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**Dear potential and "already" disciples:**

In wondering what I will do and where my focus will be this week, I read some sage advice from Dallas Willard in "The Divine Conspiracy"

It is not a question of *whether* I am a disciple... We are all disciples of something or someone. Instead, it is a question of *whose* disciple I am?

Will I be recognized as a disciple of myself? -work, investments, appearance, or knowledge, power?

Or will I be seen as a disciple of fear, anger, division, and disease?

Or will I be a disciple of a living, loving, moving, saving Jesus?

The Good News is that I GET TO CHOOSE.

"Here is your world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid." Said Frederick Buechner.



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For good or ill, my vital answer will be revealed in the thoughts, words and deeds I make, say, and do this week.

“A disciple is someone who has simply made an intentional decision to be with another person under appropriate conditions in order to become capable of doing what that person does or to become what that person is.” This is Dallas Willard directly.

It seems to be that what Jesus *does* is put back together (at his own expense), what has been broken. Who He is, is God's Son.

We disciples begin with recognition as children of God, and then do what our brother and Lord did and still does.

And then we quickly recognize the futility of this decision without a deepening dependence on God's Holy Spirit to accomplish it.

Desmond T. Doss, Congressional Medal of Honor winner in WWII said, “He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. I don't know how I'm going to live with myself if I don't stay true to what I believe. With the world so set on tearing itself apart, it doesn't seem like such a bad thing to me to want to put a little bit of it back together.” From *Hacksaw Ridge 2016*

Desmond was an unabashed disciple.

To be a disciple of Christ is to be a believer in a divine central saving physical miracle that has echoed in intimate personal ways for almost 2000 years and echoes still (and just as loudly) this week.

Now more than ever, we could use a few disciples.

That would be a pretty good decision for this week.

In Christ, I am,

Fr. Alan+





**St. Marks Services continue online . . .  
Join us for our live stream services by going to  
<https://livestream.com/saintmarks>**

*“The Lion’s are roaring -  
and Morningstar appreciates it.”*



Pictures of a fresh organic produce delivery from Lions to Morningstar.



Thanks Baxter, for coordinating! Thanks Owen, Linda, Edith, and Julia.



## Update: Food for Homeless Veterans

Mike Williams of Holy Nativity, and his organization GY6 Inc. work with the homeless veterans in our community. Mike estimates that there are at least 85 homeless vets in Glynn county. In February our Backpack Team spoke to the congregation and asked for donations of food for homeless vets. The response was overwhelming. They packed 63 bags of food. Each bag had 3 days of food in them. Below is an update from Mike's search for disrupting food on March 14. Here are pictures

of places he went to find the homeless vets and a little about the people there.

"I had a homeless veteran with me helping me with the count and he loved what we were doing. He said it gave him a purpose. He is currently staying with Saved by Grace, but later this month he will be back on his feet. He gets VA Benefits and is 100% service connected with the VA and gets compensated as such. So, when his next check comes in, he will be on his feet again.

I spoke to another homeless gentleman named Ray. Ray informed me he had been in and out of jail and homeless for over 30 years. He has since quit drinking on his own and quit drugs on his own and is waiting on the Lord to find him a house. He sleeps in the parks mostly and eats at the Manna House and the Well.

I stopped in to talk to the people behind Auto Zone. There was only a total of 3 people there when I was there. A very nice couple that is trying to get back on their feet, the husband is trying to find a bicycle so he can have transportation to and from work. His wife is pregnant, they are staying there behind Auto Zone in a tent, until he can find a job and get the money to get them back on their feet. They were very sweet, and when they realized I genuinely cared about them and wanted to help them he opened up about his experience and people looking at him like he was trash and not worth the time of day. He and his wife both almost started crying when I told them that they were loved by a minimum of 4 people.



They looked at me funny and then understood once I said you love each other, right? Then there is me, Jesus, and the Lord God.

After this we took a dinner break and after we ate, we went down Butler Drive. This is where the Pictures that are under the concrete structures are taken. No one was around but there is someone staying there.

I would also like to thank you and the ladies that have spent so much money and time putting together all these packs for the homeless veterans. It means the world to them to know they can

eat for the day."





## The Crafter's Guild

The Crafters' Guild is creating prayer beads to present to graduating seniors this year. It takes about two hours to make them, then we'll get them blessed by the priest, pray with them (to "break them in"), and wrap them for presentation.



For more information about supplies, pattern, and next Crafters' Guild workshop, contact Cherry Chambers via email [brickyard1800@yahoo.com](mailto:brickyard1800@yahoo.com) or cell 912 282 2452.



## St. Mark's Episcopal Day School

Even though our school is closed, the staff and children of St. Mark's Day school have been very busy. We visit everyday with live Facebook morning meetings and check in with our caterpillars & butterflies. We were fortunate to have several special guests including some baby ducks and a scavenger hunt in the garden with Mrs. Linda (the garden lady). We even got to see some of our eggs hatch into baby chicks. Every day staff record themselves reading stories and doing art projects. We also have been sending lots of activities home and sharing our favorite websites and online recourses. Check out our Face book page for all the fun!



Our friend Reed roars like a St. Marks Lion!



## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN . . .

April 2020

ECW News.....

Our big news is that although we have been very busy during the past month, all activities are currently being paused due to concerns about the COVID-19 Virus. We had expected a very busy Lenten and Easter season.

The Daughters of the King are providing us with our Lenten Service of Lights broadcast online as part of our new livestreamed worship services.

During the month of March St. Agnes Guild collected 23 items for the St. Athanasius Food Pantry and 105 items for the food bags for the homeless veterans. Members worked at Manna House and prepared food for Manna House. They also worked 24 hours at Hello GoodBuy. Members also took sweets to Kathy Lupo's reception and helped with the reception after the funeral for Daniel Coble.

St. Margaret's Guild had a busy month that included responsibility for two funeral receptions and preparation of food for the reception following Kathy Lupo's funeral. Members also hosted coffee hour, worked at Manna House, provided books for the children at Morningstar and collected items for the food bags for the homeless veterans.

The members of St. Mary's Guild prepared refreshments and hosted the reception after the funeral service for Grayson Lane. They collected 703 food items for the homeless veterans and made ten dozen brownies for the Brotherhood's Low Country Boil. They hosted Lenten supper on March 11.

The representatives of the organizations represented by ECW meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 11:00 on the parish hall. The next meeting may be on April 13th. All are welcome to attend.

### The Giving Garden

The Giving Garden has been working hard to provide nourishing vegetables for those who need them whether they are shut in due to illness or in quarantine. We delivered 17 lbs. of beautiful collards (to the front door only) of St Marks Towers this week and continue to plant tomatoes, eggplant, cucumbers zucchini, squash, okra, peas and watermelons. If you want to exercise, to meditate, adhere to social distancing, pray, laugh, feel like you are doing God's work by helping, come to the Giving Garden! We would love to see you there! And if you would like a family outing, we will stay away and you are welcome to spend time with only your family. Plenty for everyone to do. Just call Linda, the garden lady, and she will set you up! 404-840-1233 text or call!

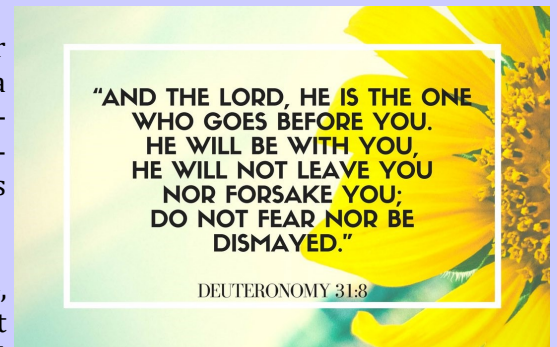




## hello, Goodbuy – The Monthly Scoop April

The Coronavirus is taking its toll on all of us. On our Community, our Society, and the World. Forced into solitude, it has also given us a unique opportunity – an opportunity for self-reflection, to build stronger bonds with Family, and for quiet moments to strengthen our relationship with God as we lean on our Faith to see us through these times of uncertainty.

Your hello, Goodbuy Outreach Ministry is on hold as of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, closed to the public for business and donations. At this time, we aren't sure when we will reopen but we hold strong to our Faith that God will see us through this so that we may continue serving our Community.



**"AND THE LORD, HE IS THE ONE WHO GOES BEFORE YOU. HE WILL BE WITH YOU, HE WILL NOT LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU; DO NOT FEAR NOR BE DISMAYED."**

DEUTERONOMY 31:8

**FEAR NOT,  
FOR I AM WITH YOU;  
BE NOT DISMAYED,  
FOR I AM YOUR GOD;  
I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU,  
I WILL HELP YOU,  
I WILL UPHOLD YOU  
WITH MY RIGHTEOUS  
RIGHT HAND.  
- ISAIAH 41:10**

As you are taking some of this quarantine time to clean out closets, reorganize, and declutter your homes start a 'hello Goodbuy' Donation Box to bring by the store when the time comes for us to reopen our doors!

Thank you for your continued support of hello, Goodbuy St Mark's Outreach Ministry. Stay safe and above all have Faith!

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## A Message from . . . **EYCROX**

EYCroX would love to help if you need us - let the Pastoral care committee know if there is a need - and if we can help in anyway - we will! We love you all & pray for safety through this! Your EYCroX leaders & youth ❤️.



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Clara Fiveash	3	Ann Parmalee	17	Mike Swaney	25
Oscar Patron	5	Judy Phillips	21	Michael Owens	26
Kathleen Akridge	9	Rose Wilson	22	Helen Arline	28
Bev Bilderback	11	Jeanie Nations	23	Frances Chappell	28
Rory McIlvaine	11	Hannah Williams	23	Caden Thompson	28
Leah Postal	13	Laura Parrish	23	Charlotte Snyder	30
Jill Caldwell	14	Margaret Crighton	23	Audrey Postal	30
Norah Martin	16	Nicholle Patron	24		

Barrett & Brooks Thompson	2	Richard & Gail Cowan	19
E.D. Gornto & Kin Sapp-Gornto	7	Scott & Kimberly Mitchell	22
Alan & GeorgeAnne Youngner	15	Jim & Alva Youngner	24
Gary & Lolly Jackson	18	Kenneth Bernatz & Jean Yesupriya-Bernztz	27