

# THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 15, 2017

*Arise! Shine! For your light has come;  
O come let us worship!*

## **8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalm 27 | Isaiah 43:14-44:5 | Ephesians 1

## **9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

Introit: Psalm 66:1-3:	page 408
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect and Epistle:	page 124
Gradual – Surge Illuminare:	page 28
The Holy Gospel:	page 125
The Creed:	page 71
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in thy mercy; C: Hear our prayer

## **9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Parish Hall** *Time with Fr. Stockall*

## **10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

♪ ProceSSIONAL Hymn:	99 (King's Weston 357)
The Gloria:	page 86
The Collect and Epistle:	page 124
Gradual – Surge Illuminare:	page 28
The Holy Gospel:	page 125
♪ Gospel Acclamation (refrain only):	747 (Iris)
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism:	page 523
The Homily	

♪ Offertory Hymn:	691 (Cranham)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in thy mercy; C: Hear our prayer
The Consecration:	page 82
♪ Hymn during Communion:	237 (Melcombe)
♪ Recessional Hymn:	748 (We Three Kings)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall following the  
10:30 Celebration for **Coffee and Conversation.***

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We are very pleased to welcome Lillian Rosalind, daughter of Andrew and Katurah (Fowler) Waye, as a member of the Body of Christ and an inheritor of the Kingdom of God. We pray that the Grace which God has shared with her this day might strengthen her each and every day of her life.

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## *From the Rector* -----

The Season of Epiphany sets in motion our transition from the celebration of Christ's birth which we mark each year at Christmas to the commemoration of the saving work that the Incarnate Word of God came to accomplish, which reaches its completion in His death on Good Friday and His Resurrection on Easter Day. And Epiphany's revelation of the Infant Christ to the magi from the east, to those from outside Israel, serves as a vivid reminder that the salvation which is ours in Christ is offered to all people. At the heart of the message of Epiphany, as we learn more and more each week of who Jesus is, is the message of mission: the call that we all have to share the wonderful good news that in God's Son we are given new life and new hope.

That mission is many and varied; but in every situation we are called to back up our words with actions; to ensure that others will come to know the love of God not just because of what we say but what we do, day by day, in Christ's Name.

Near the beginning of His ministry Jesus entered the synagogue at Nazareth and read a passage from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah that spoke of the day when the good news would be preached to the poor, when the captives would be released, when the blind would recover their sight and the oppressed set free. He spoke of how those words were fulfilled in that moment when He read them; and we are challenged to commit ourselves to the work of carrying out that mission in His Name and our own time.

At the heart of this Season, and at the heart of the Church's life, is mission, which is our continual effort to look beyond our own needs to see, and answer, the

needs of the world; to never be so focused on what we want that we lose sight of what God's People need. Who are the poor and imprisoned, the blind and the oppressed in our own day; and what is Christ calling us to do right now to share God's Grace with them?



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### JANUARY 18: EPIPHANY FERIA

2:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, *Paradise Villa*

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

### JANUARY 21: THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

### JANUARY 22: THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist



## Parish Notices and Updates

Members of the Parish Corporation (Wardens and Vestry) are reminded of the meeting scheduled for this afternoon, starting at 12:15 p.m. Those unable to attend are asked to convey their regrets either to the Rector or the Vestry Clerk.

Sincere thanks are offered to James and Elizabeth, the members of the Parish Choir, and the readers, for sharing their time and talent at last Sunday's Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmastide and Epiphany. It was a lovely way to bring Christmas to a close!

**Memorial Prayer Books:** *the copies of the Prayer Book that we had on hand have all been spoken for;* but we're planning to place another order in the very near future. If you would like to place one or more in memory of a loved one, please speak to the Rector. The cost for each prayer book is \$20.

**St. Mary's weekly Bible Study "Faithful and True: a Look at the Women in Holy Scripture,"** resumes this coming *Friday at 10:00 a.m.* at the Rectory. Everyone is warmly invited to join us; and if your schedule only permits you to attend occasionally, please plan to join us when you can.

**St. Mary's branch of the Mothers' Union** will be meeting on *Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>* from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. They invite everyone to join them. For more information please speak to Adele Knox.

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Toil together one with another, struggle together, run together, suffer together, lie down together, rise up together, as God's stewards and assessors and ministers. Please the Captain in whose army ye serve, from whom also ye will receive your pay. Let your baptism abide with you as your shield; your faith as your helmet; your love as your spear; your patience as your body armor. Let your works be your deposits, that ye may receive your assets due to you.

Ignatius of Antioch (ca. 35-98?), *Letter to Polycarp*

*Priest and Rector*

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## Refugee Project Update-----

**Happy 17th birthday!** In Liberia your relatives and friends dance and sing to celebrate your birthday, but Catherine Gmah just turned 17 and found out how it's done in Canada.

Several members of the archdeaconry's refugee sponsorship committee gathered at the Liberian family's apartment on Catherine's special day. One arrived with colourful balloons, another carried a beautifully decorated cake, and others brought cards or presents.



Catherine, who can be shy sometimes, was delighted to be the centre of attention.

Anne Hunt and Gail McGillivray from the cathedral lit 17 candles on the cake and explained that a secret wish is made while everyone sings "happy birthday to you" and the candles are blown out. Catherine giggled so much at the whole idea that it took a few breaths to extinguish all the candles. Everyone clapped, and her parents were as pleased as Catherine.



Among other gifts, she received a shawl, a calendar, a bracelet, cash and gift cards to buy clothes or snacks. She had not expected anything like this to happen so soon after Christmas when the whole family received presents from some of the parishes supporting them during their first year in Canada.

They don't care for some of the food they have tried in Canada, but the whole family likes sweets. Catherine enjoyed the delicious cake and thanked her Canadian friends.

Her Dad, Phillip Weah, shook everyone's hand in gratitude. He will be the next one to celebrate a birthday as his is in March. Catherine's mother Esther and her brother Arene have birthdays in April.

Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

*St. Matthew 25:37-40*

**A few Church Calendars for 2017 are still available** on the table in the Narthex for a very reasonable \$6.00. These lovely calendars are an ideal way of keeping track of the Church Year and are excellent small gifts for friends at Christmas. Please speak to the Rector if you can't locate the calendars.

**Are you looking for a new opportunity** to share your love for Christ and His Church as we begin a new year? St. Mary's Altar Guild faithfully prepares the Church for our weekly celebrations and invite all the members of our Parish Family to consider whether or not they're called to share in this joyful work. Please speak to the Rector if you are interested or if you have any questions.

**In response to some members of the Parish** who have indicated the challenges they face in hearing the homily because of hearing loss, we're now producing a few printed copies each Sunday. If you would like to have a copy you're welcome to pick one up from the small table at the main entrance to the church. Please speak to the Rector if you're not able to locate a copy.

**E-OFFERING:** Did you forget your envelope this weekend? Instead of digging in your wallet for collection why don't you set up E-Offering and forget about the hassle. E-Offering is an electronic offering that debits from your bank account. It is easy, no fuss and customizable. You can set up weekly, monthly and with any amount. Adjustments are easy to make. Please pick up a slip from the table in the narthex if you are interested or speak to Allan Agnew if you have any questions.

**If you like to knit, St. Mary's Mothers' Union branch** invite you to share with them in a project that've recently started. They're knitting *Comfort Bears* to be given to children at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital. Instructions have been posted on the Mothers' Union bulletin board in the hall. Feel free to pick up a copy and get knitting!

**Hospital visiting is an essential part of parish ministry** because spiritual health is a necessary part of our physical health; and the Rector is always willing to visit those in hospital at any time, day or night. Because the system used to register patients at the hospital does always provide the information needed to know when parishioners are inpatients, please let the Rector know if you or another member of the Parish (with their consent) is in hospital so that the Church can minister to our whole Parish Family. *And, unless you wish not be visited while in hospital*, be sure to indicate on admission that you wish a pastoral visit. Otherwise your presence in the hospital might not be indicated on the records available in the Spiritual and Religious Care office.

**Have to be at work on Sunday morning?** Have another engagement that will prevent you from attending? Not sure about the weather? Don't forget that we now have a weekly Celebration of the Holy Eucharist on *Saturday evenings at 5:00 p.m.* Please speak to the Rector if you have any questions; and plan to join us any Saturday evening if this time is more suitable for your schedule.