

WEEK OF SUNDAY, APRIL 5

THE STAR

Official Newsletter of Church of the Epiphany-Tempe



Pictured above: Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt 2025



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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

APRIL 2

Maundy Thursday | 7pm

APRIL 3

Good Friday | 12pm & 7pm
Stations of the Cross | 3pm

APRIL 4

Holy Saturday Service | 9am
Easter Vigil | 7pm

Holy Week with Jesus | A Holy Week Daily Text Experience

Receive real-time text messages as you follow Jesus step by step through his final days. Let every text deepen your journey. [Click here to learn more and take the first step.](#)

Sunday at Epiphany

The Feast of the Resurrection

Celebrant:

The Rev. Hunter Ruffin

Lay Ministers 8:00AM

Greeter:

Andrea Stewart

Readers:

Carol Dalton, Patricia Young

Acolyte:

Joe Moritz

Eucharistic Ministers:

John Slaughter

Lay Ministers 10:00AM

Greeters:

Dylan Westbrook, Cece Wilhite,
Laura Evans, Aaron Van Briesen

Readers:

Barbara Acker, Karen Ford

Acolytes:

Nancy Keith, Diane Spillum,
Jane Konrad

Eucharistic Ministers:

Lynne Gleason, Ann Tebo

Music:

Dr. Miriam Hickman, Matt Flora,
Choir

A/V Ministers:

Alex Mather-Charles

Join us in-person at 8:00 or 10:00, or
[online at 10:00](#)



FOR HE HAS BEEN RAISED

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5

Worship Services

8AM - SPOKEN WORD WORSHIP

10AM - CHORAL WORSHIP

WITH GUEST MUSICIANS

Egg Hunt & Brunch

9AM - POTLUCK-STYLE BRUNCH

9AM - EASTER EGG HUNT

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Easter Flower Memorials

Steve & Trish Aquillino	<i>In memory of Carolyn, Ariel, and Myriam</i>
Dave Bauer	
The Bowman Family	<i>In honor of Maria Luisa Gomez & Gail Paige-Bowman; In memory of Carlos Morazan & Ernest Bruss; With thanksgiving for our family.</i>
Yvonne Breslin	<i>In memory of John Breslin</i>
Kathy Carney	<i>In memory of Marsha Heron; With thanksgiving for my church family</i>
June Crane	
Priscilla DeMoss	
Laura Evans	<i>In memory of parents Phil & Mary Teagle</i>
The Fairchild Family	<i>In thanksgiving for the D'Oria family-Gary, Tara, and Noah; In memory of Joan Ann Temple</i>
The Flores Family	
Jack & Mary Harthun	<i>With thanksgiving for our family</i>
Michelle Helm	<i>In honor of Cynthia - sister</i>
The Keith Family	<i>In memory of John D. Keith, Jr.</i>
Tonya Landin	<i>In memory of Trent, Tiki & Tata Ruiz; With thanksgiving for everything</i>
Rupert Loza	<i>In honor & memory of Lorraine Loza; With thanksgiving for a wonderful marriage!</i>
Dave & Valli Mittner-Ripley	<i>In memory of John and Dorothy Hergenrother, Emerson and Mabel Ripley</i>
Phoebe Morgan	
The Owan & Hansen Family	<i>In memory of Christopher & Rowan</i>
Steve Schaitberger	
Joy Shearman	<i>In memory of John, Ethel, Jackie, Dean</i>
Kim Stone	<i>In memory of Pita Sunia, and Jude Wickelgren</i>
Cece Wilhite	<i>In memory of Wm, Bernice, Bill, Pat; With thanksgiving for children, grandchildren, & Epiphany</i>
Anonymous	<i>In celebration of Easter; In memory of Kemp Slaughter</i>

Many thanks to everyone who was able to make a gift and help beautify the church for Easter this year!

Worship | Serve | Love

Save the Date for the Third Annual Ladies Spring Afternoon Tea!

Saturday, May 9 @ 2pm

Each year, the women of our community don their favorite tea dresses and hats, with some even hosting beautifully set tables featuring their own china! Together, we gather to enjoy a delightful afternoon of traditional tea, sweet treats, and warm fellowship.

Stay tuned for signups in the coming weeks

Contact Pam for more info at
WatermanPJ28@gmail.com
or 602-686-1249



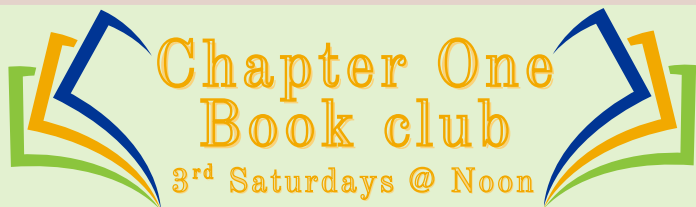
OFFICE CLOSED ON APRIL 6 & 7



CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, APRIL 6 AND TUESDAY, APRIL 7, IN OBSERVANCE OF EASTER. IN CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY PLEASE CALL (480)968-4111 AND CHOOSE OPTION 9.



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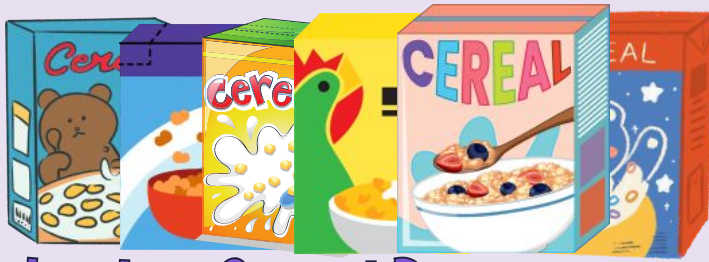
Start Reading for April!

The April book pick is The Six by Laura Thompson, meeting April 18. The May book pick is Bel Canto by Ann Patchett, the May meeting will be May 16. If you would like to join the book club, need the Zoom link, or have any questions, contact Gillian Murphy at: (480)907-4933 or gillian@kirkyhomes.com.

Epiphany is Going Digital!

By now you may have noticed the shift to incorporating digital worship aids into the 10am service. We found it to be largely well received—offering a clear, easy-to-follow format while also helping us be better stewards of our resources. Readings and announcements will continue to be printed, reducing our paper usage by over 50% on the average Sunday! For the time being, full bulletins will continue to be printed for special services such as, but not limited to: Holy Week services, Easter, and Christmas. We look forward to embracing this new, flexible way of engaging in worship together.

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Lenten Cereal Drive – Will Top 900! June Crane

We brought in 279 boxes of cereal on Palm Sunday which brought our total to 871 boxes for the food banks at Paz de Cristo and Matthews Crossing. And, we have enough money to buy around 50 more boxes so we have blown past our goal of 700 boxes during the season of Lent. Thanks to you all and to Unity whose donations of cereal (and other staple foods) helped us get past our goal. [Easter blessings.



A/V Ministers Wanted!



With the recent move towards digital worship guides, we could use one or two more sets of hands and ears in the A/V room on Sunday! The A/V ministry also helps set up music, live-sound systems, and the

projector for special parish events. The equipment is very easy to use and intuitive to learn. If you may be interested in joining the A/V team, contact christian@epiphanytempe.org or see him after worship!



Creation Care Corner

Offering ideas and inspiration for sustainable discipleship

Each year, the United States produces 35.7 million tons of plastic waste. That's equivalent to more than 200 pounds of plastic waste for every single man, woman and child in America. (US Public Interest Research Group) More than 91% of plastic is burned, thrown into a landfill or tossed into our environment. Much of what is left in the environment winds up in the ocean. Scientists estimate that there will be more plastic than sea creatures in the ocean by 2050. (Lauren Spurrier, World Wildlife Magazine, Fall, 2019) We all can play a part in reducing the scourge of plastic, starting here at Epiphany. The Creation Care Committee has set a goal of eliminating as much single use plastic from our garbage as possible. You will see changes coming in the Parish Hall kitchen in the coming weeks. Stay tuned to announcements and information in the Star for more details. A few adjustments in utensils, cups and other items will go a long way toward reaching our goal. We are asking for your help and support in this effort!

-Amy Douglass

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**Being
With**



Only 10 spots
are available
per course!

Being With - Regular Course

RSVP

Sundays, starting April 12 through June 21, 6pm-7:30pm

Would you like to explore your faith with us? We are using a 10 week course developed by St. Martin's in the Field, London that explores the Christian faith from an inclusive and positive understanding of the Christian faith. It's particularly constructed for those who are exploring for the first time or after a significant break.

Being With - End of Life Course

RSVP

Wednesdays, starting April 8 through June 10, 6pm-7:30pm

Join us for a course that creates space for honest conversation, practical planning, and faithful reflection—for those making plans for themselves or navigating recent loss.

Together, we will explore questions of mortality, legacy, grief, and Christian hope—grounded in prayer, Scripture, and the assurance of God's abiding presence.

**Being
With**

**Exploring
Life and Faith
Together**

This Week's Prayers

We are all invited to pray for these people in our personal prayers throughout the week.

- **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Mexico
- **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Grace Saint Paul's - Tucson
- **Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Jack Harthun, Peter Crane, Lynda Woodson, Bill Chamberlain
- **Parish Prayer List:** Aaron, Alvin, Andrea, Ann, April, Barbara, Beth, Bill & Lynda, Brady, Carol & Frank & Allen, Carol & Walt, Chris, Connie & Kathy, Cooper, David, Ellen & Richard, Emma, Eric, Iain, Imogen & the Greaux family, Jack & Pam, Jazz, Jillian, Judith, Katie, Levi & family, Linda & John & family, Lou, Lynda, the Martinez family, the Sharp family, Susan & Stuart, the Ruiz family, Nancy, Tony, Wanda

This Week at Epiphany

- **Sunday, April 5-** ~Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt at 9am. ~A.A. at 4pm in the Parish Hall. ~Al-Anon at 5:15pm in the Parish Hall.
- **Monday, April 6- *Church office closed** ~A.A. at 6pm in the Parish Hall. ~Men of Epiphany at 7pm in the Ed. Bldg.
- **Tuesday, April 7- *Church office closed** ~A.A. at 6pm in the Parish Hall. ~Men's A.A. at 6pm in the Church.
- **Wednesday, April 8-** ~Eucharist at 10am in the Chapel. ~Discipleship Group at 11am in the Ed. Bldg. ~A.A. at 5:30pm in the Ed. Bldg. ~Men's A.A. at 6:30pm in the Ed. Bldg.
- **Thursday, April 9-** ~Morning Prayer at 9am in the Chapel. ~Business Networking International Meeting at 9am in the Parish Hall. ~A.A. at 6pm in the Parish Hall.
- **Saturday, April 11-** ~Al. Anon. Spring Assembly at 7:30am in the Parish Hall. ~A.A. at 7pm in the Church.

*****Church of the Epiphany's office will be closed on April 6 and April 7, in observance of Easter. In case of a pastoral emergency please call (480)968-4111 and choose option 9.**

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