



## *St. Andrew's Tidings*

### *Message from Margaret:*

This week our gospel lesson is a continuation of the Sermon on the Mount. Here Jesus tells the disciples they are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. They would remember that in Leviticus, which they would have heard in Temple, that God used salt as the sign of the covenant between God and the people, so we can substitute this for Jesus' metaphor: "You are the sign of the covenant between God and the earth. If the covenant loses its ability to be a covenant, what good is it?" So Jesus uses a common substance that everyone knew about and used to get his message across—just as he used sheep and goats, and vineyards and wheat and chaff.

"You are," he told them, "the zest and shine of life." That is to say: "You are what makes an ordinary day or life an extraordinary one. You are the basic substance of life; the glue which holds the many parts and circumstances of life together. You are the ones whom I am calling to help make people's days and lives." As disciples, we add joy to a common day and ordinary affairs because we are Christians. And as Christians, we are called by Jesus to add the zest of serenity, trust, worship, and love to the lives of others who are otherwise surrounded by the darkness of this world.

Eating salt is also a metaphor for crying together, for sharing pain, or trials with one another. When we do this, our suffering becomes more palatable because it is seasoned with love. To those enveloped in dark clouds, you are the silver lining...the light flooding the corners and crags and caves of life in which many hide. So remember this when you are feeling down or sad or lost. There is something within you—your salt and your light—that is needed by another.

The highest and best news we can hear from the gospel is that while we are yet sinners, God knows there is something better in us, and through the light of Christ, those qualities within us are called forth. Just as we have that light and zest within us, we are also called to share that light. We are called to be starring performers in God's drama of salvation...we are called upon to be prophets to our

people and our time. We are called upon to proclaim hope to the hopeless, healing to the sick, and salvation to the lost. *You* are the salt of the earth, the source of light and life to the world.

Blessings and love,

*Margaret+*

## **NEW SERIES FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**FRANK LO'PEZ WILL LEAD THE 9 A.M. ADULT CLASS IN**

**Richard Rohr's book, "Breathing Underwater."**

Rohr, a Franciscan priest, is the founding director of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is the author of numerous books such as "Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality, and Wondrous Encounters: Scriptures for Lent. Books will be provided. The series begins this week.

## **MEN'S CONFERENCE AT BECKWITH**

**FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1**

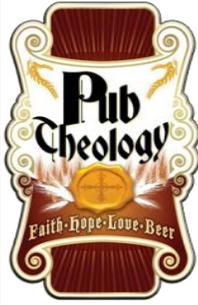
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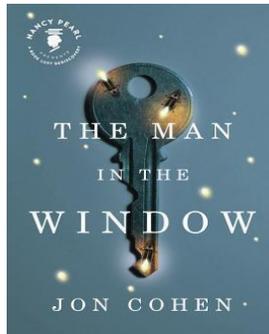
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#### FEBRUARY BOOK CLUB

In February the St. Andrew's Book Club will read and discuss *The Man in the Window* by Jon Cohen. A poignant, darkly comic novel by the author of *Max Lakeman* and *the Beautiful Stranger*. A disfigured man stays in the safety of his parents' house for 16 years--until a fateful accident causes him to meet the woman who changes his life. Since he was disfigured in a fire sixteen years ago, recluse Louis Malone has remained hidden from the prying eyes of his neighbors in the small town of Waverly.

Across town, Iris Shula, a lonely and unlovely nurse, knows at thirty-seven it is unlikely that her Prince Charming will ever appear. But Iris is about to learn how wrong she is.

When Louis accidentally falls out of his second-story window, these two kindred souls are brought together. What unfolds is a most unlikely love story. One that will make you laugh and that will break—and remake—your heart.

"A gentle romantic fantasy of piercing and eccentric beauty".--Boston Globe.

***St. Mary's Guild***

***When: Feb. 11, 2014 10:00 am***

***Where: St. Andrew's Library***

***Program: The Rev. Dr. Margaret Shepard***

***Topic: St. Andrew's Update***

***Hostesses: Mary Davenport, Vera Lansing, Shirley Gobat, Julie  
Cheshire***



**Centennial King and Queen Contest**

Nominations for the St. Andrew's Centennial King and Queen Contest are now being accepted. Nominate those who you think epitomize the St. Andrew's spirit. Nomination slips are on a table in Byrne Hall.

Once nominations are complete, a container with each nominee's name will be placed in Byrne Hall. Parishioners will be asked to vote for their favorite choices: \$1.00 = 1 vote. Nominees with the most votes win. Winners will be announced at the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner to be held March 4. Proceeds will go to the Living Stones Capital Campaign Fund.



Thank you to everyone who helped at the Oakland Terrace Parent Camp yesterday. Your presence truly made a difference to the staff, parents, and students.



**Let's fight against hunger together!**  
***Panama City CROP Hunger Walk – Sat., February 22***

Registration: 8:00 a.m., Walk: 9:00 a.m.

Location: McKenzie Park in Panama City, Florida

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events that bring people together in a common mission: helping hungry people at home and around the world.

I'm excited to be part of it and would love to have you join me on the **St. Andrew's** team. The steps we take - and the funds we raise - will make a real impact! Contact Laurie Ayers at 265-5978.

You can join in the CROP Hunger Walk online – even if you can't walk. Make a personal contribution and/or contact your friends and family via email to ask them to support the event at <http://hunger.cwsqglobal.org/goto/SAE>

**IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR  
CURSILLO IN MARCH.**

**SEE LINEE` MORGAN OR MARGARET FOR  
APPLICATIONS. WE ALREADY HAVE 7 GOING!  
Margaret and Anne Staley will be on staff.**

*Please keep the following in your prayers : Faye, Nancy, Kylie, Marilyn, Michael, Keith, Jay, Colleen, Joy, Jane, Dee Dee, Donna, John, Maggie, Anna, Frank, Katie, Aubree, Sue, Colleen, Betty, Jimmy, Bubba, Mary Ruth, Lettie, Leslie, Sandra, Marilyn, Mary, Alexis, John, Evan, Cindy, LaVern, Daniel, Doug, Eli, Kyle, Bob, Sean, Tim, Libby, Marilyn, Sue, Michael, Kyle, Charlotte, Elizabeth, Colleen, Ryan, Joy, Jane, Anna, Michela, Doris, Helen, James, Maggie, Pat, Judy, David, Jerry, Amy, Julie, Frances, Henry, Lena, J.W., Harold, Wendy, Sandy, Charley, Danette*

*We pray for our men and women in the Armed Forces at home and abroad; Jeff, Bowe, James, Andrew, Kenneth, Evan, Ryan, Joe, Nate, Richard, David, Brian, Jason, Billy, Joseph, Colin, Todd, Brett, Jordan*