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# **Trinity Tidings**

### From the Interim Rector

#### Ashes to Ashes

I know it's only February, but thinking ahead, we're only a month away from Lent, and we all know Lent starts at Ash Wednesday.



The Altar Guild and I are planning Ash Wednesday for everyone. We will be preparing take-away Ash Wednesday kits so folks can impose ashes themselves at home during the streaming of the 7 pm Ash Wednesday service. The kits will be available for pick-up from the office the week of February 21 and at church on Sunday, February 27.

The schedule of Ash Wednesday services will be:

7:00 am in the Athanasius Chapel

12:30 pm in the Athanasius Chapel

7:00 pm in the Nave with the Chancel Choir

### Lent - Haven't we given up enough?

After two years of Covid, I really don't want to think about giving up anything else. We've given up dinners out, close hugs, sharing the chalice, gatherings of friends, being able to mourn as a church, and being able to see our own faces.

This Lent I'm not asking anybody to give up anything. If you wish to pare away something, fine. I won't stop you. But I won't ask that of you.

What I will ask of you is to add one thing that will give you joy. You can pick what that will be. As I write this, I've decided I will give myself five minutes each evening to watch the sun set. I remember when Linda and I bought our house back in 2006, my joy was that the back porch looked to the western horizon. Unfortunately, that winter I spent most evenings shoveling the snow from the walk at the townhouse we were trying to sell to pay for the house. Too often I'm busy writing or reading emails in the evening, and I'll glance out and see the sunset for a moment only. This Lent, I will give myself five minutes to watch and marvel the close of the day to appreciate the beauty of the setting of the sun.

What will you choose? Making time to watch the birds, baking bread to share, watching a movie, listening to music. Whatever you choose, may it bring you Joy during what we hope is the last Lent shrouded with the Pandemic.

Until we get to Lent, enjoy the light of Epiphany, and may God bless your every breath.

Father Raymond

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# **Weekly Worship Schedule**

### Sunday

8 am: Rite I Holy Eucharist (reservation required) 10:30 am Rite II Choral Eucharist (reservation required) **Wednesday** 

7:30 am Holy Eucharist 12:30 pm: Healing Service **Both in St. Athanasius Chapel Friday** 

7:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom) www.latoth.org/digitalworship

~ Come Worship With Us! ~ All are Welcome

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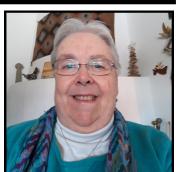
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# THOUGHTS FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

As of Tuesday, January 25, the Vestry re-elected me as Senior Warden for another year. I am happy to provide continuity in this time of transition and I am especially pleased to continue working with Fr. Raymond, Mother Laurie, Claire Singleton, Nancy Coombs, and the TOTH Vestry. It was a bit sad, however, to be saying "Thank you and best wishes" to our retiring Vestry members – Claudia Brookshire, Paul Lisowski, and Rebecca Sandoval.



For those who might have missed the Annual Meeting on January 23, here is your 2022 Vestry:

Margaret Odell, Senior Warden Lisa Rothrock, Co-Junior Warden Mark Hartman, Co-Junior Warden Rebecca Foley Linda Light Michelangelo Lobato Kelli Maginot Maggie Moore

Ben Schilling

Our new Treasurer is Leni Moore, and Claire Singleton is continuing as the Vestry Clerk. The Vestry has agreed to meet regularly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7 pm, either in person or via Zoom. Vestry meetings are not always electrifying, but they are a wonderful way to learn about the workings of TOTH and the larger church. Visitors are always welcome, but check with the office to see where the meeting is being held each month. Please also feel free to contact me (505-629-9657, meodell18@gmail.com) if you have questions or concerns about the life of our parish.

I hear from the Search Committee that they are working steadily on the OTM (Office of Transition Ministry) Profile and are on track to have all the necessary information ready for Canon Lee Curtis to begin advertising our position around March 1. Bill Godwin, Chair of the Search Committee, will keep both the Vestry and the congregation updated regarding the Search. I trust we all will be praying for their work and for the priests whose hearts and minds are being prepared to hear a call from Trinity on the Hill.

At the Annual Meeting, the congregation approved a budget of \$441,489 for 2022. We ended 2021 with revenues of \$410,347. Clearly, we will need to prayerfully consider our giving and stewardship to balance this year's budget. The Treasurer, Finance Committee, and Vestry will be informing the congregation about TOTH finances throughout the year.

As I write this piece, I am looking out on a world covered with beautiful, moisture-filled snow. This time of year is always difficult for me, with the short days and long, dark, bone-chilling nights, but this snow reminds me of God's love for His children and the blessings He has given us through the seasons. I pray that my TOTH family is safe and warm today as we endure the winds of winter and the challenges of COVID. You are in my prayers daily.

Margaret Odell, Senior Warden

# FROM THE CO-JUNIOR WARDENS



Greetings to all, and Happy February!

As far as your Junior Wardens for 2022, we are sorry to see Paul Lisowski leave, but we are so very, very grateful for all his efforts and insights this past year. He has been such a blessing!

Your Co-Junior Wardens are now Mark Hartman and Lisa Rothrock. Mark has always served in this role, even when he had to be off Vestry for a year, so it is wonderful to have him back in an official capacity!

We are already hard at work. The first order of business was to figure out how best to fix the Shop on the Corner door, which was hitting the concrete outside and starting to damage it. We decided the best course of action was to sand down the concrete itself, which was done by an outside contractor. However, said contractor didn't think to seal off the door to the Shop, so the dust infiltrated the room, causing no small amount of work for the ladies to clean up. Many thanks to the SOTC supporters who spent so much time getting the Shop back in working order!

After the debacle with the men's restroom ceiling leak, Lisa contacted ABC Roofing to continue their work to ensure that the next snowfall didn't present the same results. Indeed, they did come out to repair the roof just before the next snowstorm, and we are very hopeful that the fix will hold. Prayers are also encouraged for this endeavor.

As Father Raymond says every Sunday, "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." May we all serve Him each day in our hearts and in our words.

Blessings,

Lisa Rothrock Mark Hartman



From the Los Alamos Daily Post: TOTH parishioner Valarie Prestwood volunteers in many capacities around Los Alamos, including at Shop on the Corner and, here, at the Friends of Los Alamos County Libraries Bookstore at Mesa Public Library. (Photo: Jenn Bartram)



Thrift Shop Hours of Operation:

<u>Weekly Wednesdays 8:30 to noon</u>

<u>Second Saturday of each month 8:30 to noon</u>

<u>Third Thursday of each month 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.</u>

3900 Trinity Drive - lower parking lot

Clothing for the entire family, household items, books, CDs, DVDs, linens, toys, games, shoes, boots, seasonal items and more!

An Outreach Ministry of Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church
Proceeds support nonprofit charities



Above is the cast of Joe Cox's original Christmas musical, "The Grumpy Shepherd," which was presented on Christmas Eve during the 5 pm Family Service. (photo: Joe Cox)

### **CROP** Hunger Walk and Turkey Trot



To the people of Los Alamos and White Rock,

Los Alamos' CROP Hunger Walk and Turkey Trot 2021, held November 21, 2021, raised well over \$11,000 to end hunger.

Despite the ongoing pandemic, the need for COVID-safe practices and half the normal number of participants choosing to stay home, the funds raised through the event, happily, came to three-quarters the usual amount.

The CROP Hunger Walk and Turkey Trot planning committee expresses its gratitude to Los Alamos County residents for their continued participation, enthusiasm and monetary support.

At least 25 percent of the total raised by the hunger walk each year goes to L.A. Cares, the local food bank in town. The balance of the funds is sent through Church World Service to fight hunger around the world, and to provide relief here and abroad to survivors of natural disasters.

Thanks again for this strong community effort. The committee encourages readers of this article to mark their calendars for the next Los Alamos CROP Hunger Walk and Turkey Trot on November 20, 2022, the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Gratefully,

Cynthia Biddlecomb for the Los Alamos CROP Hunger Walk and Turkey Trot Committee 2021

### From the Editor:

Dear friends,

Happy New Year! Welcome to the first issue of *Trinity Tidings* for 2022. Please take the time to read and absorb the articles in this issue. You are all welcome to submit articles at any time, as well as photographs or other items of interest you may come across. If you miss a deadline, contributions can always be saved for a future edition of Trinity Tidings.

Our Bishop is asking that you notify the church office if you test positive for COVID or are in close contact with someone who does. Please stay healthy and remember to wear your mask when you enter the church building. Thanks!

Happy reading everyone.

Best wishes, Claire

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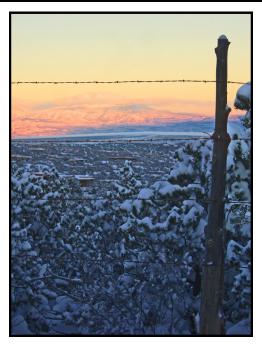
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# **Trinity on the Hill's Mission**

The Mission of Trinity on the Hill is to share the power and joy of God's love, to fully embrace all God's children, and to respond to the needs of our community and the world in the spirit of Jesus Christ

The next regularly scheduled issue will be in March. Submission deadline: Friday, February 25, 2022.

Submit electronically to admin@latoth.org



Fence in Snow

Photograph by Raymond Raney

### LA SIERRA ENCANTADA DEANERY

Karen Humphrey, Recording Secretary

But what is Deanery? A Deanery is a geographical section within a Diocese. These Deanery areas then incorporate all the parishes within that Deanery area. Would you believe that there is a lot of work to be done in a Diocese? How does the Bishop get all the work done? He has Deaneries to help.

The Diocese of the Rio Grande has four Deaneries— La Sierra Encantada (formerly NE), NW, SE, and SW. The Dean is usually clergy within one of the Deanery parishes who is appointed by the Bishop to lead and oversee the work of the Deanery. The Dean is responsible for spiritual, academic, and fiscal aspects. Deans are part of the Diocesan Council so they are part of the communication network because they bring Diocesan information to their part of the world.

Each Deanery is allocated quarterly funding for congregational development or special needs within the Deanery. Deanery-wide activities help to promote Deanery fellowship. Ideas for activities are welcome at any time; just tell us what you want the Deanery to do. Some previous ideas set forth were study program, something for fun, good works, meeting at other times to get to know each other, workshops, fellowship time, etc. This was prior to the pandemic of course. What are the needs out there now? Let the Deanery know how to help. The La Sierra Encantada Deanery congregations are widely scattered due to their rural locations, so neighboring congregations may plan a get together that the Deanery could fund.

What parishes are within the La Sierra Encantada Deanery?

- Church of the Holy Faith, Santa Fe
- Holy Family, Santa Fe
- Holy Trinity, Raton
- St. Bede's, Santa Fe
- St. James, Taos
- St. Jerome's, Chama
- St. Paul's Peace, Las Vegas
- St. Stephen's, Espanola
- Trinity on the Hill, Los Alamos

Now just who are the representatives to the quarterly Deanery meetings who make decisions for their parishes?

- ♦ All clergy within the Deanery parishes/missions
- ♦ All Junior and Senior Wardens of each parish
- ♦ All the duly elected representatives—the number established by the Diocese depending on the parishes' congregational numbers.

All those above are the voting representatives at Deanery and if these people do not represent a parish at meetings, their parish is losing out on fellowship, funding, and ministry. Visitors are always welcome at Deanery meetings too, and attending is a good way to meet some of your fellow parishioners from other Churches. It is always fun to visit the Deanery parishes and, hopefully, in 2022 Deanery will be able to return to some quarterly meetings in person. For the first part of next year, they will still be Zoom meetings.

Let me know if you have questions about Deanery. The Very Rev. Fred McKelder Brown of Taos, who is also known as "Mac" is the current Dean. Did you know: Clergy who serve as Deans use the title "The Very Reverend." They may also wear a distinctive piping (colored trim) on the cassock.

## The Chosen

# Blessed are The Chosen

(Produced and directed by Dallas Jenkins)

#### The Beatitudes

"And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:1-3

What do The Beatitudes teach us? <u>Season 2 of The Chosen</u> takes us on a journey with Jesus as he prepares himself and his disciples for the Sermon on the Mount. Each step (episode) illumines the simple and deeper meaning of the kingdom of God. The seeker and the doubter, the confused and the fearful find new meaning in their life's travels through the experience of walking with Jesus.

The Chosen is a television series about the life of Jesus. For the next eight weeks or so, we will examine the calling of the disciples and their experiences. The director and writers have developed a backstory that helps to shed light on the culture and daily life of the people living at the time of Jesus' ministry. Together they will bring to life the lives of the disciples, the character of Jesus, and what it means to be His. Each Adult Christian Education session works in tandem with an episode from the show, bringing the Old and New Testaments to life in a fresh way.

The Chosen draws from the four Gospels of the New Testament. But it is noteworthy how often the show references the Old Testament in quotes, allusions, or flashbacks. The intertwining story threads, from the Old Testament to the New Testament, are intricate and profound.

Schedule: Viewing of the Episodes of Blessed are the Chosen

Wednesday: Starting February 9<sup>th</sup>, each week's episode will be shown at TOTH on Wednesday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. in Sherrill Hall.

Sunday: Starting February 13<sup>th</sup>, Sunday mornings 9:15 to 10:15 am, a discussion of the key topics and questions will be held in Sherrill Hall.

Part 1 - February 13

Part 2 - February 20

Part 3 - February 27

Part 4 - March 6

Part 5 - March 13

Part 6 - March 20

Part 7 - March 27

Part 8 – April 3

Each episode can be viewed at https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen

or on YouTube at https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen/watch?ap=true

Contact Susan Sprake at <a href="mailto:sprakesusan@gmail.com">sprake at sprakesusan@gmail.com</a> if you have any questions.

#### February 2022

Date	Time	Server	Lay Reader	Media Team	Usher	Altar Guild
Feb 6	8:00	Richard Triplett	Margaret Odell			Andy and Linda Light Paul and Marilyn Lisowski
	10:30	Andy Light	Marilyn Lisowski	Rick Rothrock	Damon Giovanielli	
Feb 13	8:00	Ben Schilling	Joe Cox			Rozelle and Brad Wright Kathy and Pete Peterson
	10:30	Susan Sprake	Sally Cassil	Nancy Coombs	Linda Corliss	
Feb 20	8:00	Luke Favorite	Rozelle Wright			Ruth Cox, Renee Roybal, Valarie Prestwood, Karen Humphrey
	10:30	Isabella Stephens	Susan Sprake	Richard/Jonathan T.	Maggie Moore	
Feb 27	8:00	Joe Cox	Kay Dreamtrader			Ellie Giovanielli, Michelle Espy, Marybeth Stephens
	10:30	Mariah Stephens	Margaret Odell	Richard Triplett	Damon Giovanielli	

#### LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, March 2 Services at 7 am, 12 noon, and 7 pm (Choral)

Maundy Thursday, April 14 Service at 7 pm, with foot-washing (Choral)

Good Friday, April 15 Stations of the Cross, 12 noon

7 pm service (Choral)

Holy Saturday, April 16 Easter Vigil, 8 pm (Choral)

Easter Day Services at 8 am and 10:30 am

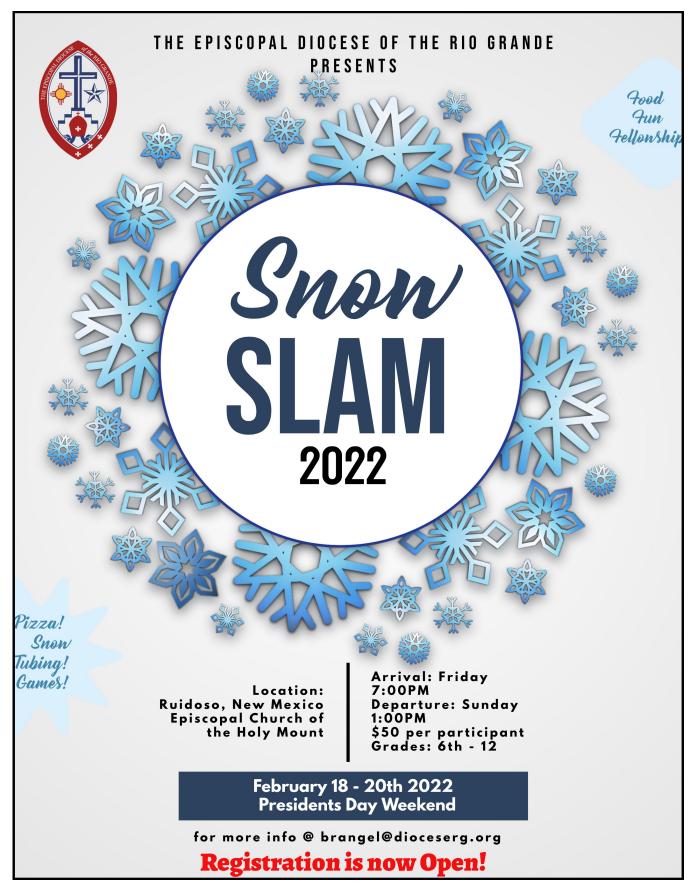
### **CALLING ALL WRITERS!**

We will be participating in the *Lenten Devotional Booklet* program again this year. TOTH has been assigned six dates on which to provide a devotional, and all contributions must reach the TOTH office by **Monday, February 21.** 

Please prayerfully and carefully consider whether you could contribute a short devotional (no more than 300 words) for inclusion in the booklet. You can contact the office for a list of bible passages on which to base your contribution and some basic instructions.

Please let us know soon if you would like to contribute Thank you!







Remaining Connected during COVID-19

Let's get something straight: Screen-Time Burnout is a real thing. But it's the safest way to stay connected, so let's use it to the best of our ability. Knowing this, however, we have expanded some in-person offerings for those who desire.

### Tuesdays:

- Women Alive via Zoom at 8 am. Contact Rozelle Wright or Lynn Finnegan for the link. First Tuesday meeting outdoors at 6:30 am.
- Zoom **Coffee Hour** at 10 am. Link sent out via email (<u>admin@latoth.org</u> for more information)

### Wednesdays:

- Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am in St. Athanasius Chapel. In-person service only.
- **Service of Healing** at 12:30 pm in St. Athanasius Chapel. In-person and Zoom service.

### Fridays:

• **Morning Prayer** via Zoom at 7:30 am. Led by Deacon Lynn Finnegan. Zoom link sent via e-mail.

### Sundays:

- Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8 am, in person only.
- Choral Eucharist Rite II at 10:30 am, in person and via Facebook live at www.facebook.com/trinityoth

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