

# On a Wing and a Prayer

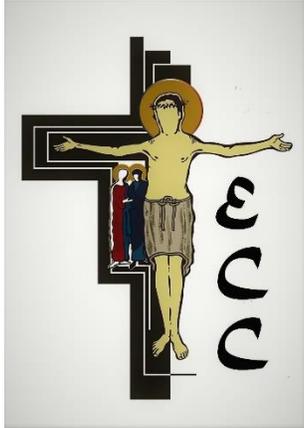
October 2018

Guardian Angels Catholic Community – Just. Faithful. Catholic.

[www.guardianangelscatholiccommunity.org](http://www.guardianangelscatholiccommunity.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/GuardianAngelsCatholicCommunity>

Join us for Mass every Sunday at 9AM and every Wednesday at 7AM

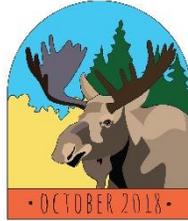


*THE ECUMENICAL CATHOLIC COMMUNION -- A Wonderful Way of Being Catholic!*

<http://www.ecumenical-catholic-union.org/> ECC Report Summer 2018 <https://conta.cc/2LsICAJ>



# Guardian Angels Calendar October 2018



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p><b>26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>MASS 9AM</b>                      PRESIDER/PREACHER: SUE  <b>1PM W4W PARTY</b></p>	<p>OCTOBER 1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>MASS 7AM</b></p> <p><b>DENALI'S SURGERY</b></p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>6:30PM BLESSING OF PETS IN DALEY PARK</b>                      St. Francis</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>Indigenous Peoples' Day: Decoding the Doctrine of Discovery</b></p>
<p>7</p> <p><b>27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>MASS 9AM</b>                      PRESIDER/PREACHER: ELAINE</p>	<p>8</p> <p>TCCC BOARD MEETING 7PM</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p><b>MASS 7AM</b></p>		<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p><b>28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>MASS 9AM</b>                      PRESIDER/PREACHER: JOAN                      ELAINE TO DO PREPARATION &amp; EUCHARIST</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>MASS 7AM</b></p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>RAINBOW FESTIVAL</b></p>
<p>21</p> <p><b>29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>MASS 9AM</b>                      PRESIDER: ED                      DIALOGUE HOMILY                      LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING                      AFTER MASS TODAY                      PAZ DE CRISTO                      4P - 7P</p>  <p><b>RAINBOW FESTIVAL</b></p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p><b>MASS 7AM</b></p> 	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> 	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p><b>30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>MASS 9AM</b>                      PRESIDER/PREACHER: ED  <b>10:30AM SPIRITUALITY SUNDAY</b></p>	<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p><b>MASS 7AM</b></p>	<p>NOVEMBER 1</p>  <p><i>All Saints' Day</i></p>	<p>2</p>  <p><i>Feast</i> OF ALL SOULS</p>	<p>3</p>



Denali's heart surgery is scheduled for this Wednesday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. A message from Denali's Mommy (Nancy ☺) – "I am really focusing on taking this all one day at a time. So for now, we are getting naps (Nali and Daddy are both currently sleeping as I write this) and snuggles and excited for Grandma Dawn to get here this weekend. We feel your love and strength from near and far." ♥♥♥



- 4 - P.J. Longoni (Robert's wife)
- 10 - Gary Ringler
- 13 - Carlos Stinson-Maas
- 27 - Cynthia Mruczak



- 17 - Rudy Armijo-Pack and Don Pack
- 30 - Terry Pizzi's wife Betty received her Angel Wings

**Let Jeanie Ghan know if you'd like a directory of Fellow Angels! She can email it to you. Send your birthdays/anniversaries/other remembrance days to Marie [mamare11@yahoo.com](mailto:mamare11@yahoo.com)**



To keep up with W4W, check out their awesome Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/W4WTempe/>

**Our Kay Wright (above) won the TCC Impact Award for her founding and passion for Women4Women Tempe. We are so proud of our Kay!**



## Empty Pantry Appeal!



We continue to provide record numbers of lunch bags to our neighbors experiencing hunger and homelessness. So we are in need of everything in the pantry: individual tuna/chicken kits, Vienna sausages, individual chips and crackers, granola bars, beef jerky (Slim-Jim type are fine), fruit/applesauce cups, and individual peanut butter cups. Thank you for supporting this ministry! You can bring your donations on Sunday or just drop items off at the office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday mornings.

# LET THERE BE LIGHT: SOLAR ENERGY IN ARIZONA

A panel conversation open to the public

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

7 - 8 PM

5801 S. Rural Road

Tempe 85283

Ken Clark: AZ House Representative, District 24

Sandy Bahr: Sierra Club Grand Canyon Chapter Director

Bret Fanshaw: Environment American Solar Campaign Director

Brandon Cheshire: Arizona Solar Energy Industry Association President

Pastor Doug Bland: AZ Interfaith Power and Light Executive Director

Sponsored by

Temple Emanuel, Dayspring Church, & Arizona Interfaith Power & Light



**In the spirit of Francis of Assisi,**

**please join**

**Guardian Angels Catholic Community**

**for the**

**Blessing of the Animals**

**October 4, 2018**

**6:30pm**

**Daley Park**

**(across the street from Community Christian)**



**Saturday, October 6, 2018, 2 – 4 PM – An event sponsored by AFN  
Indigenous Peoples' Day: Decoding the Doctrine of Discovery**

**Click on link for more information and the RSVP**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/indigenous-peoples-day-decoding-the-doctrine-of-discovery-tickets-50097031570>



## NETWORK's Nuns on the Bus Is Coming to Phoenix!

Join Us:

**Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018**    **Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018**

### Town Hall for Justice

Shadow Rock UCC  
12861 N. 8th Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85029  
6:00 p.m.

### Site Visit

Human Service Campus  
1201 W. Madison Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007  
10:45 a.m.

Who we elect matters. NETWORK's Nuns on the Bus are on the road again— for the first time in two years — to hold members of Congress accountable for their votes on the 2017 Tax Law and the many attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

Nuns on the Bus: the Tax Justice Truth Tour is traveling from California to Mar-a-Lago ahead of the 2018 midterms to focus on *reasonable revenue for responsible programs*. We know that our tax policy hurts our communities while giving handouts to the wealthiest in our nation. We must work for just tax policies that mend the gaps in our nation! Join us to learn more.



For more information, visit [nunsonthebus.org](http://nunsonthebus.org)  
or email [info@networklobby.org](mailto:info@networklobby.org).

Nuns on the Bus is a project of NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice and NETWORK Advocates for Catholic Social Justice. NETWORK was founded in 1971 by Catholic sisters to educate, organize, and lobby for economic and social transformation.

## Sparking Activism...

...for Environmental Justice

**Saturday, October 13, 2018**  
**9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

**Community Christian Church**  
**1701 S. College Avenue,**  
**Tempe, AZ 85281**

Join us for a morning to light the spark with inspiration, refreshments, and planning for action!

### Storytellers:

Paul Hirt—Renewable Energy  
SRP Board member  
Professor of History & Senior Sustainability Scholar,  
ASU Global Institute of Sustainability

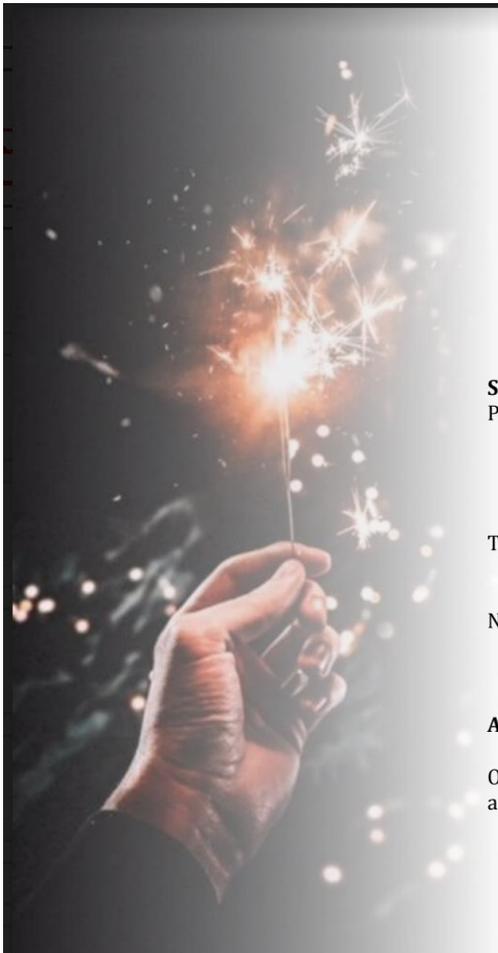
Teo Argueta—Environmental Justice  
Senior Community Organizer, CHISPA AZ

Nika Forte—Food Justice  
Urban Farm Program Manager,  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

### And YOU!

Our goal is to help participants create and tell personal stories of environmental activism.

- \*What life experiences / people / events shape your activism?
- \*Is there a spiritual impetus to your activism?
- \*What are the biggest challenges you face?
- \*What gives you courage & vision day-to-day?





## **2018 Rainbows Festival**

**Saturday, October 20, 2018 and Sunday, October 21, 2018**

Heritage Square Park

**10:00am – 6:00pm**

FREE ADMISSION

**Guardian Angels & Dignity AZ Community of St Damian of Molokai will show  
Phoenix LGBTQs and allies that a  
“Just. Faithful. Catholic.” community is FULLY inclusive and welcoming –  
it’s more than possible – it’s VERY REAL!!**

***VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for 2 hour shifts  
at the Guardian Angels/Dignity AZ booth.***

***SIGN – UP starting Sunday, September 23, 2018 before/after MASS  
OR contact Elaine – [egroppenbacher@gmail.com](mailto:egroppenbacher@gmail.com)***

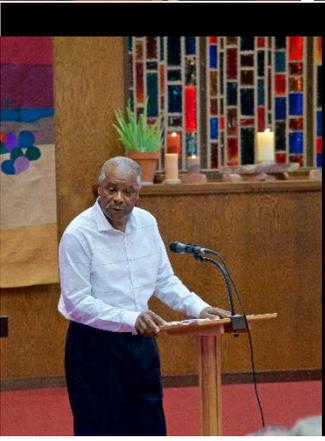
Phoenix Pride is the proud producer of the “Arizona’s Greatest Street Fair”, the Rainbows Festival. The annual Rainbows Festival & Street Fair is a celebration of the diversity of the LGBTQ community. Each year, the Rainbows Festival draws a crowd of over 25,000 friends, families, and allies. Rainbows Festival is the 2nd largest LGBTQ event in the state of Arizona with nearly 150 exhibitors/sponsors and 2 stages for entertainment during the two-day event.

### **PARKING**

- Parking meters are available around the entire festival.
- Parking Garages ~ Three of the largest/closest are listed below.
  - o *The Heritage Square Garage* located at 123 North 5th St (5th St & Monroe) is \$12.00 per day and is attached to the festival.
  - o *The Phoenix Convention Center East Garage* is located at 601 East Washington St (6th St & Washington) is \$12.00 per day and has access to the festival via an over-street bridge to the Arizona Science Center & Heritage Square Park.
  - o *The Jefferson Street Garage* is located at 333 East Jefferson St (3rd St & Jefferson) is \$5.00 per day.
- The Phoenix Metro Light Rail stop for Eastbound trains is 3rd St & Jefferson. The stop for Westbound trains is 3rd St & Washington.



# Pictures from the masses Guardian Angels hosted for the Ecumenical Catholic Communion Synod 2018!





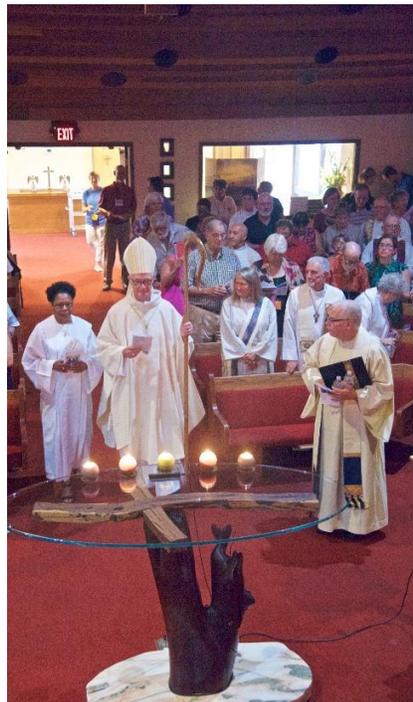
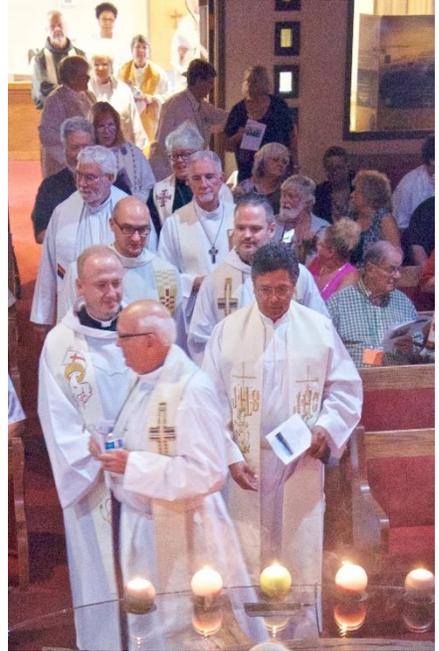
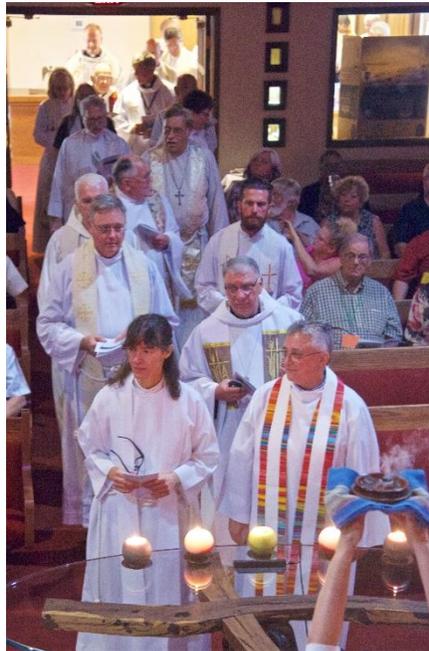
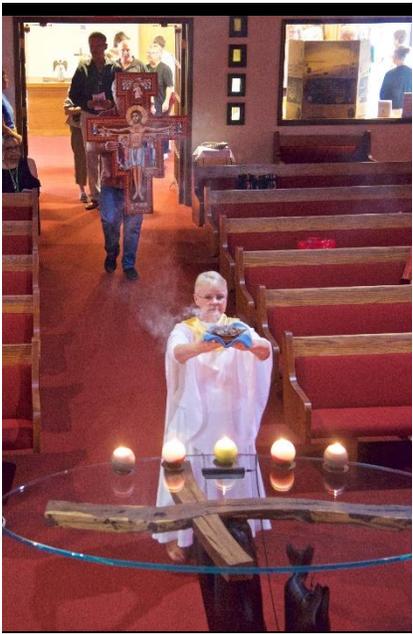






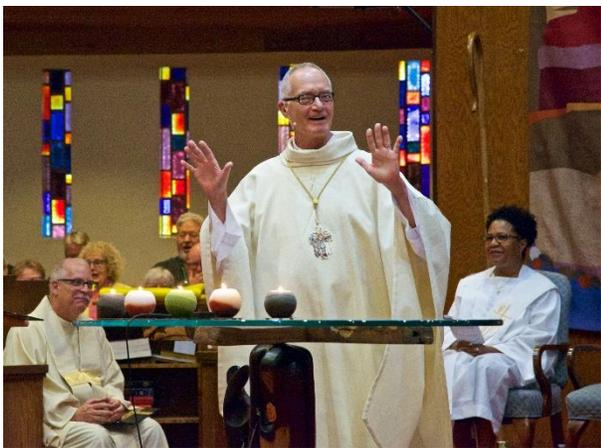
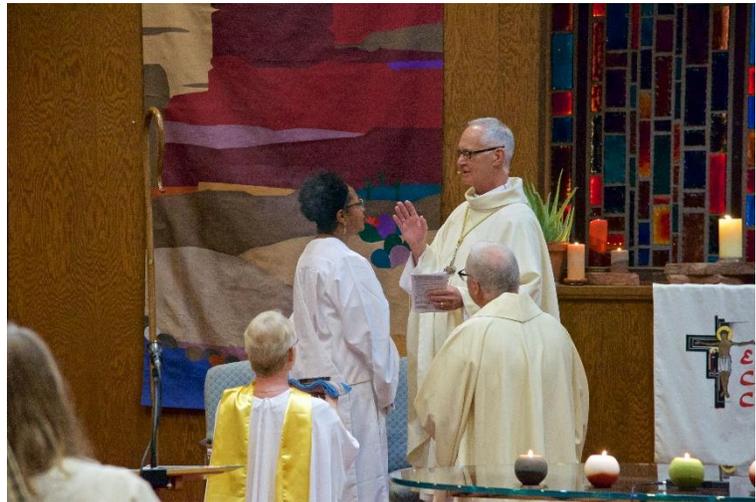
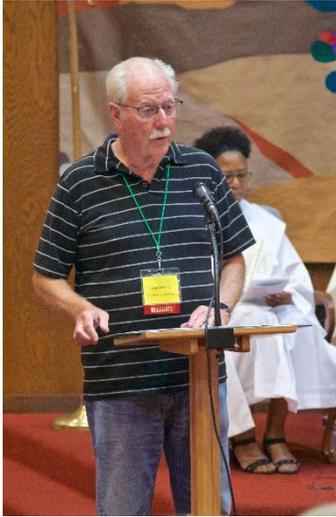
*And now pictures from the ECC 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Mass on Sept. 19, 2018*



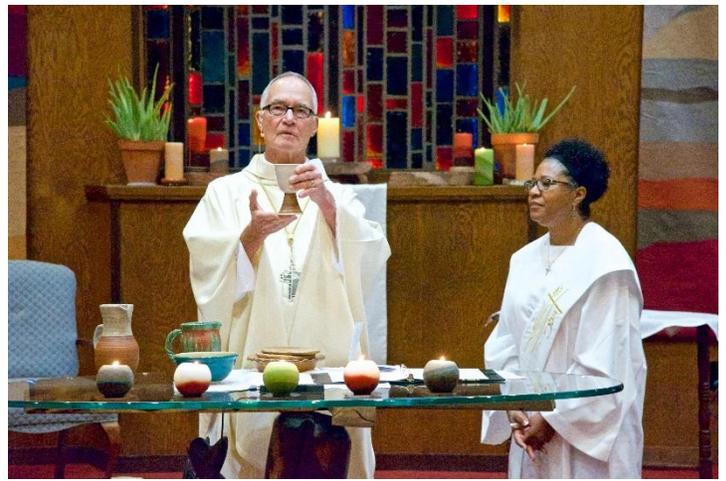




**Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor trials in the present, nor any trial to come; neither height nor depth, nor all of creation can ever separate us from the love of God poured out in Christ Jesus our Lord.**





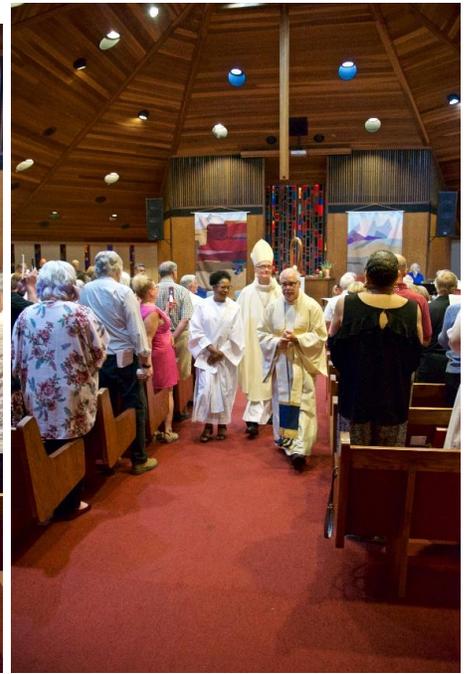
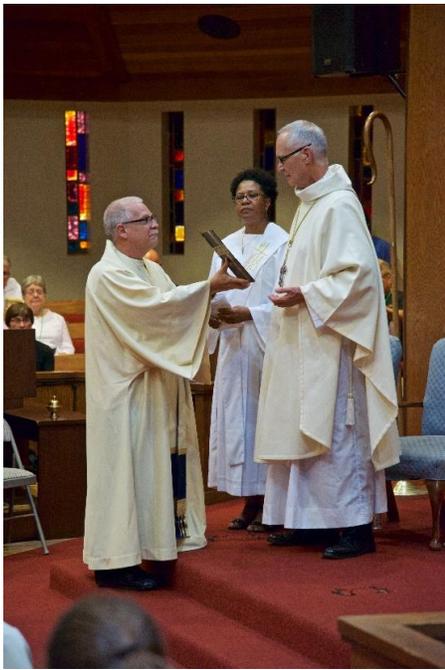


**Señor, me has mirado a los ojos  
Sonriendo, has dicho mi nombre  
En la arena, he dejado mi barca  
Junto a ti, buscaré otro mar**



Take me to the alley. Take me to the afflicted ones.  
Take me to the lonely ones. That somehow lost their way.

Let them hear me say, I am your friend  
Come to my table. Rest here in my garden.  
You will have a pardon.



***Thanks to all the Angels who volunteered and helped to make the ECC 2018 Synod a great success! It would not have happened without you! You Rock!***



*This Sunday's mass (Sept. 30) will be my last one as your Pastor. Eleven years as your Pastor, before that 2 years as your Deacon, and before that a year as a Pew Person at Guardian Angels. I'm so grateful for the time you have given me to serve Guardian Angels. Leaving is bittersweet. But I do have to go. I'll be back to visit (not for a couple months as I start my new hours at my day job in October, working Sundays – Thursdays).*

*You are in good hands. Your interim Co-Pastors Elaine and Ed and Deacon Joan will take good care of your 'clergy' needs and your Leadership Council is made up of some amazing, hard-working, selfless folks: Frank, your treasurer, Jeanie, Terry, Barb, Robert, Ann C., and Emma*

*Jane (EJ). I'm grateful for all these folks and the hard work they have done for this transition along with leading the work we did for the Synod. Give all of these leaders of yours the love and support they so deserve.*

*I'm not gone. I'll still be kicking around Tempe and the Valley. I'm still a priest.*

*I will miss you more than words can say.*

*I found this piece by Anne Lamott that I thought I would leave you with.*

***Anne Lamott writes down every single thing she knows, as of today:***

***1. All truth is a paradox. Life is a precious unfathomably beautiful gift; and it is impossible here, on the incarnational side of things. It has been a very bad match for those of us who were born extremely sensitive. It is so hard and weird that we wonder if we are being punked. And it filled with heartbreaking sweetness and beauty, floods and babies and acne and Mozart, all swirled together.***

***2. Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you.***

***3. There is almost nothing outside of you that will help in any kind of last way, unless you are waiting for an organ. You can't buy, achieve, or date it. This is the most horrible truth.***

***4. Everyone is screwed up, broken, clingy, and scared, even the people who seem to have it more or less together. They are much more like you than you would believe. So try not to compare your insides to their outsides.***

***Also, you can't save, fix or rescue any of them, or get any of them sober. But radical self-care is quantum, and radiates out into the atmosphere, like a little fresh air. It is a huge gift to the world.***

***When people respond by saying, "Well, isn't she full of herself," smile obliquely, like Mona Lisa, and make both of you a nice cup of tea.***

**5. Chocolate with 70% cacao is not actually a food. Its best use is as bait in snake traps.**

**6. Writing: shitty first drafts. Butt in chair. Just do it. You own everything that happened to you. You are going to feel like hell if you never write the stuff that is tugging on the sleeves in your heart—your stories, visions, memories, songs: your truth, your version of things, in your voice. That is really all you have to offer us, and it's why you were born**

**7. Publication and temporary creative successes are something you have to recover from. They kill as many people as not. They will hurt, damage and change you in ways you cannot imagine. The most degraded and sometimes nearly-evil men I have known were all writers who'd had bestsellers. Yet, it is also a miracle to get your work published (see #1.).**

**Just try to bust yourself gently of the fantasy that publication will heal you, will fill the Swiss cheesy holes. It won't, it can't. But writing can. So can singing.**

**8. Families; hard, hard, hard, no matter how cherished and astonishing they may also be. (See #1 again.) At family gatherings where you suddenly feel homicidal or suicidal, remember that in half of all cases, it's a miracle that this annoying person even lived. Earth is Forgiveness School. You might as well start at the dinner table. That way, you can do this work in comfortable pants.**

**When Blake said that we are here to learn to endure the beams of love, he knew that your family would be an intimate part of this, even as you want to run screaming for your cute little life. But that you are up to it. You can do it, Cinderellie. You will be amazed.**

**9. Food; try to do a little better.**

**10. Grace: Spiritual WD-40. Water wings. The mystery of grace is that God loves Dick Cheney and me exactly as much as He or She loves your grandchild. Go figure. The movement of grace is what changes us, heals us and our world. To summon grace, say, "Help!" And then buckle up.**

**Grace won't look like Casper the Friendly Ghost; but the phone will ring, or the mail will come, and then against all odds, you will get your sense of humor about yourself back. Laughter really is carbonated holiness, even if you are sick of me saying it.**

**11. God; Goodness, Love energy, the Divine, a loving animating intelligence, the Cosmic Muffin. You will worship and serve something, so like St. Bob said, you gotta choose. You can play on our side, or Bill Maher's and Franklin Graham's. Emerson said that the happiest person on earth is the one who learns from nature the lessons of worship. So go outside a lot, and look up.**

**My pastor says you can trap bees on the floor of a Mason jar without a lid, because they don't look up. If they did, they could fly to freedom.**

**12. Faith: Paul Tillich said the opposite of faith is not doubt, but certainty. If I could say one thing to our little Tea Party friends, it would be this. Fundamentalism, in all its forms, is 90% of the reason the world is so terrifying. 3% is the existence of snakes.**

*The love of our incredible dogs and cats is the closest most of us will come, on this side of eternity, to knowing the direct love of God; although cats can be so bitter, which is not the god part: the crazy Love is. Also, "Figure it out" is not a good slogan.*

*13. Jesus; Jesus would have even loved horrible, mealy mouth self-obsessed you, as if you were the only person on earth. But He would hope that you would perhaps pull yourself together just the tiniest, tiniest bit—maybe have a little something to eat, and a nap.*

*14. Exercise: If you want to have a good life after you have grown a little less young, you must walk almost every day. There is no way around this. If you are in a wheelchair, you must do chair exercises. Every single doctor on earth will tell you this, so don't go by what I say.*

*15. Death; wow. So f-ing hard to bear, when the few people you cannot live without die. You will never get over these losses, and are not supposed to. We Christians like to think death is a major change of address, but in any case, the person will live fully again in your heart, at some point, and make you smile at the MOST inappropriate times. But their absence will also be a lifelong nightmare of homesickness for you.*

*All truth is a paradox. Grief, friends, time and tears will heal you. Tears will bathe and baptize and hydrate you and the ground on which you walk. The first thing God says to Moses is, "Take off your shoes." We are on holy ground. Hard to believe, but the truest thing I know.*

*I think that's it, everything I know. I wish I had shoe-horned in what E.L. Doctorow said about writing:*

*"It's like driving at night with the headlights on. You can only see a little ways ahead of you, but you can make the whole journey that way."*

*I love that, because it's true about everything we try. I wish I had slipped in what Ram Das said, that when all is said and done, we're just all walking each other home.*

*Oh, well, another time. God bless you all good.*

<http://www.dailygood.org/story/1722/anne-lamott-author-writes-down-every-single-thing-she-knows-as-of-today-anne-lamott/>



*I love you, Angels!*

*Love, Pastor Sue*