



St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

January 5, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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Adoration of the Magi by El Greco, 1568



Rector's Rambling

Today is the 12th Day of Christmas and tomorrow we begin a new Church season with the Feast of the Epiphany. Tomorrow's feast day has two names, but both mean the same thing. To have an "epiphany" is to have something made manifest, or to have something shown to you. In the 1928 Book of Common Prayer the title for tomorrow's feast is *The Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles*.

In the Christmas story we hear that the shepherds in the fields heard, by the proclamation of the Angelic Hosts, the good news of Jesus' birth. The shepherds represent the people of the Jews, since there would surely have been Jews in that region. They come and adore Jesus.

The Magi (Wise Men or Three Kings) are *not* Jews, but Gentiles. We hear in scripture that these wise men came from the east, having seen in the stars an amazing, celestial event which they understood to be the portent of the birth of a new king.

So, they went to Herod, assuming that this would foretell the birth of his heir, but

of course there was no baby there. Herod, whom secular history confirms was a man of great jealousy and wrath, tries to convince these men to let him know when and where they have found this king ("...bring me word again, that I may come and worship him"). Obviously Herod had a poisonous intent; not to worship but destroy him. However, the Magi were warned of God in a dream and Herod's plan was thwarted.

As the shepherds represented the people of the Jews coming to worship Jesus, since it is the fulfillment of the promise to them to send a Saviour, so the Magi represent the rest of us. Gentile basically means, "not Jew".

Jesus' birth is Good News not only to the Jew, but the Gentile as well. He is Lord of all, and all are included in the New Covenant sealed in His blood on the cross. He was made manifest to the Jews in the persons of the shepherds, and to the rest of us through these wise men who also came to worship.

And the wise *still* come and worship Him!



ABOUT ST. JOHN'S

To Our Visitors

Welcome! The parishioners and clergy of St. John's are delighted that you have come to worship with us. We hope this house of prayer provides you with a place in which you can find solace, comfort, and strength. We invite your inquiries about the ministries available here at St. John's.

We offer a barrier-free environment for the infirm and handicapped. An access ramp for wheel chairs is located at the **SOUTHWEST** entrance of the church, near Woodward Avenue in the garden. There is also an elevator in the building which provides access to the undercroft, so everyone may fully participate in activities and fellowship.

We would be very pleased if you plan to return to St. John's on a regular basis, to **WORSHIP** as part of our parish family. Please complete a Visitor's Form located in the Order of Service and place it in the collection plate or give it to an usher.

Thank you for coming! We look forward to greeting you following the service today and hope to chat with you during our time of fellowship in the undercroft.

Communion Procedure

The Episcopal House of Bishops, in a 1979 teaching, lays out the following guideline for non-Episcopalians to receive communion in an Episcopal Church: The persons should 1) have been Baptized with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, 2) believe Christ is present in the sacrament, 3) have been admitted to Holy Communion in their own denomination, and 4) are attempting, by God's grace, to live in love and charity with their neighbor. If you have any questions, please speak to the priest.

To receive the Host, raise your crossed hands, right palm over left. You may also receive directly on the tongue. If you do not wish to receive the Cup, cross your arms over your chest and wait for the chalice bearer to pass by.

If you are not receiving communion, you still may come forward to the rail, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing.

If you are physically unable to approach the rail, please inform an usher and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

Pastoral Care

Please inform the clergy if you or a family member are ill, hospitalized, or unable to attend the regular worship of the Church so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. Please contact the clergy to discuss arrangements for baptisms, weddings, or burials **before** any announcement or other plans are made.

Outreach

Every Sunday: *Food or clothing* may be deposited in the basket at the entrance of the church to aid the neighborhood ministry to the poor through **Crossroads**.

First Sunday of the month: The *loose offerings* collected are given to support the mission work of the Church in Malawi, Central Africa. Please add a cash gift or extra check in the collection plate every first Sunday of the month!

Third Sunday of the month: The *loose offerings* collected are given to support the ministry of the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S JANUARY 5—JANUARY 12

Sunday 1/5 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour Evening Prayer
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Monday 1/6 THE EPIPHANY	7:00 A 12:15 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion AA Meeting
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Tuesday 1/7 Of the Octave	7:00 A 12:15 P 4:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer
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Wednesday 1/8 Of the Octave	7:00 A 12:15 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion AA Meeting
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Thursday 1/9 Of the Octave	7:00 A 10:30 A 4:00 P 5:00 P	Morning Meditation (online) Holy Communion Evening Prayer AA Meeting
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Friday 1/10 Of the Octave	7:00 A 11:00 A	Morning Meditation (online) AA Meeting
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Saturday 1/11 Of the Octave	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
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Sunday 1/12 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY	7:00 A 7:30 A 8:00 A 10:00 A 11:15 A 5:30 P	Morning Meditation (online) Morning Prayer (chapel) Holy Communion (chapel) Choral Holy Communion Coffee Hour Evening Prayer
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NOTE: The Chronicle went to the printer last Tuesday. Calendar updates or changes can be found at www.StJohnsDetroit.org

Collect for The 2d Sunday after Christmas

ALMIGHTY God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word; Grant that the same light enkindled in our hearts may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)*

Morning Prayer

SUNDAY	65, 121	Micah 4:1-5 & 5:2-4 Luke 2:21-32
EPIPHANY	46, 100	Isa. 60:1-9 2 Cor. 4:1-6
January 7	85	Isa. 42:1-9 Matt. 3:13
January 8	65	Isa. 45:20 Mark 9:2-13
January 9	22:23 & 24	Isa. 49:8-13, 22-23 1 John 1:1-9
January 10	67, 87	Isa. 19:19 Col. 2:6-17
January 11	102:15	Jonah 4 1 Peter 1:1-9

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	111, 112	Prov. 9:1-6, 10 II Cor. 4:1-6
EPIPHANY	72	Isa. 61 Rom. 15:8-21
January 7	97, 99	Isa. 43:1-12 Acts 11:1-18
January 8	93, 96	Isa. 48:12-21 Acts 26:1, 13-23
January 9	48, 117	Isa. 54:1-10 Acts 28:23
January 10	138, 146	Zech. 8:11-13, 20-23 Rom. 10:1-20
January 11	147	Tobit 13:1b-5, 7-11 Rom. 11:13-27

** If there is no "ending" verse listed, then read to the end of the chapter.*

WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS

New items to come soon.

Announcements

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER

Sunday Evening Prayer is prayed at St. John's at **5:30 PM**. Join us for this 25 minute Service to finish the Sabbath Day as we started it - in worship and thanksgiving.

Weekday Services This Week –

Daily Morning Meditation

Streamed daily @ 7:00 AM

Holy Communion

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday @ 12:15 PM

Thursday @ 10:30 AM

Evening Prayer

Monday through Friday @ 4 PM

Services can be attended in person, or by livestream

Christian Education – Sunday School and the Dante class resumes in January and the Alpha Course as well.

Donations Accepted - we are accepting donations of individually wrapped packages of snacks (e.g., granola bars, cookies, nuts, etc.). While you're shopping, please consider buying some, and bringing them in for the Church to use for Coffee Hour.

Parking Note - being a member of St. John's does not mean that we can park in our side lot for free for Lions games, shows at the Fox, etc. The lot is leased to Olympia Development, and we have use of it for our church related events, but not at other times when they are using it.

Giving - If you are away on Sunday, you can mail your offering envelope to St. John's, or contribute online with the our QR code through the GiveButter giving platform.



LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

January 5

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Jane Burton
Elisabeth Johnson
Carolyn Ricca

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Cindy Edwards

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
William Porter
Libby Schudel
George Waters
Terry Donnelly
Darren Savage
Elijah Buxo

Coffee Hour

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January 12

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Denise Grim

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Suzanne Nicholson
Cindy Edwards
Tom Edwards

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
William Porter
Libby Schudel
George Waters
Terry Donnelly
Darren Savage
Elijah Buxo

Coffee Hour

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The Vestry and Officers of St. John's

Charles Roby, Senior Warden
Pat Walter, Junior Warden
Durene Brown, Secretary
Jared Moody, Treasurer

Terms expire January 2025

Durene Brown Charles Roby

Terms expire January 2026

Elizabeth Butler David Gawrych
Bryan Monaco

Terms expire January 2027

Jared Moody Patrick Walters
Helene Waters

The Vestry typically meets monthly at 6:30 PM in the undercroft, September through June. All St. John's parishioners are welcome to attend.

St. John's Teaching Notes

How to pray the Daily Office

There is no better habit to start than that of praying the Daily Office! The Daily Office was designed so that *everyone* could be praying at home or at Church. You will need a 1928 Book of Common Prayer (BCP, available from the ushers) and a Bible, and optionally a copy of each week's Chronicle to follow the appointed daily lessons (called a Lectionary, which is also in the BCP).

Items with * are optional.

The Lectionary is the front of the prayer book and also in *The Parish Chronicle*

MP=Morning Prayer page EP=Evening Prayer page

The Sentences (choose one or two)*

MP 3–5 EP 22, 23

*Confession, Absolution**

MP 5–7 EP 23, 24

Lord's Prayer (*if said later)

MP 7 EP 24

Preces ("O Lord, open thou our lips...")

MP 7 EP 25

Venite (MP only)

MP 9

Psalm – See Lectionary

First Reading – See Lectionary

First Cantic – Choose one

MP 10–4 EP – The Magnificat, 26

Second Reading – See Lectionary

Second Cantic – Choose another

MP 10–14 EP – Nunc Dimittis, 28

Apostles Creed

MP 15 EP 29

Lord's Prayer (if not said earlier)

MP 16 EP 30

Versicles and Responses

MP 16 EP 31

Collect from Sunday – See bulletin

Collect for Peace and Grace/Aid

MP 17 EP 31

Any other Collects you would like*

*General Thanksgiving**

MP 19 EP 33

The Grace

MP 20 EP 34

**A DAILY PRAYER FOR
St. John's Church**

Bless, O Lord, this parish, and grant that Thy Name may be worshipped here in truth and purity, to all generations. Give Thy grace and wisdom to our Clergy, that they may exercise holy discipline, and be themselves patterns of holiness, simplicity, and self-denial. Bless all who worship here; take from us all pride, vanity and self-conceit, and give to us true humility and self-abasement. Enlighten our minds, subdue our wills, purify our hearts, and so penetrate us with Thy Spirit, and fill us with Thy love that we may go forth animated with earnest zeal for Thy glory; and may Thy living Word so dwell within our hearts that we may speak with that resistless energy of love which shall melt the hearts of sinners to the love of Thee. Open, O Lord, the hearts and hands of Thy people, that we may be ready to give and glad to distribute to our necessities. Bless the founders and benefactors of this parish, and recompense them with the riches of Thine everlasting kingdom, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer for Malawi, week of January 5:

Diocese of Southern Malawi: The Rt Revd Alinafe Kalemba; Diocese of Upper Shire: The Rt Revd Brighton Vitta Malasa, The Rt Revd Jackson C Biggers, assisting; Archdiocese of Blantyre; Archdiocese of Lilongwe; St. Luke's Hospital

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Second Sunday after Christmas: The Church in Wales; The Diocese of Lagos—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Lagos Mainland—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Lagos West—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Lahore—The Church of Pakistan (United); The Diocese of Lainya—Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; The Diocese on the Lake—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Adrian—Christ Church
Santiago, DR—St. Luke's
Haina, DR—St. Mark's

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



January 6
Harriett Mottley

January 7
John Nicholson

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES

Have you given us your
Anniversary?



OUR PRAYER LIST

Healing and Comfort: Alice B., Sarah B., Al F., Bonnie B., Brianna W., Christopher B., Daria R., Durene B., Endolyn C., Elaine D., Eleanore S., Gail W., Gordon D., George W., Helene W., Jessica W., Jimmy J., Jim Z., Johnny C., Julie B., Lawrence A., MJ B., Michael Z., Michael P., Paul M., Rexina M., Robert H., Sabrina H., Sandra Z., Sandy D.

If you would like to add a name to the Prayer List, please call the Church Office at 313-962-7358.

Serving in the United Nations: Sharon G. Lowery

Police Officers and Firefighters: For parishioner officers – Federal Service: Pat Walter; Orange County, NC: Michael Walter; and Fairfax County, VA: Stephen A. Shillingford.

Those Serving in the Military: Especially for Alan Mullin, Andrew Timpner, Brian Shea, Damon Dalby, Elijah Buxo, Ian Bass, Jonathan Walter, Kurt Helfrich, Nick Myers, Nick Norville, Steven Campbell, Joseph J. Sharpe, Ted Decker, Brian Finocchiaro, Catherine Finocchiaro, Zachary Livingston, & John R. Nicholson, III, graduate of West Point

Diocese and the National Episcopal Church: That there may be a greater understanding of the Authority of Holy Scripture, and our submission to that Authority.

Year's Mind of Death:

Richard William	January 5, 1975
Marion Riemer	January 5, 1998
Nina Fox	January 6, 1951
Belle Elizabeth Hodgins	January 6, 1953
Carolyn Burton	January 7, 1971
Thomas McAlonan	January 7, 1972
Romaine L. MacArthur	January 8, 1953
Cortland K. Larned, Sr.	January 8, 1954
Cora Maude Prettie	January 9, 1954
Emily B. Crusoe	January 9, 1969
David Atkinson	January 10, 1974
Francis Gavin	January 10, 2017
Edna L. Simmons	January 11, 1945
Edward O. Patterson	January 11, 1959