



January 3, 2020

St. Mary's **MESSENGER**

This Week:
Dec 30-Jan 4

Tues

7:00 PM AA

Wednesday

12:00 Noon

Holy Eucharist II

**Happy New
Year!**

Thursday

7:00 PM AA

Next Week:
Jan 6-11

Tuesday

11:00 Morning

Prayer

7:00 AA

Wednesday

12:00 Noon

Holy Eucharist II

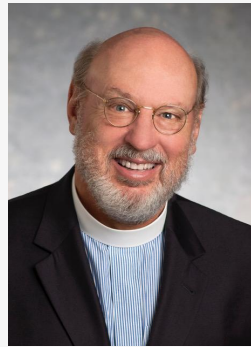
Thursday

7:00 PM AA

This Sunday
Jan. 5, 2020

**Jeremiah 31:7-
14**

From Your Priest:



"What Sign Is This?"

Matthew 2:1-12

We get an idea of God's work in the work in these verses from Matthew. Wise men have been called, from distant lands, to pay homage to the Christ child. Their wisdom leads them to the truth, despite the obstacles put before them by human sin. They move toward Bethlehem and seek the Word Incarnate. There are subtle and bold signs that cause them to go out from their homeland into a new reality with God. We, too, have opportunities to move out of the safety of our own opinions or comfort and see God in a new way this season. The wise men from the East did not know what they were getting into. They followed God's call and set for us an example.

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!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Bishop Doyle will be
celebrating with us
next Sunday, January
12th!**

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



Psalm 84
Ephesians 1:3-6; 15-
19a
Matthew 2:1-12

Celebrants:
Rev. William Fowler
Eucharistic
Minister:
Judith Ann McGhee
Acolyte
Charlotte Haynie
Altar Guild:
Jane Westerfield
Ushers:
The Westerfields
Vestry person:
Paul Wilborn

QUICK LINKS **Our Website**

The Diocese of
Texas

The Lectionary



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!

Ladies Bible Study
"All Things New: A Study of 2 Corinthians"
led by D'Anne Willis
Tuesdays, January 14 – March 3
OR
Thursdays, January 16 – March 5
10:00 AM
504. S. Arnold St.
Workbooks: \$16.00
Contact Martha Casbeer for more info:
tomandmarthacasbeer@gmail.com or (512) 556-8388

THINK ON THIS:



"When they saw the star had stopped, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."
Matthew 2:10

"If the Magi had come in search of an earthly King, they would have been disconcerted at finding that they had

taken the trouble to come such a long way for nothing. Consequently, they would have neither adored nor offered gifts. But since they sought a **heavenly King**, though they found in Him no signs of royal pre-eminence, yet, content with the testimony of the star alone, they adored: for they saw a man, and they acknowledged God."

—Saint John Chrysostom

"There is a message in the title "Wise Men." Wise people acknowledge their need for a Savior and seek to find him. Foolish people, like Herod the Great, reject Jesus and even seek to destroy him."

- Jack Zavada, "Meet the Three Kings - Wise Men from the East."

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, Katherine Metzger, Buck, Alex, Randy, Debbie, Jack, John, Buddy & Rebecca.

All bishops and ministers and those in authority in government as we start a new year.

"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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