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TAC Times – January 2021



Sunday, January 3rd – Second Sunday after Christmas, Membership Sunday, & Last Sunday of our Interim Period

Our church will continue to be decorated for this 1st Sunday of the new year as it is the second Sunday after Christmas, still in the Christmas Season. We are scheduled to have two people joining the church this day, one at each service.

Poinsettias may be taken home today after either service. If you are taking one after the 8:30 service, please take from the sides as much as you can so the altar area is still ready for the second service.

As has been communicated in several different ways, this Sunday will also be Fr. Bob's last as our Interim Rector. Words are insufficient to express how thankful we are for his leadership, pastoral care, and concern throughout this challenging time. Fr. Bob, Cheryl, and Noah will remain in our prayers as they seek the Lord's face for what He has in store for them.

New Rector Joins TAC on January 4, 2021



Fr. Chris will begin his time with us in the office on Monday, January 4th and will celebrate at our worship services on Sunday, January 10th! Below, you may find part of the introduction given by Sharon Figueroa when he and Robyn visited us in the fall:

“Rev. Dr. Christopher Richardson has been married to **his wife Robyn** for 21 years and they have five children ranging in age from 18 to 8 years - Wyatt, Avery, Victoria, Augustus and Dalton. Fr. Chris [was] serving as Rector of

an Anglican Church in the Texas Hill Country where he has been Rector for four years. Prior to that, he served for five years as Assistant Rector at Christ Our King Anglican Church in New Braunfels, Texas.

Fr. Chris received his bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts at the University of Texas in Austin. From there, he worked as a missionary with The Navigators in Colorado Springs, CO. Fr. Chris received his Master of Divinity in Biblical Studies and his Master of Theology in Exegetical Theology at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO. He received his doctoral degree in Divinity at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland where he was also an instructor. Fr. Chris was ordained in 2012 and is a published author."

We look forward with tremendous enthusiasm to welcoming this lovely family and working beside them to build the Kingdom of God!

The Season of Epiphany



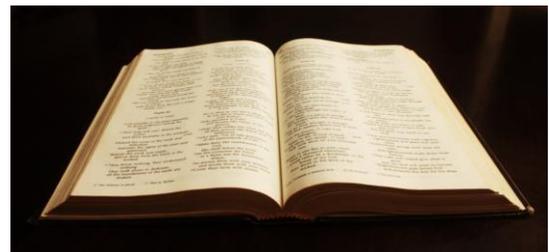
On Sunday, January 10, we will celebrate Epiphany which actually falls on Wednesday, January 6. We will hear the scriptures for this holy day so that we are prepared to celebrate this new season of the church year. Epiphany commemorates the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles in the persons of the Magi. The

word 'epiphany' refers to a sudden and profound understanding of something, a striking realization or comprehension. Our God is infinitely creative in the ways He makes such epiphanies available to us. It may be a scripture or the words of a song that we have heard numerous times that suddenly comes alive for us. It may be the beauty of nature or the laugh of a child that penetrates our immediate thoughts and gives us a glimpse of eternity. May our hearts and minds be open to the epiphanies God has in store for us this year!

The Collect for Epiphany: O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Christian Education Resumes January 10th

Mark your calendars for **Sunday the 10th** as the day we **start back** with our **Adult and Children's Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.** The **adult class** will meet in the **sanctuary** with an exploration of **the topic - "Knowing God's Will for My Life"**. This class will be led by Ed



Figueroa, John Shaver, Betty Spillman, and Bill Thorogood. Our **elementary children** will continue their Bible experience in the **parish hall**, and the **nursery/preschool children** will continue to meet and learn in the **various rooms of the education wing**. All groups will maintain our nose/mouth masking and social-distancing guidelines, with the younger children being served in our family-separate rooms.

Gifts of Hope



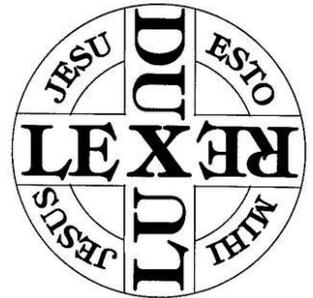
We continue to have a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the future of 500 St. Jean Baptiste School students by purchasing a Gift of Hope. This is our sister school in Haiti, and this life-giving and life-changing ministry is an excellent way to give thanks this holiday season and all year long for the blessings we have received from our Lord. Copies of the catalog, as well as

order forms, are available on the table in the narthex. You can also request an electronic copy by contacting Anne in the church office or Susan Meeder at 913-486-6880.

The OSL Corner

by Tom Ryan

The Order of St. Luke the Physician is an inter-denominational, international ministry for healing of body, mind, and spirit.



“Unanswered OSL Prayer”

We all expect our healing prayers to be answered right away. It’s our nature. And why not? We have high expectations for healing prayer. But the truth is, we many times never see the fruits of our healing prayers. And that’s okay.

Many times, we are only with someone who needs prayer for a little while, and many times with someone we don’t even know. But it is different for the one we are praying for. You can sense something is going on with them that is special. Perhaps it’s your tone of voice, perhaps it’s what you say or the way you say it. Mostly it’s that we have brought the presence of the Lord into the situation. Whatever it is.....you are having a positive impact on them. Sometimes it’s just your caring presence that is helping them. What really matters is you are there for them and allowing the Lord to work through you in a special way. And then it’s over. You only had a brief encounter. You may never see that person again. And you’ll never know if there is a long-term effect or healing on that person.

You sometimes wish there was a way to know because on some level we need or desire to know we are doing good. But that is about our need, not who we have prayed for. Our job as OSL members is to know that we are having a positive effect by bringing forth the opportunity for God’s healing.

That healing can be physical, mental or even spiritual. We may not know what is really wrong with that person. We may be praying for one type of healing and another occurs. We may only have a clue. But that’s okay. Our role is to pray with that person, for that person, and to facilitate the healing that God will be bringing.

When you think about it, isn’t our role to be magnified right now with Covid. Personally, I haven’t been able to make my weekly hospital visits to pray for patients, and with social distancing and stay at home orders, our roles have been hampered and our frustrations heightened. Surely this Covid is Satan-based.

As frustrating as it all is, we need to concentrate our prayers on those we know who have the Covid virus. These brothers and sisters need our healing prayers for them even more. So let's step up our prayer life and help bring healing to them. And yes, as they recover you will feel better knowing you had a hand in their recovery. And that will boost your confidence and make you a more powerful prayer warrior.

As for the many that we will continue to pray for in the future when the pandemic is over.....may we rest in the knowledge that God is continuing His role as Healer and be happy that we are a part of His great works.

Austin Street Center Ministry News *by Sharon Parker*

Our friends at ASC have made an **appeal for new or slightly used men's jackets, sizes, XL, XXL, and XXXL**. We will continue our "jacket drive" through January, using the boxes in the narthex for collection. Please clean out those closets and find appropriate outer wear for these men. We can bring the gift of warmth and comfort to those in need!



Prayer for Putting on Your Mask

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet.

May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds be filled with Your love.

In Your name, and in that love, I pray. **Amen.**



January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy New Year! B – Holly Lawler	2 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship
3 8:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Worship	4	5	6	7	8 B – Pat Perkins	9 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Saturday Sisters B – Ed Prochaska
10 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Christian Ed. 11:00 a.m. Worship B – Rob Lawler	11 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	12 B – Mickey Atkins	13 B – Clay Henry	14 8:00 a.m. Handymen	15	16 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Order of St. Luke B – Don Lennert
17 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Christian Ed. 11:00 a.m. Worship B – Larry Abbott, Winona Lawler, & Don Newman	18 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	19	20 B – Elaine Abbott	21 B – Richard Mathews and Zanna Wallace	22 A – Dennie & Debbie Pendergrass	23 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Saturday Sisters
24 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Christian Ed. 11:00 a.m. Worship	25 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	26	27	28 8:00 a.m. Handymen	29	30 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Fellowship B – Mary Frank
31 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Christian Ed. 11:00 a.m. Worship						

January 3, 2021

PROPER S

OT **Jeremiah 31:7-14**
Psalm **84**
NT **Ephesians 1:3-14**
Gospel **Matthew 2:13-23**

LAY SERVERS

8:30 am **Don Newman – OT, PoP**
 Christy Hopkins – NT, Psalm
11:00 am **Mark Carr – OT, PoP**
 Melody Carr – NT, Psalm

ACOLYTES

8:30 am **Daniel Mathews**
11:00 am **Pete Howk**

PRAYER MINISTRY

8:30 am **TBD**
11:00 am **Mickey & Val Atkins**

January 10, 2021

PROPER S

OT **Isaiah 60:1-9**
Psalm **72**
NT **Ephesians 3:1-13**
Gospel **Matthew 2:1-12**

LAY SERVERS

8:30 am **Hellen Otieno – OT, PoP**
 Betty Spillman – NT, Psalm
11:00 am **Ed Prochaska – OT, PoP**
 Brandon Wallace – NT, Psalm

ACOLYTES

8:30 am **Brandon Wallace**
11:00 am **Brandon Wallace**

PRAYER MINISTRY

8:30 am **Sharon Parker & Mary Kadane**
11:00 am **John & Barbara Shaver**

January 17, 2021

PROPERS

OT 1 Sam. 3:1-20
Psalm 63
NT 1 Corinthians 6:9-20
Gospel John 1:43-51

LAY SERVERS

8:30 am Mary Kadane – OT, PoP
Mary Frank – NT, Psalm
11:00 am Sharon Figueroa – OT, PoP
Bill Thorogood – NT, Psalm

ACOLYTES

8:30 am TBD
11:00 am TBD

PRAYER MINISTRY

8:30 am TBD
11:00 am Linda Celaya & Sharon Barnett

January 24, 2021

PROPERS

OT Jer. 3:19 – 4:4
Psalm 130
NT 1 Corinthians 7:17-24
Gospel Mark 1:14-20

LAY SERVERS

8:30 am Mark Carr – OT, PoP
Melody Carr – NT, Psalm
11:00 am Jim Messler – OT, PoP
Sharon Barnett – NT, Psalm

ACOLYTES

8:30 am June Hines
11:00 am June Hines

PRAYER MINISTRY

8:30 am Debbie Pendergrass & TBD
11:00 am Larry & Susan Maupin

January 31, 2021

PROPERS

OT Deut. 18:15-22
Psalm 111
NT 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Gospel Mark 1:21-28

LAY SERVERS

8:30 am Don Lennert – OT, PoP
Linda Tomlinson – NT, Psalm
11:00 am Mike Jones – OT, PoP
Sara Maneval – NT, Psalm

ACOLYTES

8:30 am Pete Howk
11:00 am Pete Howk

PRAYER MINISTRY

8:30 am TBD
11:00 am TBD

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We are redeemed through faith, inspired with hope, and transformed in love.

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