



December 13, 2019

# *St. Mary's* **MESSENGER**

**This Week:**  
**Dec 9-14**

**Tuesday**

11:00 AM

Morning Prayer

7:00 PM AA

**Wednesday**

12:00 Noon

Eucharist

**Thursday**

7:00 PM AA

**Friday**

7:00 PM AA

**Next Week:**  
**Dec 16-21**

**Tuesday**

11:00 AM Morning

Prayer

7:00 PM AA

**Wednesday**

12:00 Noon

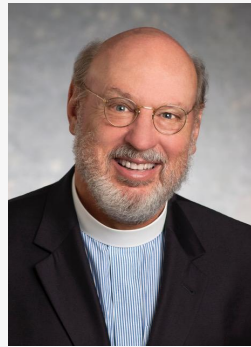
Eucharist II

**Thursday**

7:00 PM AA

**Friday**

## *From Your Priest:*



### *"The Great Messenger"* **Matthew 11:2-11**

Jesus tells us that John is more than a prophet. He plays the most crucial role in the advent of the Messiah, the Christ. John is the ultimate messenger preparing the way for God's decisive intervention in human life. If he is God's great messenger, as Jesus says he is, it might be good to hear his message. He practices what he preaches, a deep humility. It must have been tempting for him to exaggerate his stature—he was like a rock star—but he understands his role. He is to point to the light; he is not the light. His own testimony and suffering make him remarkable for the ages. In the quiet of the Advent season, may we find our place in his image. Preparing for the coming of Christ is a serious business.

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## *Mid-Week Holy Eucharist*

**Rev. Bill has resumed Wednesdays at NOON.  
At the mid-week Eucharist, he preaches on the "Holy  
Women, Holy Men" calendar. Hope to see you there!**

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

***Christmas Eve Service***  
Holy Eucharist Rite II will  
be at 5:00 P.M. See you  
then!



***SUNDAY ROLL-OUT!*** We are serving a hot breakfast starting

## This Sunday

Dec. 15,  
2019

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 146:4-9

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

### Celebrants:

Rev. William Fowler

### Eucharistic

### Minister:

Mike Watson

### Acolyte

Tulisha Wendele

### Altar Guild:

Carol Brown

### Ushers:

Janie Watson

### Vestry person:

Paul Wilborn

## QUICK LINKS

### Our Website

### The Diocese of Texas

### The Lectionary



at 8:30 - 9:45 **EVERY SUNDAY!** From 9:10 to 9:50 during breakfast, Rev. Bill will offer a lesson and reflection on being "**Unabashedly Episcopalian.**" Join us as we break bread together and fellowship! No worries about being "on time" - come when you can!

**The Lampasas Mission** is in need of some supplies for the month of October. If you can help donate to this amazing program, it would be greatly appreciated! We have a basket in the foyer of the sanctuary for these items.

Dried pinto beans (in sack)  
White rice (in sack)  
Canned peas  
Canned tuna  
Canned diced tomatoes  
Tomato sauce  
Canned spinach

Also, the Mission hours for accepting donations are Mondays 5-8 pm, Tuesdays & Thursdays 1-3 pm.

**Thank you!!**

## THINK ON THIS:



"All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth. **Psalms 25:10**"

"**All**, not some; not only those we would naturally choose, but **all**...And mercy means *loving-kindness*. Is this not a beautiful word...? There is a path which each of us must walk quite alone. The dearest of our dear ones cannot walk there with us...Yet we are not alone for a single moment in that path which is one long stretch of loving-kindness and leads straight to the City of Light, the Vision of His Face. Though we do not see Him now, yet He companions us;"

\* Amy Carmichael, Edges of His Ways.

"Now thanks be unto God, which always causes us to triumph in Christ." **1 Corinthians 2:14**

## Bow the Knee

"Trust the heart of your Father when the answer goes beyond what you can see...in the presence of your King, bow the knee." -Chris Machen

## Prayer List:

Mary Casbeer, Larry & Becky Hart, Roz & J.M. Finley, Wilder Brown, Anne Brown, Jim Richardson, Jim & Pat Anderson, Margaret King Cole, Jerry Richardson, Katherine Metzger, Robert, Glynda, Kiersten, David, Mary JP, Norman, Karal, Buck, Alex, Randy, Debbie, Jack, Bryant, Darren, John, Buddy & Rebecca, don Peterson's daughter.

All bishops and ministers and those in authority in government.

*"I place this day, my loved ones, my work in the Lord's Hands. There is no harm in the Lord's Hands, only good. Whatever happens, whatever results, if I am in the Lord's Hands, it is the Lord's will and it is good."*

- **Norman Vincent Peale**

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