

# CONNECTING MEOTA March 6<sup>th</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.**

**THIS WEEKEND SPRING FORWARD, DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS**

**Our next church service will be**

**Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30 am DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

**at St George's Diamond Valley, Christ Church Millarville**

The people of St. James are welcome to worship with us at Christ Church or St. George's.  
We would love to see you and worship with you among us!!



**Join us for Worship  
In Person Services at 10:30am  
Christ Church, Millarville  
&  
St George's Diamond, Valley**

Daylight savings begins this weekend.  
SPRING FORWARD SATURDAY NIGHT



## MEOTA PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

ZOOM study for Lent – Feb 28, 7 pm see the link on the next page


The Robe (movie) – 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



**HOLY WEEK**

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| <b>Palm Sunday</b><br>March 24<br>10:30am<br>St. George's                           | <b>Maundy Thursday</b><br>March 28<br>7pm<br>St. George's                           | <b>Good Friday</b><br>(Taize)<br>March 29<br>7pm<br>St. George's                    | <b>Easter Vigil</b><br>Sat March 30<br>7pm<br>St. George's                           | <b>Easter Sunday</b><br>March 31<br>10:30am<br>St. George's<br>Christ Church<br>&<br>St James |

IT'S NOT TOO LATE Find out what they're learning.

JOIN VEN ALAN ON ZOOM on WEDNESDAYS 7 PM

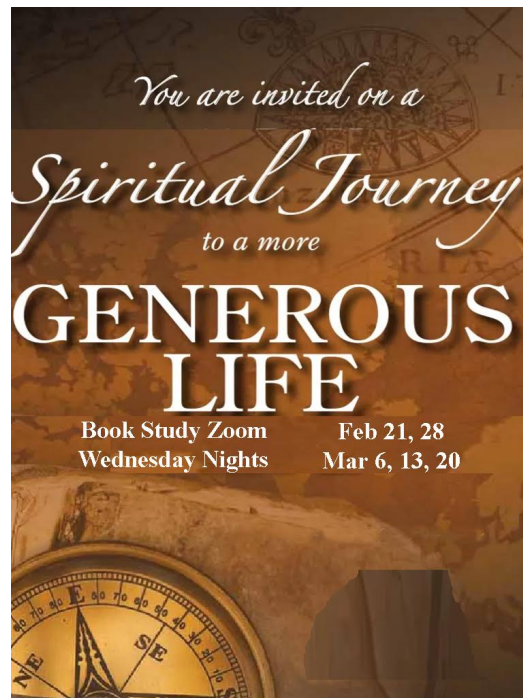
**Over the past three years, Ven Alan has been leading us into spiritual maturity by taking on the traditional disciplines of Lent. We have done prayer and fasting in the past. This year we look at Almsgiving.**

**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>

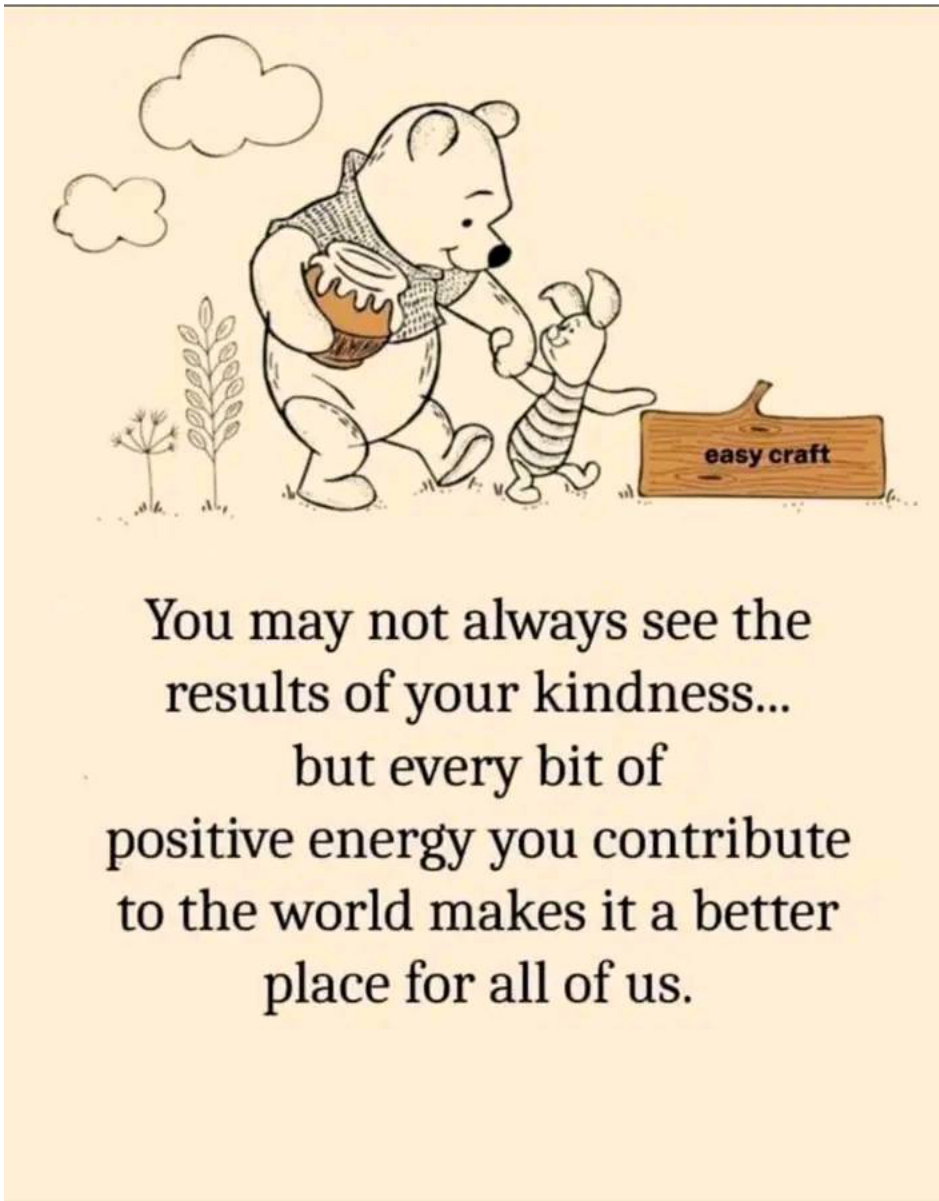


**Please join us. Check your email for a message from Michelle at Meota Parish. It will also contain the Zoom link.**



Prayer for a  
**Generous Faith**  
*by St. Ignatius of Loyola*

Lord, teach me to be generous.  
Teach me to serve you  
as you deserve;  
to give and not to  
count the cost,  
to fight and not to  
heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labor and to ask  
for no reward,  
save that of knowing that  
I do your will.  
Amen



You may not always see the  
results of your kindness...  
but every bit of  
positive energy you contribute  
to the world makes it a better  
place for all of us.

Ephesians 4:32 –

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,  
just as in Christ God forgave you.”

*Dear Heavenly Father, kindness, compassion, and forgiveness  
describe Your character. How can I be more like You, Father? Amen*

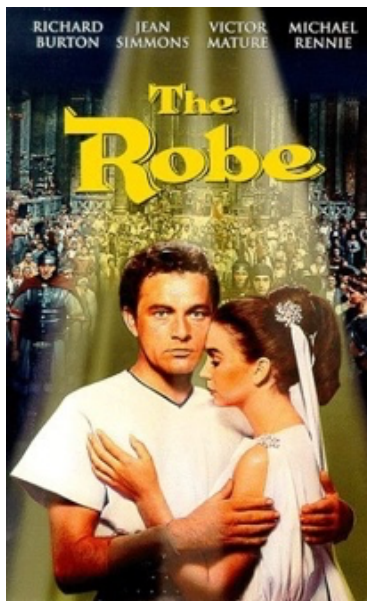
## WHY ARE WE SHOWING CHRISTIAN MOVIES IN LENT??

Lent is a time to draw closer to God. The leadership of our Parish would like to give you a variety of options: Pancake Supper, Ash Wednesday Service, the Zoom Book Study & the Prayer and Praise Service.

And... twice in Lent, two old movies to watch where the characters interact with God. The first one was **Fiddler on the Roof** where the main character spoke with God throughout the day – for help with big decisions and support for big disappointments. This character could be a role model for us in how to bring all of our life to God.

**COMING MARCH 23rd, THE ROBE. 2 pm at St George's**

A 1954 blockbuster with Richard Burton and Jean Simmons.



How the centurion who crucified Christ was dramatically affected by the man Jesus! It's an inspiration that will cheer your day!



**MEOTA PARISH HOSTED THE DIOCESE CLERGY DAY**

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH FOOD,  
THE SET UP AND THE CLEAN UP AT ST. GEORGE'S.

YOU ALL MADE MEOTA LOOK GOOD!!!

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## MY FAVOURITE HYMN

Today a variation on a familiar children's hymn, Jesus Loves Me.

### **Senior version of "Jesus Loves Me"**

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
Though my hair is white as snow.  
Though my sight is growing dim,  
Still He bids me trust in Him.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,  
With my hand in His I'll go  
On through life, let come what may,  
He'll be there to lead the way.

Though I am no longer young,  
I have much which He's begun.  
Let me serve Christ with a smile,  
Go with others the extra mile.

When the nights are dark and long,  
In my heart He puts a song.  
Telling me in words so clear,  
"Have no fear, for I am near."

When my work on earth is done,  
And life's victories have been won.  
He will take me home above,  
Then I'll understand His love

I love Jesus , does He know?  
Have I ever told Him so?  
Jesus loves to hear me say,  
That I love Him every day.

Author Unknown

## Fourth Sunday in Lent    Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Readings

NUMBERS 21:4-9; PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22; EPHESIANS 2:1-10; JOHN 3:14-21

### First Reading

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a **serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole**; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that **person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.** NUMBERS 21:4-9

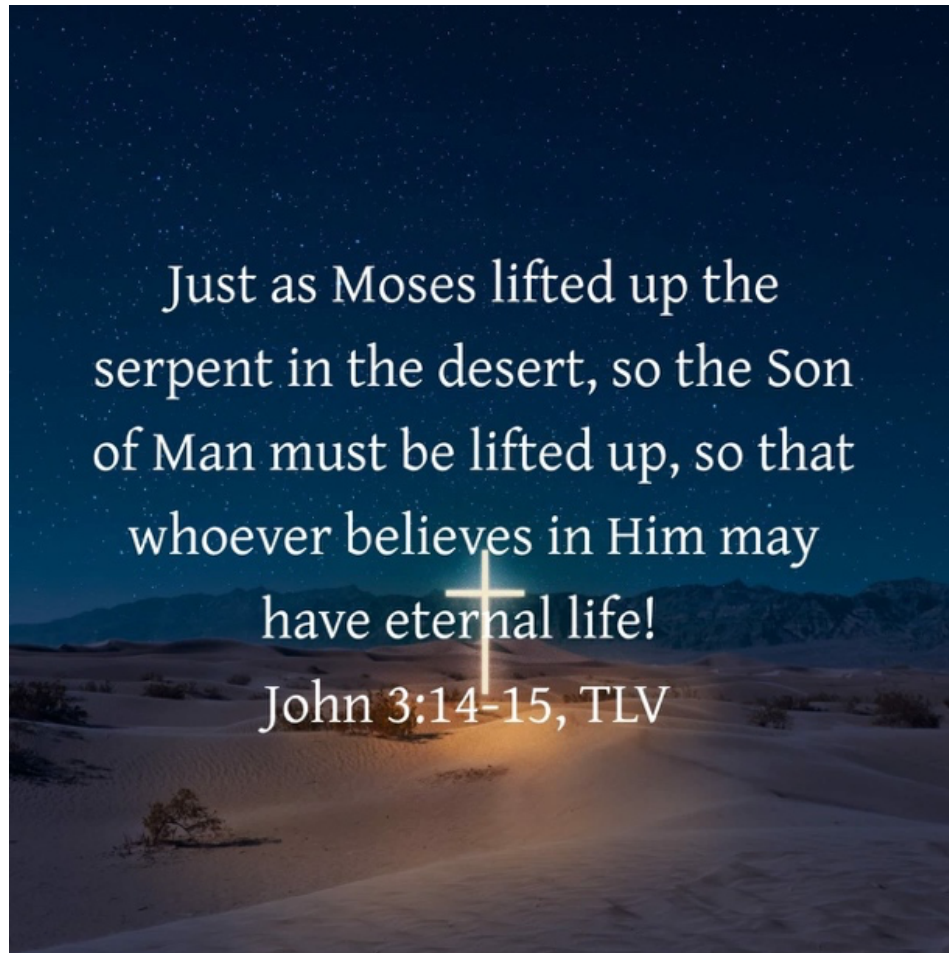
### Second Reading

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. **But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved -** and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God -** not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

## Gospel

Jesus said, "**Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.** For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God." JOHN 3:14-21



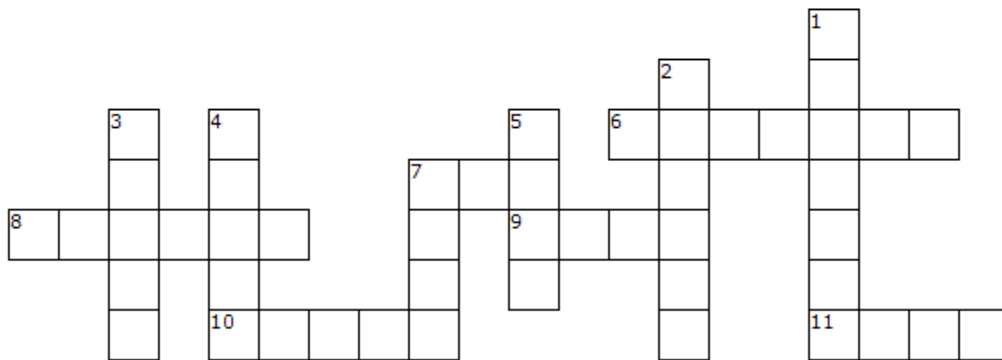
Just as Moses lifted up the  
serpent in the desert, so the Son  
of Man must be lifted up, so that  
whoever believes in Him may  
have eternal life!

John 3:14-15, TLV

# Measuring God's Love

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.  
John 3:16 (NIV)

Based on John 3:14-17 (NIV)



## ACROSS

- 6. To accept something as true, genuine, or real
- 7. A male child
- 8. To die or be destroyed
- 9. To care very deeply for someone
- 10. A serpent or reptile)
- 11. The period of time from birth to death

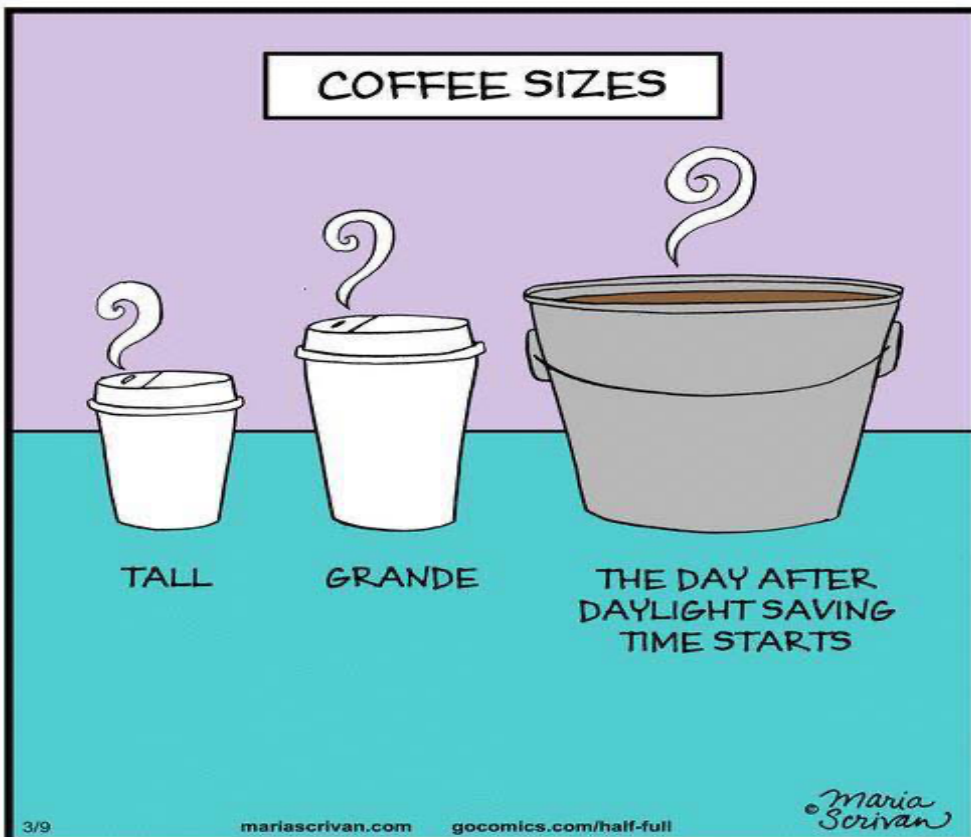
## DOWN

- 1. Lasting forever, without end
- 2. Hot, dry area of land with few trees or plants
- 3. The earth with its inhabitants and all things upon it
- 4. Received the ten commandments from God
- 5. Alone in its kind, nothing like it
- 7. To rescue from danger or harm

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| SNAKE | ETERNAL | SAVE   | LOVE   |
| LIFE  | SON     | PERISH | DESERT |
| ONLY  | BELIEVE | MOSES  | WORLD  |



FUNNY BONES



GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD!

## Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

God of abundant mercy  
give us the courage to ask humbly  
for forgiveness where we have failed  
and to grant it where we  
have been wronged  
Heal our wounds and make us whole  
that we might find the joy of life  
lived fully.

Amen

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THANKS BE TO GOD!