

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 20, 2019

*The Lord has manifested his glory;
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

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| Introit: Psalm 66:1-3: | page 408 |
| The Gloria: | page 86 |
| The Collect: | page 124 |
| The Old Testament Lesson: | 2 Kings 4:1-17 |
| Surge Illuminare: | page 28 |
| The Epistle: | page 124 |
| Gradual: Psalm 107:1-9: | page 471 |
| The Holy Gospel: | page 125 |
| The Creed: | page 71 |
| The Homily | |
| The Prayers of the People: | L: Lord, in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer |
| The Consecration: | page 82 |
| Post-Communion Prayer: | page 85 |

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

10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

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| ♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN: | 98 (Uttingen) |
| The Gloria: | page 86 |
| The Collect: | page 124 |
| The Old Testament Reading: | 2 Kings 4:1-17 |
| ♪ SURGE ILLUMINARE: | page 28 |
| The Epistle: | page 124 |
| ♪ GRADUAL HYMN: | 352 (Lasst Uns Erfruen) |
| The Holy Gospel: | page 125 |
| ♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (refrain only): | 747 (Iris) |
| The Creed: | page 71 |
| The Homily | |
| ♪ OFFERTORY HYMN: | 99 (King's Weston 357) |
| The Prayers of the People: | L: Lord, in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer |
| The Consecration: | page 82 |
| ♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION: | 226 (Rockingham) |
| Post-Communion Prayer: | page 85 |
| ♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN: | 356 (Stella Orientis) |

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

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From the Rector _____

In this weekend's Epistle, St. Paul gives a long list of very practical things that Christians need to do if they want to follow Christ by using the gifts that God gives: For example, if you're called by God to be a prophet, then speak

the word that God gives you to speak. If you're called to be a servant, then serve. If you're in a position to give, then give with single-minded generosity. If you're called to lead, then lead with enthusiasm. If you're called to be merciful, then do so cheerfully. In each and every case Paul challenges them to use honestly the gifts that they've been given to equip them to be what God has called them to be: fervent, affectionate, patient, hospitable, joyful. And for Paul, all of these ideas hinge on just one thing: on the genuineness, the sincerity, of their love: *Let love be without dissimulation*. Dissimulation is a big word that we don't often use but it means that we need to ensure that our love is real and sincere. Not a pretense. Not a close, reasonable facsimile. Not even a very good imitation, but the real thing.

In this weekend's Gospel Jesus has nothing at all to do with the water that will become wine. He only speaks to the servants and the servants obey. And, in that moment, something happens to the water, from the inside out. So the crucial role in this story is actually played by the servants; because, in a deeper way, it's the servants who become outward and visible signs of the power of Christ to change all the moments of our lives, our moments of crisis and need; our moments of uncertainty and fear; our moments of loneliness and rejection and failure, and to make them into something better; outward and visible signs of the power of Christ to take all the ordinary moments of day to day life and to make them something more than ordinary. Even extraordinary, because, in Christ, they become moments for grace to enter in.

The servants obey; and water is turned into wine. The servants obey; and a social disaster is averted. The servants obey; and God's compassion and care are seen. All because the servants obeyed.

Like the servants at the wedding feast, we are called to be like sacraments; living, breathing, walking, talking sacraments; outward and visible signs of God's love; outward and visible signs of the power that God has to take our moments of challenge and crisis and fear, and to change them from the inside out. But we cannot be those little sacraments, those signs that God calls us to be, if our love is not genuine. If our love is confused with other things that sometimes look like love but aren't. If our love is an imitation of the real thing. So, hear again what Paul tells us we must do if our love is to be genuine; if we are to be outward and visible signs of the power of God to take the ordinary water of everyday life and change it into something better:

Rejoice in hope... Be patient in tribulation... Be constant in prayer. ...Show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you... Rejoice with those who rejoice... Weep with those who weep. [And] live in harmony with [each] other.



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The rejection as unhistorical of all passages which narrate miracles is sensible if we start by knowing that the miraculous... never occurs. Now I do not want here to discuss whether the miraculous is possible: I only want to point out that this is a purely philosophical question. Scholars, as scholars, speak on it with no more authority than anyone else. The canon, "If miraculous, unhistorical," is one they bring to their study of the texts, not one they have learned from it. If one is speaking of authority, the united authority of all the Biblical critics in the world counts for nothing. On this they speak simply as men—men obviously influenced by, and perhaps insufficiently critical of, the spirit of the age they grew up in.

C. S. Lewis (1898-1963), *Fern-seed and Elephants*

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Parish Notices and Updates

THOSE WHO WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE RECENT MEETING on the proposed renovations are encouraged to take some time to review the Presentation which was prepared for the meeting by Thomas Geburt. Large versions of some of the design drawings have been posted on a bulletin board in the Hall and a few small photocopies are available on the table in the Narthex. As well, a PDF has been created with the entire presentation, which has been attached to the Parish Website (<http://www.stmarysfredericton.ca/>). If you wish, the Rector would be happy to forward the file to you via email. Please speak to the Rector or one of the Wardens if you have any questions or comments.

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH CORPORATION (Wardens and Vestry members) are reminded of the meeting for today, starting at approximately 12:15 p.m. Those who are unable to attend are asked to convey their regrets to the Rector or the Vestry Clerk.

EVERYONE IS WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US for PINT of VIEW this coming **Thursday, January 24th** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bill & Adele Knox (5 Ruby Court). We're very pleased that Andrew Mathis has agreed to speak about his ongoing greenhouse project and other aspects of ecological sustainability, an excellent introduction to thinking about our God-given responsibility as stewards of his creation. Plan to join us for a stimulating conversation while we enjoy some of Fredericton's finest craft beer. For more information, for directions, or a drive, please speak to the Rector.

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY is held each **Friday, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Rectory. We're looking at the Gospel according to St. Luke. Everyone is warmly invited to join us; and if your schedule only permits you to attend occasionally, please plan to join us whenever you can. For more information please speak to the Rector.

THE WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF FREDERICTON is having its World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting on **Monday, January 28th**, at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church Parish Church. (Please note the change of date.) The 2019 World Day of Prayer service was written by the Women of Slovenia (part of former Yugoslavia). Women of all denominations of faith are invited to help plan for the World Day of Prayer which will be held on March 1st.

THE DIOCESAN MISSION AND OUTREACH TEAM invites you to a presentation by Dr. John Stackhouse entitled "Why Doesn't God Do Something: An Honest Look at the Problem of Evil" on **Thursday, January 31st** from 12:10 to 1:00 p.m. at Christ Church (Parish) Church. This lecture will pose the question we are tempted to pose and examine what responses are provided by the Christian faith, particularly in terms of providence and

the person of Jesus Christ. A question and answer session will follow.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK, will be held on **Sunday, February 17th**, at approximately 12:15 p.m., following our weekly Coffee & Conversation. All members of the Parish are encouraged to take part in the meeting as we review our work as a Parish in 2018 and make plans for 2019. **In anticipation of the meeting, we are looking for your assistance in filling leadership roles within the Parish for the coming year.** The Parish Corporation serves a critical role in developing and supporting our mission as the Church; and we are always looking to add new voices to the conversation. Please give very prayerful consideration to how God may be calling you to share your gifts and talents; and speak to the Rector if you have any questions.

✠ *ON A RELATED NOTE: those responsible for preparing reports for the Annual Meeting are asked to submit those reports by Sunday, February 3rd.*

ALLAN AGNEW, OUR PARISH TREASURER, has prepared the 2019 offering envelopes. Current envelope holders have been assigned their current numbers. If you're not currently using envelopes and would like a box for next year, please let Allan know. And if you're not currently using e-offering please have a word with Allan about how that can be set up.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

JANUARY 23: ST. TIMOTHY & ST. TITUS, Apostolic Men
6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

JANUARY 24: ST. TIMOTHY & ST. TITUS, Apostolic Men
8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church

JANUARY 26: THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

JANUARY 27: THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
Followed by Coffee and Conversation in the Parish Hall