



The  
Episcopal  
Diocese  
of the  
Rio Grande



**Honoring Chaplain Ted Howden  
Priest + Soldier + Martyr of Bataan**

**Services will begin at 11 a.m. Monday, December 11 at**

**St. James Episcopal Church**  
208 Camino de Santiago  
Taos, New Mexico 87571  
575.758.2790

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
505 N. Pennsylvania Avenue  
Roswell, New Mexico 88202  
575.622.1353

**Cathedral of St. John**  
318 Silver Avenue SW  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103  
505.247.1581

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
518 North Alameda Boulevard  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88021  
575.874.3972

*Clergy who wish to vest – red stoles*

*If you cannot attend one of these services, you are asked to observe a moment of silence at 11 a.m. and pray for peace in the world in the name of the one who first gave his life for us all, Jesus Christ.*

Seventy-five years ago December 11, the Rev. Chaplain Frederick B. "Ted" Howden Jr. died of starvation-induced pellagra in a Japanese Prisoner of War camp after selflessly giving his rations to others he felt needed them more. We observe his martyrdom as a measure of the price of ministry in the struggle for freedom. When World War II broke out Fr. Howden held the rank of Captain in the New Mexico State Guard, and was the Chaplain to the 200th Coast Artillery when it was federalized and sent to the Philippines in September 1941. At the Fall of Bataan and Corregidor to Japanese forces in April 1942, Fr. Howden and his fellow soldiers were made prisoners of war and were forced to endure the Bataan Death March during which some 18,000 died. During imprisonment, his heroism and faith were always apparent through the humanitarian care he gave to those he served. At great cost to himself he often gave his own portion of food to others whom he insisted needed it more than he. Fr. Howden died of dysentery and starvation-induced pellagra on December 11, 1942. He was buried by his men in a small cemetery in the shadow of the Mindanao jungle a mile or so from the camp at Davao. After the war, in 1948, his remains were re-interred in Fairview Cemetery in Albuquerque.