

CONNECTING MEOTA February 21<sup>st</sup> , 2024

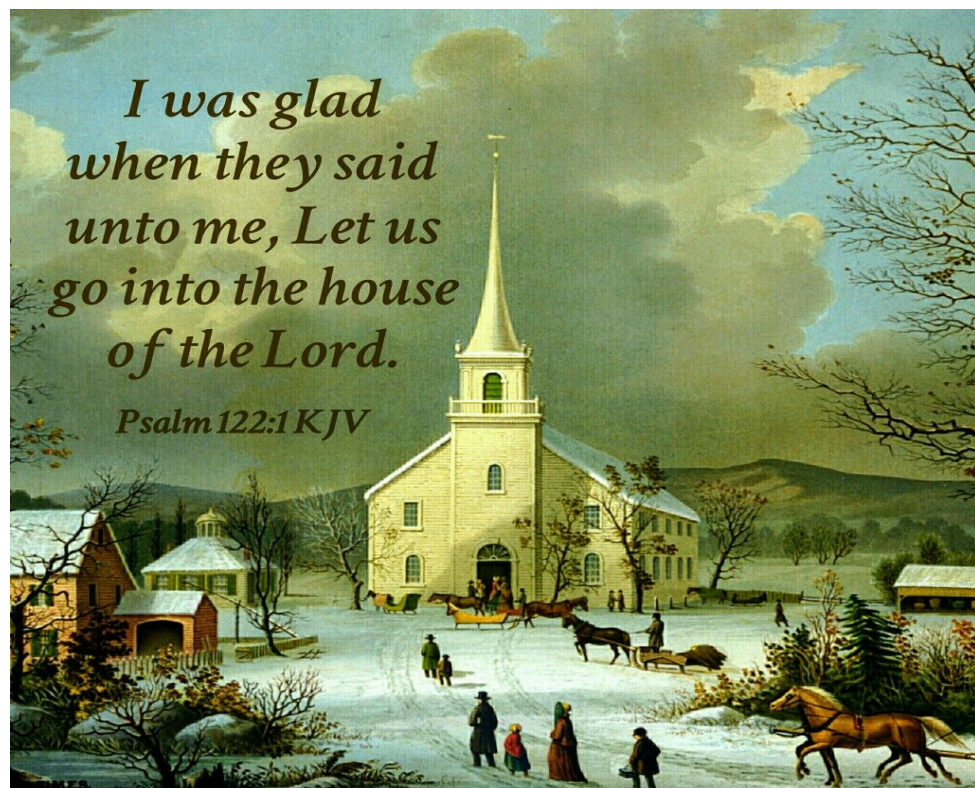
**This newsletter is meant to inspire, engage, and encourage everyone in the Meota Parish to seek God and reach out to one another throughout the week.**

**Our next church service will be**

**Sunday February 25th  
10:30 am**

**ONE SERVICE  
at St George's Diamond Valley**

**LUNCH AND AGM TO FOLLOW**



## MEOTA PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

ZOOM study for Lent – Feb 21, 7 pm

Fiddler on the Roof - Sat Feb 24, 2 pm, St George's

ONE SERVICE Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am St George's

AGM - Sunday Feb 25<sup>th</sup> St George's *After the service, lunch incl.*

Prayer and Praise Service FEB 29<sup>TH</sup> 7:00 pm St George's

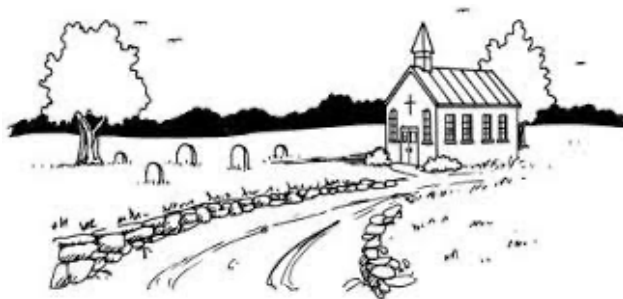
The Robe – Sat March 23, 2 pm, St. George's

Maundy Thursday March 28, 7 pm St. George's

Good Friday (Taize) March 29, St. George's 7 pm

Easter Sunday is March 31, 10:30 am

St. George's, Christ Church and St. James



# IT'S NOT TOO LATE

JOIN VEN ALAN ON ZOOM on WEDNESDAYS 7 PM

**Over the past three years, Ven Alan has been leading us into spiritual maturity by taking on the traditional disciplines of Lent. We have done prayer and fasting in the past. This year we look at Almsgiving.**

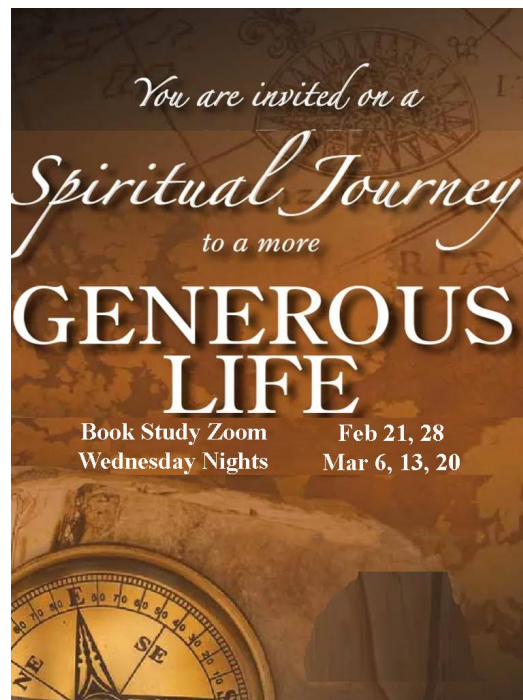
**I love Venerable Alan's sermons. He always has great insight!!!**

**Come and see, he is holding a Zoom conversation, 7 PM on Wednesday evenings in Lent on the meaning of Almsgiving.**


**HERE IS THE LINK**

CLICK HERE ON WEDNESDAYS 7 PM FOR THE ZOOM SESSION

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85232472145?pwd=MmxtD0cray9panl3SjlEQjRCNGhkZz09>



**Please join us. Check your email for a message from Michelle at Meota Parish. It will also contain the Zoom link.**



YOU CAN ALWAYS,  
ALWAYS GIVE  
SOMETHING, EVEN IF  
IT IS ONLY KINDNESS!

—Anne Frank

*@weareteachers*



Come be part of the information sharing.

Come be part of the decisions.

Come be part of Meota's future.

Come be part of the church.

Come tell our leaders that you appreciate them.

Come and catch up with people you haven't seen in a while.

**Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 10:30am ONE SERVICE at St. George's**

**Followed by LUNCH and the AGM**

**THANKS FOR COMING!**

# YOUR FAVOURITE HYMNS

We have looked at *How Deep the Father's Love For Me*, *Abide with Me*, *It is Well with My Soul*, *I Come to the Garden Alone*, *I Was Full of Joy*, and *How Great Thou Art*.

Email [meotaparish@gmail.com](mailto:meotaparish@gmail.com) with your choice and I will research it for you!

This week, our wonderful Admin Assistant, Michelle, has requested that I look into the background of a rather newish hymn, **"Lord, you have come down to the lakeshore"**

Monseñor Cesáreo Gabaráin (1936-1991) was one of the best-known composers of Spanish liturgical music following the reforms of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65). He was inspired by the feelings and actions of the humble people he met during his ministry.

Of his four hymns in the *UM Hymnal*, "Pescador de Hombres" ("Fisher of Men"), the original Spanish title, is the most popular and indeed, one of the more popular newer hymns in the hymnal. Written in 1979, "Tú has venido a la orilla" (the Spanish opening line) is based on the parallel passages found in the synoptic gospels on Jesus' calling of his first disciples (Matthew 4:18-20; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11).

As found in the Scripture, Gabaráin captures the total obedience of disciples and their willingness to give up everything: "As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed him." (Matthew 4:18-20, NIV)

The hymn entreats us to follow Christ with the same obedience and commitment. The refrain is a call to surrender to Jesus in response to his command to follow him. The gentle melody, PESCADOR DE HOMBRES, is reminiscent of a rocking boat by the lakeshore.

This hymn was used in the 1993 movie *Alive*, based on a book about the survivors of the Andes plane crash in 1972, and the Spanish film *Camino* (2008), about a girl who died of spinal cancer in 1985 who is in the process of canonization by the Catholic Church.

**"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"**

Cesáreo Gabaráin  
UM Hymnal, No. 344

*Lord, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.*

*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;  
by your side I will seek other seas.*



**Jesus said, I am the way, the truth and the life.**

## *A Prayer for Lenten Grace*

Loving God,

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, remind me of the grace and simplicity.

May this season be grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

*Amen.*



## Second Sunday in Lent Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Readings

GENESIS 17:1-7, 15-16; PSALM 22:22-30; ROMANS 4:13-25; MARK 8:31-38

### First Reading

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, **"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham;** for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but **Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her.** I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." GENESIS 17:1-7, 15-16

### Second Reading A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of **Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,** as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. **No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.** Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

ROMANS 4:13-25

## Gospel

### THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, **"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."**

MARK 8:31-38



Father, help me to keep my priorities right, my life holy, and my heart open to your will rather than being blinded with my own self-seeking. In Jesus' precious name I pray. Amen.

# Abraham

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Abraham

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# FUNNY BONES



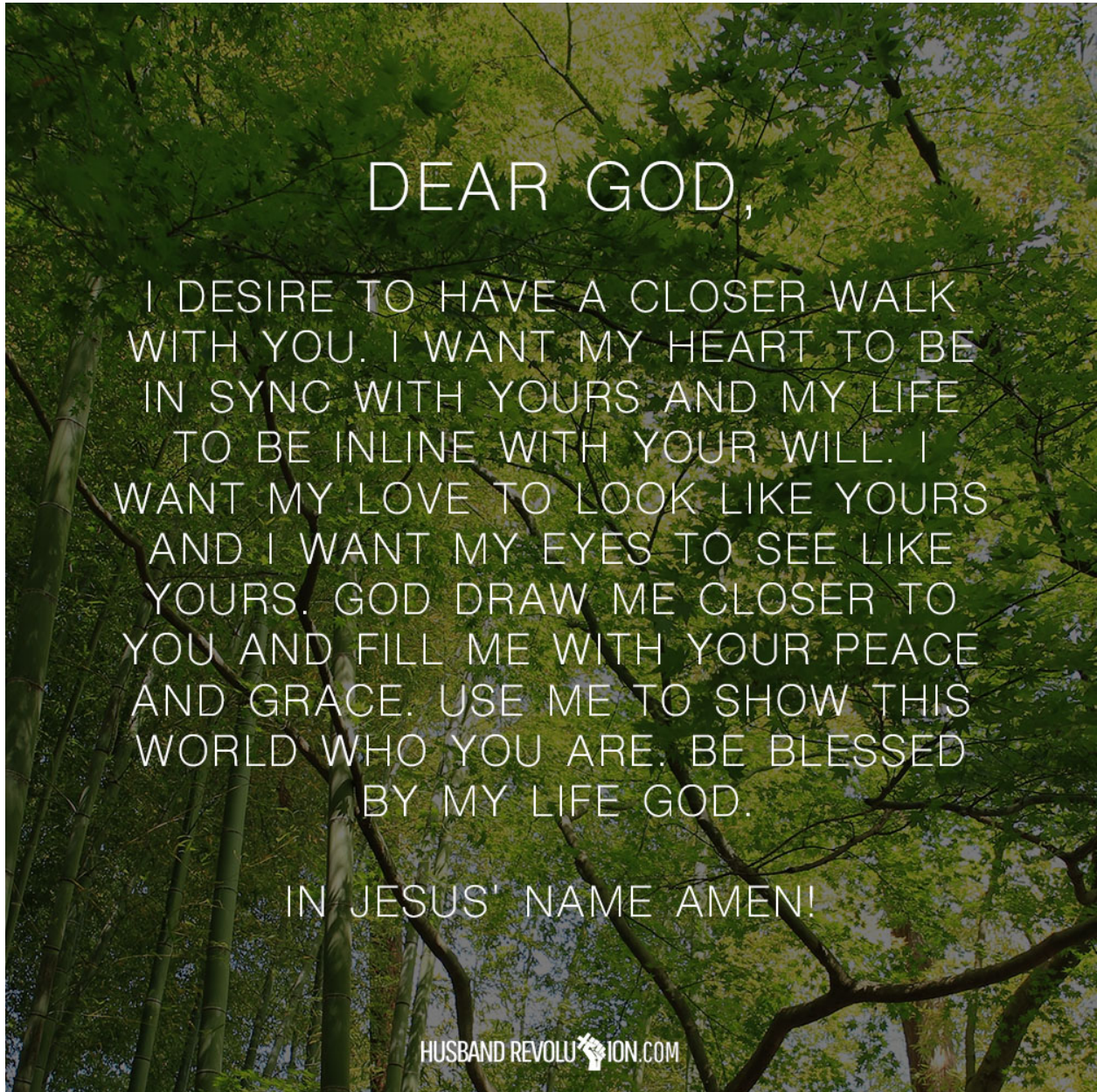
The CARTOON KRONICLES

In observance of Lent, and as difficult as it will be, I have decided to give up housework.



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GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD!



DEAR GOD,

I DESIRE TO HAVE A CLOSER WALK WITH YOU. I WANT MY HEART TO BE IN SYNC WITH YOURS AND MY LIFE TO BE IN LINE WITH YOUR WILL. I WANT MY LOVE TO LOOK LIKE YOURS AND I WANT MY EYES TO SEE LIKE YOURS. GOD DRAW ME CLOSER TO YOU AND FILL ME WITH YOUR PEACE AND GRACE. USE ME TO SHOW THIS WORLD WHO YOU ARE. BE BLESSED BY MY LIFE GOD.

IN JESUS' NAME AMEN!

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THANKS BE TO GOD!