enlace entre la justicia y el evangelismo, desarrollo de nuevos ministerios, y las teorías de innovación en el ministerio. El continua desarrollar las capacidades y prácticas que están necesarias a construir iglesias multiculturales y multilingües en el siglo 21.

Él y su esposa Hannah son los padres de dos hijos, y cuidadores de dos perros bien amables. Aunque el ministerio está su alegría y pasión, le descansa por jugando futbol con sus niños, leyendo la Historia y Literatura de América Latina, cocinando rico barbecue, y (a veces) escribiendo y grabando la música.

"Estoy muy agradecido por la oportunidad servir la Diócesis del Rio Grande como Canónigo al Obispo. Esta Diócesis está preguntando las preguntas correctas de que se significa a vivir fielmente como la Iglesia Episcopal en Nuevo México y la Oeste de Texas, y estoy emocionado para unir con todos ustedes en este trabajo bueno y santo. Yo no puedo esperar para ver todo que Dios tiene para nuestra vida juntos."



SEPTEMBER PRAYER LIST

Please keep these members and friends of St. Christopher's in your daily prayers...

Deacon Ken Anderson (Member), Robert Soto, Mary Hernandez, (Member), Mariana Bernal (Bernal), Katie Hudak (Member), Patty Lane (Member), Luis Garcia (Member), Mary Reyes (Cano), Ray Vega (Vega), Gary Welsh, Richard and Kathy Schofill (Truesdale), Kevin Salcedo, Joe Heidrick (Shinn), Fernando Peña, Christy Darling, Jerry Brown (Shinn), Hank Hosford (Mowad), Octaviano Tavares (Rodriguez), Donna Hvizdos (Hudak), Maria Morgan (Anderson), Irma Lopez (Mowad), John Hudak (Hudak), Skip Bambrook, James Mowad (Mowad), Bill Fields (Fields), Linda and Larry (Navidomskis), Manuel Vida, Bunky Mitchell, and Mrs. Mitchell, Mariann Chavez (Shinn), Bob St. Jean (Truesdale), Roman Morales and family, Larry and Linda (Navidomskis), Estela and Jesus Salcido, Mrs. Zapata, the Gomez Family (Cano), Sammie Garcia (Shinn)

Almighty God, we commend to your care and keeping all of the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad

Please contact Holly to add or delete names

MINISTRIES and EVENTS

COMING IN OCTOBER

MEXICAN HERITAGE DINNER FUND-RAISER

6:00—8:00 p.m. Friday, October 4
(Feast of St. Francis)

\$10 per plate

Menu

Chiles Rellenos Beans Rice

Salad Beverage Rice Pudding

Tickets will go on sale during September

Watch for more information in coming weeks

*Happy
Birthday*

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

*Javier Dominguez, Jr. 3 Bren Truesdale 17
Bruce Truesdale 21 Brooke Navidomskis 21
Sammy Bernal 23 José Rodriguez 30*

MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 4
10:00 a.m. Bible Study in Spanish

Sunday, September 7
11:30 a.m. Vestry Meeting

SOUP KITCHEN

(Menus are subject to change)

Saturday, September 14
Gloria Rodriguez and Raquel Gonzalez

Menu:

Soup, Salad, Burrito, Postre

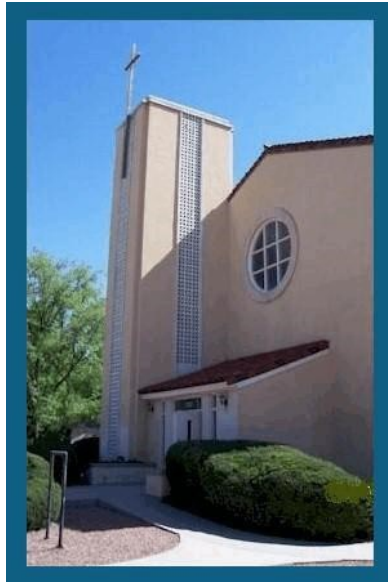
Saturday, September 21
Carol Garcia and Denise Anderson

Menu:

Soup, Salad, Tacos, Postre



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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday

Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

Thursday

Eucharist & Healing 10:30 a.m.



St. Christopher's

Soup Kitchen

Outreach

11:00 a.m.

2nd & 3rd Saturday of each month

**BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE
OF THE RIO GRANDE**
The Right Reverend Michael B. Hunn

CLERGY AND STAFF
The Reverend Canon José J. Bernal
Rector

The Reverend Miguel Ramirez
Associate Priest

The Reverend Alejandro Reyes
Associate Priest

The Reverend Kenneth Anderson
Deacon (Ret.)



Holly Truesdale
Parish Administrator

VESTRY
Joe Maldonado - Senior Warden
Virgie Shinn - Junior Warden
Carlisle Navidomskis
Bruce Truesdale

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Rector

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday

**Fr. Bernal will be also available
on Saturdays by appointment.**



**Administrator
and Church Office**
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday
**Administrator in Office
at home on**

Monday and Wednesday
852-3954 or 252-2475

Church Offices Closed on Friday

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S MISSION STATEMENT

*Our Mission, as vessels indwelt
by the Holy Spirit, is to proclaim
the Gospel and teach the Faith;
to bring Christ's healing power to
those who are wounded and hurting;
to share our blessings with those in
need; to administer the Holy
Sacraments; and to live our lives to
God's glory, sharing the love of
Jesus Christ with all people.*

