

# THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

January 7, 2018

*When they saw the star, they  
rejoiced with exceeding great joy;  
O come let us worship!*

## **8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalm 66 | Isaiah 42:1-12 | St. John 4:1-26

## **9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

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

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

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	750 (The First Nowell)
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The Old Testament Reading:	Isaiah 60:1-9
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♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	748 (We Three Kings)
The Prayers of the People:	L: Lord, in your mercy; C: <b>Hear our prayer</b>
The Consecration:	page 82
♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	94 (Stuttgart)
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♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	691 (Cranham)

*Everyone is invited to join us in the Parish  
Hall following the 10:30 Celebration for  
our monthly Shared Meal!*

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## *From the Rector* \_\_\_\_\_

The Season of Epiphany is all about revelation: the revelation of the Christ Child to the Gentiles in the visit of the wise men; the revelation of his divine origins to John the Baptist in his baptism in the Jordan River; the revelation of his power to the people of Israel in his miraculous turning of water into wine; the revelation of His compassion in healing the sick and lost.

By revealing so much of Christ's nature and ministry, the Season of Epiphany reminds us of who Jesus was and of what He came to do. It is our connection between the joyful news of his mysterious birth at Christmas and

the solemn news of his sacrificial death on Good Friday. Epiphany forces us to reflect more deeply than we might wish to think about the importance and the necessity of Jesus for us and for the world.

But as we reflect about the nature and ministry of Christ at this time of year, we are also challenged to think about Christ's place in our own lives. We are challenged to respond as the wise men responded: to approach him with reverence and worship; and to lay before him gifts which are precious and rare.

We are challenged in the Season of Epiphany to treat Jesus as the wise men treated Jesus, as the King that he truly is; to treat Him as our own king, a king who is deserving of our homage and devotion; a king who is worthy of our obedience and service.

The greatest gift that we'll ever lay before Christ is the gift of perfect loving worship; the kind of worship that starts here in Church but never stops here; the kind of worship which we carry on in everything that we do; which refuses to surrender our thoughts and actions to the cynicism and negativity of our age; the kind of worship that trusts God's love in all things.

The greatest gift that we'll ever offer to Christ is the gift of our own lives, offered freely and willingly with honesty and sincerity; offered with the knowledge that Christ desires to fill all the many parts of our lives with love.

We don't really know what the wise men were doing. We don't really know what their purpose was, or what difference was made in their lives because they had seen the Christ Child. We don't really know what was in their minds as they made that journey to Bethlehem or what was in their minds as they returned home later, wherever home might have been for them.

But we can know, and we can be sure, that Christ can make a great difference in our lives. And we can know, and we can be sure, that honouring him with our lives can change our lives for good. In fact, how we live out our faith, how we worship him on a daily basis, moment by moment, will make all the difference in the world.

*When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

There's a phrase that I think is helpful to always remember, and it's particularly helpful in Epiphanytide.

If, in our life, Christ is not king of all things, then he's not a king at all; and if Christ is not lord of all of our life, then he's not lord at all.

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If we Christians would join the Wise Men, we must close our eyes to all that glitters before the world and look rather on the despised and foolish things, help the poor, comfort the despised, and aid the neighbour in his need.

Martin Luther, "Wise Men,"  
Sermon in *The Martin Luther Christmas Book*

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## Parish Notices and Updates

**PLEASE JOIN US THIS MORNING, following the 10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, for our monthly *Shared Meal*. Members of both congregations are warmly encouraged to gather with their sisters and brothers in Christ as we share the peace and joy which are have in Jesus Christ.**

**ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** resumes this coming Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> *starting at 10:00 a.m.* at the Rectory. We're looking at the short but very important Epistle of St. James. 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.

**THE WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL** is having the World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Morning Gate Church, 74 Morning Gate Drive. The 2018 World Day of Prayer service was written by the Women of the Republic of Suriname. Any women of all denominations of faith are encouraged to help plan for the World Day of Prayer which will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**THE FREDERICTON WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL** will be hosting a Panel discussion on the Theme "God's Dream for Us: Finding Unity in Diversity" at Holy Family Church, 1500 Hanwell Road, on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Panel members Moderator Mary Ryan along with Gladys Lacey-House, Linda Lamont, Nancy Bauer, Dr. W. Barry Miller, Margaret Leonard, Kate Rogers, Chris McAloon, Lisa Bamford, Kay Furlong, Shirley DeMerchant and Father Monte Peters. The storm date will be Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at the same time and place. Free will donation will be collected for Liberty Lane, a home for Abused Women.

**A FEW 2018 CHURCH CALENDARS ARE STILL AVAILABLE** on the table in the Narthex for a very reasonable \$7.00. These lovely calendars are an ideal way of keeping track of the Church Year. Please speak to the Rector if you can't locate a copy.

**EACH THURSDAY MORNING** the Church is unlocked until noon for anyone who wishes time for private prayer or meditation. Morning Prayer will be said at 8:30 a.m. and those who wish to take advantage of this quiet may do so by dropping in for as little or as much time as they wish.

**WE HOPE TO PRODUCE SOON A REVISED LIST** of those who are willing to help with receptions following funerals here at St. Mary's. If you're not currently on the list, please give some thought to whether or not you are called to this important ministry. It's one of the ways in which our St. Mary's Parish Family witnesses to the transformative power of the Gospel. *A signup sheet will soon be posted in the narthex.* If you're not currently listed, please sign up if you wish to help out!

**LIBERTY LANE IS A SAFE HOUSING AND OUTREACH CENTRE** here in Fredericton for women and their children trying to restart their lives free from the threat of abuse. Your support for their Kenny House Capital Campaign would be greatly appreciated. To donate or to learn about Kenny House, go to [libertylane.ca](http://libertylane.ca) or call 451-2120.

**EACH WEEK PRINTED COPIES OF THE HOMILY** are available on the small table on the right hand side of the entrance to the church for anyone who would like to reflect further on the issues discussed. Please speak to the Rector if you're not able to locate a copy.

**FORGOT TO SAVE LAST SUNDAY'S BULLETIN?** Weren't able to get out to Church and want to know what's going on? Lost your copy of a schedule? Not sure if you're scheduled to help with Coffee and Conversation or read a lesson? Just go to [www.stmarysfredericton.ca/](http://www.stmarysfredericton.ca/) for all the information you'll need. Bookmark us for easy access.

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW OPPORTUNITY** to share your love for Christ and His Church? 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.



### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**JANUARY 10: EPIPHANY FERIA**

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**JANUARY 11: CHRISTMAS FERIA**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

*Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church*

**JANUARY 13: THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**JANUARY 14: THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages!

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

*Followed by a Shared Meal in the Parish Hall*