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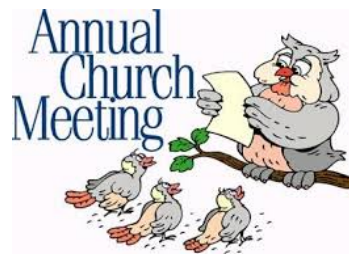


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Weekly News, Events and Announcements

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - Sunday, February 16 In Brown Hall after the 10:30 service

Mark your calendars for the Reconciliation annual meeting and a "Souper Sunday" lunch prepared by our youth for their mission trip fundraiser. The annual parish meeting is an important time for parishioners to come together to hear updates from the past year, to honor outstanding efforts from the past year, and to learn about and discuss plans for the new year. Every parishioner is encouraged to attend!



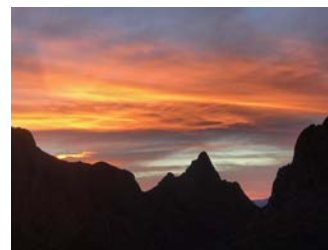
Souper Sunday Fundraiser - Sunday, February 16 (along with the Annual Meeting):

The Souper Sunday Fundraiser is a HUGE Fundraiser for our Youth, with all money raised going towards our summer Mission Trips! **Would you prayerfully consider donating one crock-pot of soup for the event?!?** Please bring your labeled crock-pots to Brown Hall, prior to the 10:30 service and the Youth will handle the rest! Thank you SO much for supporting our Youth in this way. Any questions? Call, text, or email Jennifer Murphy at 210-725-3080 or jennifer@cor-satx.org.



LAST CALL - BIG BEND

If you are interested in going on our annual Big Bend trip on February 27-March 1, 2020, please call Bill Swann at the church office at (210) 655-2731 ASAP. We have two rooms available for Big Bend. **Please contact Bill Swann at bill@cor-satx.org by Sunday, February 16th.**



Matthew 25 Team

The Matthew 25 Team will next serve meals on **Sunday, February 16th** at 6:30am at Haven for Hope, located at 1 Haven for Hope Way, San Antonio, TX 78207. We serve an average of 400 meals each time. Need a ride? Contact Bill Schiller



*What so ever you do to the least
of my brothers, that you do unto me.*

Parish Directory 2020

The 2020 parish directory has been printed! Get your copy on Sunday in Brown Hall. Suggested donation to cover printing costs are \$5 for color copies and \$2 for black and white copies. The directory is also available [online](#). For privacy, the online directory is password-protected. Please contact the church office for the password at (210) 655-2731 or email info@cor-satx.org.



If you are unable to pick up your copy on Sunday, more will be available the following week.

THANK YOU- Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance Fundraiser

A HUGE HUG AND A KISS to everyone who came out and showed the Youth SO MUCH LOVE at the Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance Fundraiser last Saturday night!! Thanks to your generous support, we made over \$800 to use towards our Summer Mission Trips!!

It takes a team of people to make this happen and we are SO grateful for Erica Valle, Aileen Valle, Jann Steed, Terri Steed, Grayson Steed, Jessica Hardy, Jessie Hardy, April Toman, Aaron Vargas, Joanne Murphy and ALL THE PARENTS AND FAMILIES of our Middle School and High School Youth!! A fun time was had by all!!



Upcoming Events

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and "Rec's Got Talent"

February 25, 6pm-8pm:



Shrove Tuesday is a celebration on the day before Ash Wednesday (which marks the beginning of Lent and fasting.) In the past, Rec has always celebrated by feasting on a Pancake Supper. This year, we will continue this much-loved tradition at 6pm. We're in need of help to make and serve pancakes and help clean up! If you are available and willing to help, please call the church office at (210) 655-2731 or email info@cor-satx.org or sign up in Brown Hall!

After pancakes, **join us at 7:00pm** for our Rec Talent Show!! EVERYONE is welcome to join us!! Start brushing up now on your special talent and meet us on the stage in Brown Hall!! Sign up is in Brown Hall, or just show up that night! Any questions? Chat with Jennifer Murphy.



Ash Wednesday

This year, Ash Wednesday will be on **February 26th**. Reconciliation will mark the beginning of the Lenten season with two worship services on Ash Wednesday at **12 noon and at 7pm**. Both services will include the imposition of ashes.

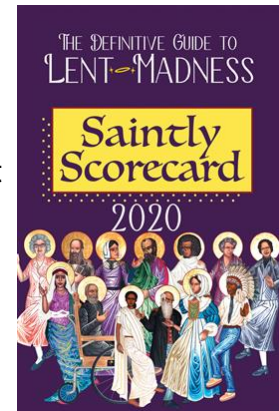


Come study the Book of Acts!!
1st and 3rd Wednesdays
in the Rec Room
Our next meeting will be Wed., Feb. 19!
6:00-8:20 p.m.



Lent Madness: A Unique Lenten Devotional

Lent is a sacred time of preparation, penitence, self-reflection, and renewal, but there is no need to be dreary as we prepare with joy for the Paschal feast. Taking our faith seriously, but not ourselves, is the essence of Lent Madness. Lent Madness is a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women who have inspired generations of Christians. What we learn from these Saints is that they, like us, are flawed human beings through whose lives, Christ's love shone brightly. If this love can shine brightly in their lives, perhaps we too can be beacons of the Good News. Like us, their vision may not have been perfect, and they had their share of blind spots, but what binds them together is a strong faith in Jesus and a willingness to serve him amid the circumstances of their own day. Along the way, we'll learn from them and be inspired by them and see Jesus a bit more clearly through them.



How Does it Work:

- 32 "pre-selected" Saints are placed in a tournament-style, single-elimination bracket (similar to March Madness).
- Reconcilers can choose a saint, and create posters that "advertise" their saint, in the hopes of their saint being chosen as the best of the best!!
- Brackets will be filled out and turned in no later than February 26.
- Voting will begin on February 27 and this a nationwide vote. Each pairing remains open to vote on for 24 hours, and people will vote online at www.lentmadness.org daily for their favorite saints.
 - 16 Saints will make it to the Sainly Sixteen
 - 8 Saints will advance to the Elate Eight
 - 4 Saints will make it to the Faithful Four
 - 2 Saints to the Championship
 - And the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo
 - Voting will take place daily from February 27-April 8

There are 4 ways to participate:

- Choose a saint from a pre-selected list. Create a poster that "advertises" your saint (why should your saint be chosen as the "best of the best.") All posters are due to Jennifer Murphy no later than February 23.

- Don't choose a saint and don't make a poster, instead participate in filling out a "bracket." Saint posters will be displayed and brackets will be handed out on February 23 in Brown Hall. All you will need to do, is walk around and "visit" everyone's posters. Decide which saints you think will move on to win the coveted Golden Halo. Fill out your bracket and hand it in to Jennifer Murphy no later than February 26.
- The trifecta: Choose a saint, make a poster and fill out a bracket!!!
- Do nothing and then be sad that we are all having so much fun and you missed out on a super cool opportunity.

Prizes will be awarded to those Reconcilers who fill out brackets correctly and Golden Halo Awards will be handed out on Sunday, April 12 at 10:00 a.m. in Brown Hall!!! Please chat with Jennifer Murphy for more details or go to www.lentmadness.org to learn more. There is no cost to participate!

Softball

Calling All Softball Players: EDWT Season Starts **February 23 at 2pm.** Just a reminder to all folks who like to get out and have a little fun playing softball. The EDWT Recreation League, is just that, recreation! We play a co-ed NONCOMPETITIVE game of softball. Each team is made up of women, kids and teens, and men.



There are three rules of EDWT Softball:

- 1) NOBODY GETS HURT.
- 2) EVERYBODY HAS FUN!
- 3) EVERYONE PLAYS! (Even if you think you think you're not good enough!)

Romeo & Juliet

Mark your calendars for upcoming R&J gatherings. **Please note we will not meet in February**, as many in our group will be away at the Diocesan Council.

ROMEO & JULIET

- March 19: Smokey Kiel
- April 16: Mark Mangus
- May 21: Rev. Mary Earle
- June 18: George Zayas

REC's Mental Health & Wellness Ministry will not meet on Sunday, February 16th due to the our the Annual Meeting. Our next regular meeting will be on **Sunday, March 15 at noon in the Library.**



Parents in Prayer

Let's face it, parents, it takes a village to raise up our sweet babies, tweens, and teens (and I bet adult children too)!! We all need each other...to cheer each other on...to lift each other up...during the victories and the challenges! What if we had time to just sit and share life, to seek words of wisdom from one another, to laugh, to cry, to even vent. And when it's all over....what if we had time to pray!!! **Our NEXT Parents in Prayer meeting will be on Sunday, April 19, from 9:15-10:15 in the Library!** Bring your coffee and your breakfast and come join us!



Study The Gospel of John Tuesdays, 7:00pm, Church Library

We are having a class on Tuesday night for 7 weeks. Bishop Curry has sent out email requesting all congregations to participate in the Bible study. We will be studying the gospel of John as laid out by the Forward Movement publication. Class is open to everyone! If anyone is interested, please contact Ron or Betty Graham and we will get books and a schedule for everyone. We can explore the contemplative writing of the Bible together.

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, APRIL 19, 2020

PLEASE mark your calendars for a church wide picnic celebration at Mac Arthur Park!!!

Come one, come all! We want you there!

Details coming soon! Any questions? Contact Cindy Fuqua.



Opportunities and Announcements

Blood Drive

In association with the South Texas Blood & Tissue Center (S.T.B.T.C.), Rec used to have regular Bloodmobile visits on Sunday mornings. Anyone interested would schedule a time that morning in which to donate blood. The Bloodmobile stopped coming because Rec did not have enough people sign up to donate.



If you are interested in starting this donation program up again, please call the church office at (210) 655-2731, email info@cor-satx.org, or sign up in Brown Hall.

Middle School and High School Fundraiser
"Hire-A-Youth!"

Need a little help around the house?!? Have a project you've been meaning to get to, but you haven't had time?!? Why not hire the Youth?!?!



Dates are going fast and you don't want to miss out on this opportunity to have super cool Youth help you with your project!!

Our ONLY available date with open time slots is May 9, 2020! Please sign up TODAY in Brown Hall!! Spaces go FAST!!

Project Ideas: wash dishes, clean pantries, organize cabinets, clean your garage, rake leaves, wrap gifts, polish your silver, poop scoop, take down Christmas decorations, bake/cook, scrub toilets and bathtubs, shred papers, file papers, "you name it," etc. All projects will be fully supervised by Jennifer Murphy and must be approved, prior to our arrival. Nothing that is considered "dangerous" in any way will be scheduled. Hopefully just some good old-fashioned hard work!!!

Cost: \$40 per 2 hour shift and all proceeds will go towards the Rec Youth 2020 Mission Trips

Questions?!? Please chat with Jennifer Murphy at jennifer@cor-satx.org or at 210-725-3080. Thank you for your support of our Rec Youth!

Gordon West Exhibition

Reconciler Gordon West's art is on exhibition at the Art Gallery Prudencia, located at 2518 N. Main Ave., San Antonio, TX 78212

"Cattail Falls"

E. Gordon West is a signature member of both the American Watercolor Society and the National Watercolor Society as well as numerous other societies and organizations dedicated to watercolor art. A graduate of the University of Louisville, he also studied at the Art Institution of Chicago.



West has received numerous awards in national exhibitions. He has works in the permanent collection of the McNay Art Museum in San Antonio, and the collections at Texas A&M University and the University of Louisville (which recently honored him as a Hite Scholar with an exhibition of his paintings). He is a member of the prestigious "Watercolor Gang." His work and articles about him have appeared in many national publications including "Artist's Magazine", "American Artist Magazine", and "Who's Who in American Art".

Coming Soon!

Vacation Bible School!! "Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through"

Plans are already underway for our 2020 Vacation Bible School!! VBS will begin on Monday, July 27 and run through Friday, July 31 with a closing celebration on Sunday, August 2 during the 10:30 service. VBS is open to all kiddos, who have completed kindergarten through rising Fifth Grade. This is always a FABULOUS event, and we are looking forward to doing it again, but it takes a village and WE NEED YOU!! Want to learn more about ways that you might be able to help?



Plan on attending our VBS Volunteer/Informational Meeting on Sunday, March 8, after the 10:30 service, in the Library!! Any questions?!? Call, text, or email Jennifer Murphy at 210-725-3080 or jennifer@cor-satx.org.

Camp Sunday and S'mores Fundraiser

This year we will be celebrating **Camp Sunday on March 29 at the 8:00 and 10:30 services!** This is a great opportunity to find out more information about our Diocesan Camps Program and to hear fun stories from those kiddos, Youth and Families who attend! Once again, we will be having a S'mores Fundraiser after the 10:30 service!!! We hope you will join us as we roast some marshmallows by "the campfire" and make some yummy smores!! All donations will go towards Rec's Camp Scholarships, for those families who need extra help with camp expenses! In addition, if you have any pics from your kiddos summer camps this past year at Camp Capers, Mustang Island or Duncan Park, we would LOVE to see them!! Please email them to Jennifer and we will make sure that they make it into our Camp Sunday slideshow!!



Adult Formation

A Brief History of the Anglican Church with Bill Miller Sunday, 9:15am-10:15am, Alban Classroom

Church History, in particular the history of the Anglican Communion, may seem a bit dry. But there's kings, queens, beheadings, and a host of characters that help us with knowing who we are and where we came from as Episcopalians...and we don't pray for the King! And why do we look to Scotland and have Saint Andrew's cross on the Episcopal Sign? Join Bill Miller on Sunday to find out!



Ongoing and Outside Events



Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study:
1:30pm-2:30pm in the Library
Led by Ted Ressler



Centering Prayer
Our Centering Prayer group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, September through May.

REGULAR EVENTS

- **Tuesdays at 12:30pm** - Mid-Week Eucharist
- **Tuesdays at 1:30pm** - Bible Study
- **3rd Tuesdays at 12:30pm** - Mid-Week Eucharist includes Laying on of Hands for Healing
- **Wednesdays at 10am** - Prayer Shawl Ministry
- **Wednesdays at 7pm** - Choir Practice
- **1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7pm** - Centering Prayer
- **1st Thursdays at 6pm** - Ultreya
- **2nd Saturdays at 11am** - Red Hats
- **3rd Sunday at 6:30am** - Matthew 25 Team
- **3rd Sunday at noon** - Mental Health and Wellness Ministry meeting

For more information on any of these events, call the church office at (210) 655-2731.

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FROM THE DIOCESE

Check out what's going on around the diocese - the [Diocesan Weekly e-News](#).



[Read the latest Reflections.](#)

Want to get involved? Click [here](#) to view a full list of Rec's ministries.
E-mail info@cor-satx.org with any questions.

Thank you for remembering to wear your nametag each Sunday. This really helps visitors, newcomers and everyone to get to know each other.

Reconciliation Nursery, Elementary, Middle School & High School Ministries:

Rec Nursery and Elementary Ministry:

Sundays in February:

Nursery Ministry: Ages: 6 weeks old through 3 years old
9:15-Noon: Please join us in the Children's Building!

Elementary Ministry: Ages: 4 years through 4th Grade

Sunday School: Godly Play is from 9:15-10:15 in the Children's Building

During the 10:30 Service:

- Children's Chapel (short)(20 minutes)
 - Second, Fourth and Fifth Sundays
- Children's Chapel (long)(entire 10:30 service)
 - First and Third Sundays
 - called Instructional/Traditional Children's Chapel

Dates to Remember:

February 16: NO Parents in Prayer (because of the Annual Meeting)

February 16: Godly Play from 9:15-10:15 in the Children's Building

February 16: Children's Chapel (long) during the 10:30 service

February 16: Souper Sunday (and Annual Meeting)

Rec Middle School Ministry:

Middle School (MS) Ministry: Ages: 5th Grade through 8th Grade

MS Sunday School:

Meets every Sunday from 9:15-10:15 in the Rec Room!

MS Youth Group:

- - **Our Middle School Youth Group Gatherings for February:** We will continue meeting two times a month throughout the school year. These twice a month gatherings, will not always consistently fall on a set Sunday, but you will have all the dates well in advance, in order to plan. **Our February Middle School Youth Group Gatherings will be: Wednesday, February 12 from 7:00-9:00 for our MS/HS Valentine's Day Party!! There will ONLY be ONE Youth Group Gathering this month!!** Please let me know if you have any questions, comments or concerns!!
 - **Our Middle School Youth Group Gatherings for March:** We will continue meeting two times a month throughout the school year. These twice a month gatherings, will not always consistently fall on a set Sunday, but you will have all the dates well in advance, in order to plan. **Our March Middle School Youth Group Gatherings will be: Friday, March 6 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Rec for our re-scheduled Game Truck (dinner will be provided!!) AND Sunday, March 22 at the Rollers' House for a laser tag battle (time to be determined)** Please let me know if you have any questions, comments or concerns!

Dates to Remember:

February 12: MS/HS Valentine's Day Party from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Brown Hall

February 15: Gingerbread Contest Reward at Incredible Pizza from 11-1

February 16: NO Parents in Prayer (because of Annual Meeting)

February 16: MS Sunday School from 9:15-10:15

February 16: Fundraiser: Souper Sunday (and Annual Meeting)

February 17: Service Project: "Heart Vandals" from 10-2 p.m. in Brown Hall

Rec High School Ministry:

High School (HS) Ministry: Ages: 9th Grade through 12th Grade

OUR HS SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP IS BECOMING A HYBRID!!!

HS Sunday School:

- **Winter/Spring HS Sunday School Plans:**
 - For **February**, we will **continue** our **Bible Study** of the book of **Acts**. **We will be meeting on:**
 - **February 19** from 6:00-8:20 p.m. in the Rec Room. **Matt will choose the dinner and dessert.** We will be discussing **Acts 20-22.**
 - For **March**, we will **continue** our **Bible Study** of the book of **Acts**. **We will be meeting on:**
 - **March 4** from 6:00-8:20 p.m. in the Rec Room. **Kennedy will choose the dinner and dessert.** We will be discussing **Acts 23-26**
 - **March 18** from 6:00-8:20 p.m. in the Rec Room. **Jennifer will choose the dinner and dessert.** We will be discussing **Acts 27-28. (This is our last one!)**

HS Youth Group:

- **February Youth Group:**
 - NO HS Youth Group on February 19 because we will be having HS Sunday School. (see above for more details)
 - HS Youth Group on February 12 will be our MS/HS Valentine's Day Party from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Brown Hall.
 - HS Youth Group on February 26 we will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. for dinner in the Rec Room and then we will be attending the Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- **March Youth Group:**
 - NO HS Youth Group on March 4 and 18 because we will be having HS Sunday School. (see above for more details)
 - NO HS Youth Group on March 11 because of Spring Break.
 - HS Youth Group on March 25 from 7:00-8:30 in the Rec Room. Snacks will be provided.

Dates to Remember:

February 12: MS/HS Valentine's Day Party from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Brown Hall

February 16: NO Parents in Prayer (because of Annual Meeting)

February 16: Annual Meeting and Souper Sunday Fundraiser

February 17: Service Project: "Heart Vandals" from 10-2 p.m. in Brown Hall

February 19: Hybrid Sunday School/Youth Group Bible Study "Acts" 6:00-8:30 p.m.

For Joy in God's Creation

O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. -BCP

Mark Your Calendars

Feb. 16 - Annual Meeting and Souper Sunday
Feb. 20-22 - Diocesan Council in Corpus Christi
Feb. 25 - Shrove Tuesday
Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday
Feb. 27-Mar. 1 - Big Bend Trip
Mar. 15 - Bishop's Annual Episcopal Visitation to Reconciliation
Mar. 29 - Camp Sunday
Apr. 12 - Easter Sunday
Apr. 19 - Church Picnic at MacArthur Park

Serving This Sunday

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Matthew 5:21-37

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