

Dear Parish Family,

While preparing for our Zoom discussion group on Praying with the Gospel of John on Thursday night, I found this short prayer for the Lenten season in *Prayers for All Occasions* from Forward Movement. It is so appropriate for this season of self examination that I wanted to share it with you. I have attached it to this email - I hope Google Translate did okay with the Spanish!

Love and prayers,
Christie+

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Tomorrow morning at 9:00 Nevada time Father Lionel will host our eighth joint Zoom church service with Holy Spirit parish. The Bulletin (with the words for the closing hymn), Zoom link, meeting I.D. number and passcode will be sent later today. Father Lionel will preside and Gail Doloway will preach. There will be plenty of space in the service - please join us if you can; we'd love to see (and hear) you!
- After tomorrow's Zoom service, Father Lionel will be distributing Holy Communion in the Saint Matthew's parking lot from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Attached are the "Tiz Notes" on the procedure for receiving communion.
- The Lenten study program *Praying with the Gospel of John* continues with YouTube presentations from the Brothers of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist (SSJE) on March 2, 16, 23 and 30, and April 6. NOTE: no program on March 9! Each video is available for 24 hours beginning at 4:30 pm our time. To attend the program each week, go to <https://www.youtube.com/SSJEOnlineWeb/> . After each program, registered participants will receive supplementary program materials by email. To register, go to <http://www.SSJE.org/prayingjohn> . Father Lionel is hosting a weekly Zoom discussion group for program registrants from Saint Matthew's/San Mateo and Holy Spirit on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 pm. To join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87933969796?pwd=dEQ0eVArZ2MrK1huMXFRbUlJewY1UT09>
- Meeting ID: 879 3396 9796 Passcode: 005824. We hope to see you there!
- Valerie Hartlage's daughter and grandson, and their dog will be moving to Las Vegas soon. She writes: "Does anyone know someone who could house a dog for a couple of months? Food & treats would be bought, your yard would be cleaned up. Also, my daughter and grandson will be needing jobs when they get here next month. And will be looking for place to live, of their own. Will be with me & Robert but dog can't come. Please help." If you can help, or have ideas, please call or

text Val at 702.241.9081.

- This Lent our deacons have invited everyone to choose a charity near and dear to your heart, practice sacrificial giving as you can throughout the season, and at the end of Lent send your donation in support of neighbors to your chosen charity. Still looking for one? Check out the attached appeal for storm relief from Episcopal Relief and Development!
- The Presiding Bishop has a message for the church on the subject of adoption of the COVID -19 vaccine. In part, he says: "This vaccine can prevent the COVID-19 virus. It can help you. It can help those who you love. It can help us all. The Bible says you should love your neighbor as yourself. And getting this vaccine, as well as wearing your face mask, and keeping social distanced, and out of crowds, these are some simple and real ways that we can love our neighbor as ourselves. To love our neighbor, and while you're at it to love yourself." You can see the entire message as a video at <https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/02/22/presiding-bishops-psa-for-the-covid-19-vaccine/> .

PRAYER NEEDS:

- Please continue your prayers for healing for Charlotte Peters, Janet Tyler, and Jack Reasoner.
- Give thanks to God for Father Rick's improvement! He continues to work with home health staff as he gains strength and mobility. Please continue to pray for him and for Jeanne for peace, healing, and strength.
- From the Diocese comes word of the passing of the Reverend Bob McNaul, Associate Priest Emeritus at Christ Church Las Vegas, last Sunday February 21. Please pray for the repose of his soul.
- Also from the Diocesan family, please pray for healing for Marge Parent from St. Paul's Sparks who is in the hospital with pneumonia.
- We have no birthdays listed this week on our parish list. So, let's use this opportunity to pray for birthday blessings for everyone unknown to us (but known to God) who will have a birthday this week!

REMEMBER:

If you have photos or devotional pieces or a recipe or fun activity for our web page, please email them to Sylvia Speed at Sspeed53@gmail.com

Our preachers love to hear from you about their sermons - you can call or email us - Thanks!