



**MESSAGE FROM THE PRIEST**

**Living the Love of God: What does that mean?**

It means to realize that the foundation of our existence, both personally and as part of all of creation, is the unconditional and abundant love of God. Now, that is a rather esoteric statement, but if we think about it, it has very concrete and helpful implications. For example, if the foundation of our existence is love, then we have no reason not to love ourselves. We often struggle with loving ourselves. We chafe at the gap between our expectations of ourselves and the reality of our lives. We fret over what we perceive as others' rejections, imperfections or affronts. We worry about our acceptability, our competency and our relevance in the lives of those who are important to us.

Where do these expectations come from? Do they not arise from what we think others think of us? Are they not embedded in our culture's norms and rules for behavior? God's heart is above and beyond all cultural and societal expectations. God starts from the place of unconditional and radical love. God loves us into existence (the fact that you are here proves God thinks you're a good idea) and loves us into relationship (that's why Jesus came.) If God starts there, so can we! Living in the Love of God means learning to love ourselves as God loves us.

Next month: What else does it mean?

Paul+

**SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS**

Our Sunday School program for children is very important. These little ones need formation in the faith and their parents need to know that we are doing what we can for them, and doing it well. We don't have a lot of kids, but we do have some. Karen Morant is the Vestry person in charge of Christian Formation, but she cannot run this program alone. We have a small cadre of volunteers, but we need more. I know that many of you have past experience in this area, some of you have lots of it. Please consider making your talents available to this oh-so important ministry. --Paul+

**Liturgical Notes for Holy Week and Easter:**

Palm Sunday: Services at normal times. 10:30 will begin in the Parish Hall and then process out the back door, across the parking lot to 6<sup>th</sup> Street, down to Texas and back to the door of the church. (Those who do not wish to process the church may enter the church and wait in silence for the arrival of the procession.)

Holy Wednesday: Stations of the Cross with Meditations at 12:05, no communion.

Maundy Thursday: Holy Eucharist with stripping of the Altar and foot (or hand) washing, 7:00 p.m.

The Watch: Thursday night after the service until at least noon on Good Friday, reserved sacrament to be located conveniently for this purpose.

Good Friday: Community Service at 12:05 similar to last year, Good Friday Liturgy with communion from the Reserved Sacrament at 5:30 p.m.

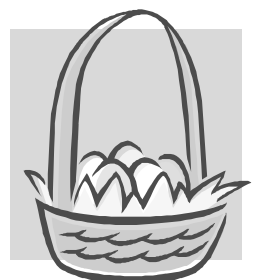
Holy Saturday: Noon Holy Saturday service, Great Vigil of Easter at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday: Services at normal times.

**Needed for Easter...**

On Easter Sunday, following the 10:30 Service, we will have an **Easter Egg Hunt for children, young and old**. We are asking for donations of candy and/or stickers, etc. to put into plastic eggs for the egg hunt. There is a basket on the table in the Parish Hall if you would like to donate. Donations are needed by 24<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you!

(--the Christian Formation Committee--)



**CHRISTIAN FORMATION  
MARCH 2013**

**PREPARE for Easter...**

**As Christians, our life journey is a one of formation. We want to ensure that our journey is Christ-driven and leading to our continued formation as a Christian people. Our tools for formation are worship, prayer, and the study of God's Word and will for our lives. This becomes a journey of Christian Formation as we strive to be transformed into the people that Christ wants us to become.**



**1. EASTER: The celebration of Easter is on Sunday, March 31st.** There are many opportunities for worship and participation in the life of the Church during Holy Week. This begins with Palm and Passion Sunday on March 24th. The children of the Church can participate with the adults at the start of the service on Palm Sunday with the procession of the Palms. On Easter Sunday, the children will be bringing in the flower cross at the beginning of the 10:30 a.m. Service. Please see additional information on the events of Holy Week here in the CALL.

The Easter Egg Hunt for children, young and old, will follow the 10:30 a.m. Easter service. There will be a basket on the table in the Parish Hall if you would like to donate treats or plastic eggs for the egg hunt.

**2. ADULT AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

There is one ongoing adult Sunday School at this time. The Kerygma class is continuing their study and meets in the Parish Hall at 9:15 a.m. with Deacon Tom as the leader.

There was a **survey** in your bulletin on February 24<sup>th</sup>. We are starting the planning process for an adult Bible Study to be held during the week. We are trying to determine interest, day and time of the week as well as if you would like a topical study or a study that looks at specific books of the Bible. If you didn't respond on Sunday, we will do the **survey** again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. After looking at the results, we will get back to you with more detailed information. Please be in prayer about the Bible Study and whether you want to be a part of one.

**3. NURSERY**

Nursery is offered at 10:30 a.m. and is available for any child not able to sit through the Sunday Service. We *thank* the following Nursery Volunteers:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: **\*Need Someone\***                      3<sup>rd</sup>: Karisse Moore  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Carol Barrington                      4<sup>th</sup>: Holly Peterson

**\*\*please consider volunteering one Sunday a month in the Church Nursery\*\***

**Survey:** Please make sure you fill out a Christian Formation survey. We would really like your input on this important topic. Forms are available in the Parish Hall.

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

We had our After School Program on Feb. 6 and Feb 27<sup>th</sup>. We had a wonderful tour of the Courthouse and also got taught the Virginia Reel. The Silver City Police came out, twice, to encourage safe use of 911 and tell the kids the ins/outs of what to do in case of an emergency. We had a great Arts & Crafts project and the children were taught a wonderful Valentine's Day lesson. Thanks to all who participate and make this wonderful Outreach Program of ours possible!

Join us in March for a wonderful field trip to Serenity Acres Horse Rescue Ranch in Silver City. On March 20<sup>th</sup> the kids will be taking Corre Caminos to the Ranch where they will get to learn all about the fascinating history of some of these horses! They even have a horse that was part of a drug smuggling ring and used by Border Patrol Officers. Wow!

If you are interested in participating in the After School Program and haven't - feel free to sign up for a part of a meal, or contribute in some other way! We are always looking for people willing to lead our children in song, games, or fun activities. Hop right in, the water's warm. Thanks, and God Bless our After School Program Volunteers.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**March**

17 Karen Barnes  
22 Ron Oglesby  
23 Beverly Redwine



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**March**

29 Howard & Mary Harrell



**Sermon Notes:** During Eastertide Fr. Paul will be reviewing the series of sermons on the nature of our faith and worship that he preached last fall. Remember that past sermons are available on the church website: [www.goodshepsilver.org](http://www.goodshepsilver.org).

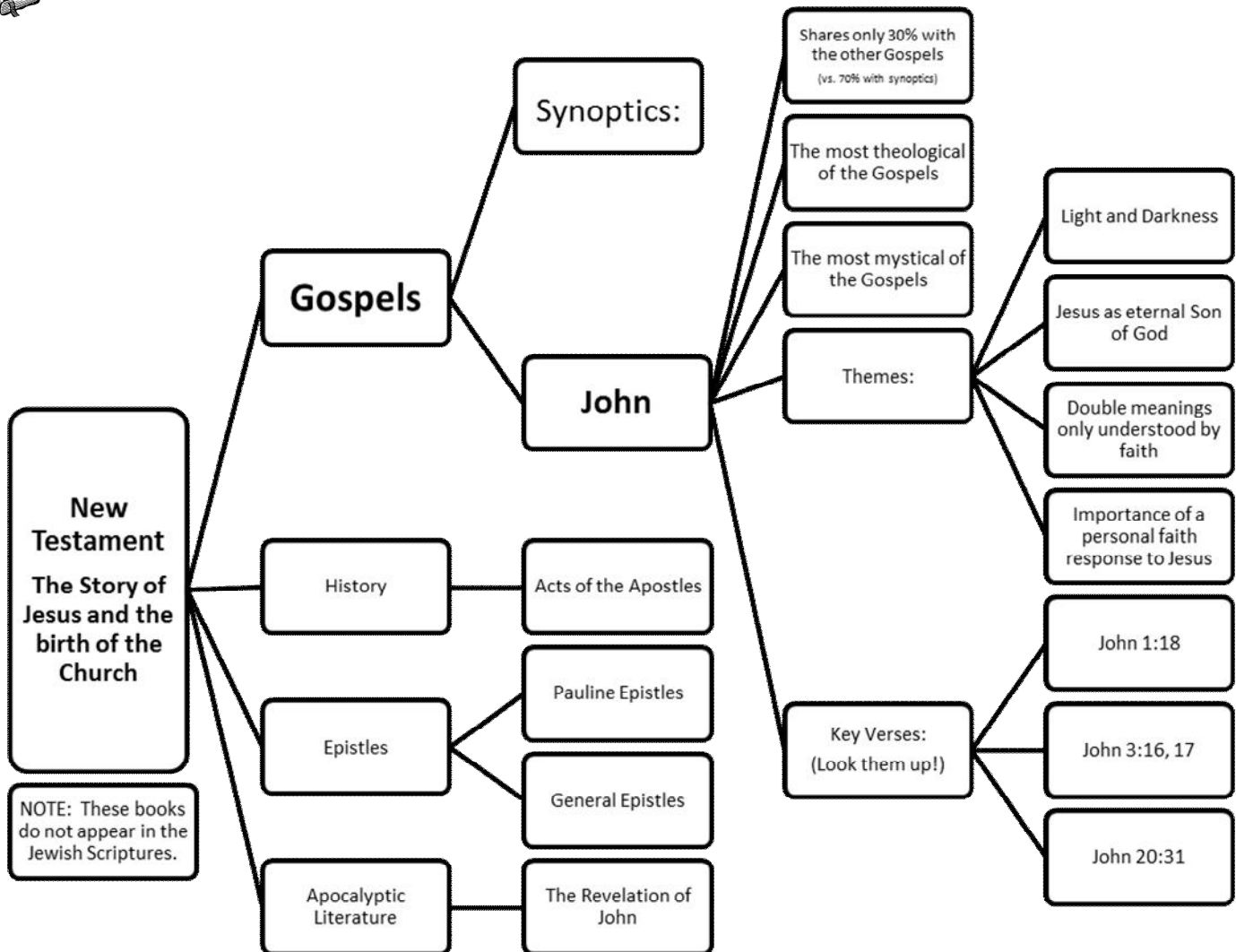
**Cross Cultural Hospitality Class:** During Lent Fr. Paul will be offering a course of study on the practice of spiritual hospitality between Anglos and Hispanics in the Church. In it he will present the results of his Sabbatical studies from the Summer of 2011. The training program has garnered the attention of National Hispanic Missioner Anthony Guillen, and has been commended by Bishop Michael Vono.

The whole course is five sessions long, beginning on the First Sunday of Lent and ending on March 18th. Each session will be offered twice each week, once right after Church on Sunday, and again on Mondays at 5:30. Monday night's class will be offered in Henderson Hall. (On the two Sundays when Fr. Paul will be in Gila Hot Springs the Sunday session will take place at 3:00 p.m.)

In light of our upcoming launch into Hispanic ministry and our participation in the Honduras Mission Trip in July attendance by as many people in the parish as possible is urged.



The Bible for Dummies...the Organization of the Bible in graphic form, coming to you in monthly installments in the Evangel...



### SOLES4SOULS SHOE DRIVE

Have any shoes that don't fit or may need slight repair? Donate them to the shoe drive so we can send them to Soles4Souls in Tennessee, where they do any repairs and send them to folks round the world. The shoes may allow kids to go to school, or women to get jobs, or protect people from parasites boring into bare feet. Look for the box in the Parish Hall starting 20 February. The drive will run for one month. If you do not have shoes, consider donating some money to help defray shipping costs! Below is more information about the organization.

“Have your feet shod with the gospel of Peace.” (Ephesians 6:15)

#### Our Mission

Soles4Souls collects new shoes to give relief to the victims of abject suffering and collects used shoes to support micro-business efforts to eradicate poverty. Soles4Souls' other two divisions, Clothes4Souls and Hope4Souls, provide the same relief and support through clothing and other necessities.

#### Our History

Soles4Souls has a simple concept: we procure shoes and get them to those in need.

In the aftermath of the 2004 tsunami that hit Southeast Asia, Wayne Elsey, the Founder of Soles4Souls® Inc., felt compelled to do something. Like many of us, he did not know what to do. He was at home one night, watching TV and he saw a picture of a single shoe washing up on the beach. That triggered a few calls to some other executives in the footwear industry and the subsequent donation of a quarter of a million shoes to victims in the devastated countries.

A few months later when Katrina hit, Wayne called the same group of friends, and through our continued support, we have sent over a million pairs of shoes down to the gulf coast communities affected by the hurricane. In all honesty, he admits that he did not expect such an immediate and successful turnout. This left him wondering, why not start a non-profit and do this all the time? One year later, Soles4Souls was formally created.

It has been that simple: changing the world one pair at a time.

Soles4Souls receives large donations from footwear companies, retailers, churches, nonprofit ministries, civic groups, schools, and individuals and saw that this could become a full time organization. That's why Soles4Souls was created – to facilitate the donations from these groups to the people who desperately need footwear.

**MARCH LAY READER AND ACOLYTE SCHEDULE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LAY MINISTERS</b>	<b>GREETERS</b>	<b>ACOLYTES</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL/ NURSERY</b>
<b>MARCH 3</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Pat Brown Jane Bates	Barry Rimmel Margo Rimmel	Sarah Guck – Team Leader Kate Boyce – Crucifer Tobias Guck Autumn Laws	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 Youth Sunday School Nursery:
<b>MARCH 10</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Linda Shay Carol Coon Lector: Paul Sherrell Mary Ihlefeld	Mitzi Roberts Marianne Bray	Landon Moore Linda Richter Carol Coon	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 Youth Sunday School Nursery: Carol Barrington
<b>MARCH 17</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Linda Shay Lector: Sara Boyett Mary Harrell	Dave & Pam Kuthe Dick & June Rhoades	Linda Shay Carol Coon Win Taylor	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 Youth Sunday School Nursery: Karisse Moore
<b>PALM SUNDAY MARCH 24</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Linda Shay Jane Bates Mary Ihlefeld	Dora Somerville Dora Somerville	Linda Shay Carol Coon Linda Richater	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 Youth Sunday School Nursery: Holly Peterson
<b>HOLY WEDNESDAY</b> 12:00 PM	Linda Shay			
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY MARCH 28</b> 7:00 PM	Karisse Moore Win Tayloe		Sarah Guck Carol Coon Win Taylor	
<b>GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29</b> 5:30 PM	Linda Shay			
<b>EASTER VIGIL MARCH 30</b> 7:00 PM	Jane Bates Mary Ihlefeld		Carol Coon Linda Richter Win Taylor	
<b>EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Linda Shay Sarah Guck Win Taylor		Sarah Guck – Team Leader Kate Boyce – Crucifer Tobias Guck Autumn Laws	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 Youth Sunday School Nursery:
<b>APRIL 7</b> 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Pat Hamilton-Brown Mary Harrell	Barry Rimmel Margo Rimmel	Linda Shay Carol Coon Win Taylor	

Lay Readers, please note: the reader listed first will read the first lesson