



December 19, 2019

St. Mary's **MESSENGER**

This Week:
Dec 16-21

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 22-28

Tuesday

Christmas Eve
Service 5:00 PM
(Holy Eucharist II)

Wednesday

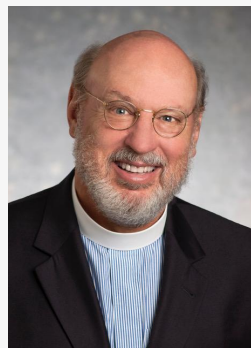
Merry
Christmas!
(No Eucharist Svc)

Thursday

7:00 PM AA

Friday

From Your Priest:



"Joseph Had Faith, Too!"

Matthew 1:18-25

Faith plays a tremendous role in the Christmas narrative. In Joseph, we see a righteous man who was kind and caring. He did not want to put Mary to disgrace, but you could hardly underestimate the crisis he faced. God worked a miracle through him, too, and he claimed an indispensable role in our faith story. The sort of faith that Matthew describes is borne out in every generation in the Church—from generation to generation, and is especially touching at Christmas. This Christmas season we ought to praise God for the faith that binds us. Joseph faced a crisis of faith. Lord knows he had his doubts. God met him in that moment and the rest is history. Living history.

Mid-Week Holy Eucharist

No Eucharist Service on Christmas Day

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



This Sunday
Dec. 22,
2019

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

Celebrants:

Rev. William Fowler

Eucharistic

Minister:

Judith Ann McGhee

Acolyte

Charlotte Haynie

Altar Guild:

Carol Brown

Ushers:

Brian Williams

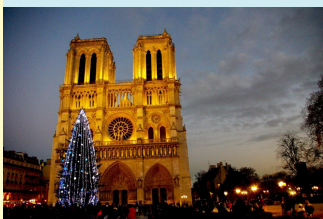
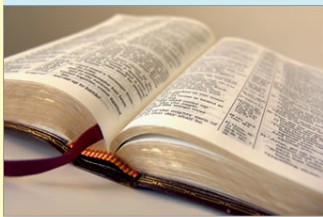
Vestry person:

Jan Sewall

QUICK LINKS
Our Website

The Diocese of
Texas

The Lectionary



Eve:

Celebrant Rev. William Fowler

Lay Minister Bill Adams

Acolyte Tulisha Wendele

Ushers Tom & Mary Hart

Altar Guild Judy Lansford/Jo Wooten

VPOD Bill Adams

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



"The white space between Bible verses is fertile soil for questions. One can hardly read Scripture without whispering, "I wonder . . ."

If you are asking what Joseph asked, let me urge you to do what Joseph did. Obey. That's what he did. He obeyed. He obeyed when the angel called. He obeyed when Mary explained. He obeyed when God sent.

He was obedient to God.

He was obedient when the sky was bright.

He was obedient when the sky was dark.

He didn't let his confusion disrupt his obedience.

What about you? Just like Joseph, you can't see the whole picture. Just like Joseph your task is to see that Jesus is brought into your part of your world. And just like Joseph you have a choice: to obey or disobey."

* Max Lucado, excerpts from **Cast of Characters.**

"Joseph, descendant of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the baby in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus, because he will save his

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:

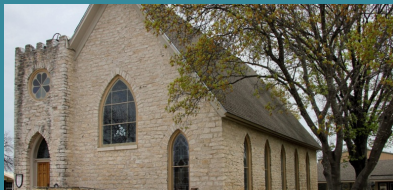
Larry & Becky Hart, Roz & J.M. Finley, Wilder Brown, Anne Brown, Jim Richardson, Jim & Pat Anderson, Margaret King Cole, Jerry Richardson, Robert, Glynda, Kiersten, David, Norman, Karal, Buck, Alex, Randy, Debbie, Jack, Bryant, Darren, John, Buddy & Rebecca, Don Peterson's daughter.

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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