



December 27, 2019

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

This Week:  
**Dec 23-28**

Tuesday  
**Christmas Eve**  
**Svc - 5 PM**

Wednesday  
**No**  
**Eucharist**

Thursday  
7:00 PM AA

Friday  
7:00 PM AA

Next Week:  
**Dec 30-Jan 4**

Tuesday

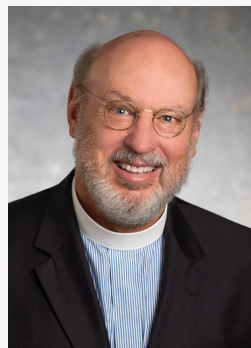
Wednesday  
**Happy New**  
**Year!**  
(No Eucharist Svc)

Thursday  
7:00 PM AA

Friday  
7:00 PM AA

This Sunday  
**Dec. 29,**

## *From Your Priest:*



### *"The Word Became Flesh"*

**John 1:1-18**

This Christmas lesson is perhaps the most beautiful summary of the Incarnation—and the heart of the Christian faith. It draws us in with breathtaking images of a God who loves creation, and demonstrates this love with the grace of Christ. It is, of course, incomprehensible. That sort of gift, that grace, is impossible to measure. God's love for the human condition is timeless and speaks to every generation in new and vibrant ways. The Word of God is not confined to a printed page, and it dwarfs our collective imagination. This Christmastide, may we learn again how awesome God's word is; the Word of God is Jesus Christ.

## *Mid-Week Holy Eucharist*

**No Eucharist Service on New Year's 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**

**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



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Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalms 147

Galatians 3:23-25;

4:4-7

John 1:1-18

Celebrants:

Rev. William Fowler

Eucharistic

Minister:

Richard Hammett

Acolyte

Charlotte Haynie

Altar Guild:

Judy L./Jo W.

Ushers:

Judy Lansford

Vestry person:

Betty Maxey

## QUICK LINKS

[Our Website](#)

[The Diocese of Texas](#)

[The Lectionary](#)



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:



"Who among us will celebrate Christmas correctly? Whoever finally lays down all power, all honor, all reputation, all vanity, all arrogance, all individualism beside the manger; whoever remains lowly and lets God alone be high; whoever looks at the child in the manger and sees the glory of God precisely in his lowliness."

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *God Is In the Manger*

"And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." **Luke 2:7**

## 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, Buck, Alex, Randy, Debbie, Jack, Bryant, Darren, John, Buddy & Rebecca, Don Peterson's

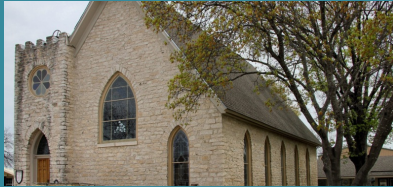
**daughter.**

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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