

CHOIR NEWS – There will be rehearsal every Wednesday at 6:30 pm until further notice.

Suggested daily Readings for the first week after the Epiphany: Jan. 13 – Jan.18

Mon.	Heb. 1:1-6	Psalm 97	Mark 1:14-20
Tue.	Heb. 2:5-12	Psalm 8	Mark 1:21-28
Wed.	Heb. 2:14-18	Psalm 105:1-15	Mark 1:29-39
Thurs.	Heb. 3:1-14	Psalm 95:6-11	Mark 1:40-45
Fri.	Heb. 4:1-5, 11	Psalm 78:3-8	Mark 2:1-12
Sat.	Heb. 4:12-16	Psalm 19:7-14	Mark 2:13-17

Please note that every third Sunday the open collection will go towards the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

The Kearney Center is asking for kind donations of Coffee, Coffee Creamer, Sugar, Grits, Oatmeal, and Seasonings, Salt and Pepper. These items are always needed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is at 9:00 am every Sunday. Please join us in the Parish Hall where breakfast will be served at the conclusion of the class by The Men of the Church.

Stewardship Season

We have begun our stewardship addresses and this Sunday, Byron Greene will share his wisdom with us, as he reflects on the talent aspect. Make sure you collect your stewardship cards/letters and prayerfully complete them before the end of the month.



ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



First Sunday after the Epiphany
January 12, 2020
10:00 am



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From the Rector's Desk

Revisiting our Baptism

On this first Sunday after the Epiphany, the gospel appointed, reminds us of our Lord's baptism at the hands of his fore-runner John-the-Baptist. Indeed the gospels highlight a number of awkward moments in Jesus' life, such as when Mary his mother, tried to get him to help save a bridegroom from embarrassment, as the wine ran out at his wedding party. She asked him to help, to which Jesus replied, "Woman, my hour is not yet come!" To which a confused Mary says to the servants, do whatever he tells you, and walks away. We can also think of when Jesus (St. John 6ff) tells his disciples that he is the bread of life that came down from heaven! Some of those who heard him, declared that this was a hard saying, and as a consequence, walked away from him. Looking at Peter, Jesus asks, "do you want to go too?" To which a bewildered Peter responds, "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

We have a similar occurrence in the gospel appointed for today, where Jesus "shows up" seeking baptism at the hands of John. This was as we would say today, an are you kidding me moment. A surprised John says as Jesus joins the line, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" John knew who Jesus was, so this was unsettling to say the least! To which Jesus replied, "let it be so for now". St Matthew in telling this story, records that as Jesus steps out of the water, "the heavens were opened to (Jesus) and (John the Baptist) saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Jesus. John, and perhaps the crowd with him, and by implication all readers of this story, hear a voice saying, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased (Mt 3:17).

Meditating on the Baptism of Jesus should cause us to meditate on our own. Though we may not remember the moment, we may with gratitude trust the good intentions of our parents or guardians, sponsors and godparents and our home congregation who made solemn vows on our behalf and as such, entrusted our lives to God. We all began a journey with Jesus on that particular day, that saw us "clothed ourselves" with the Christ (Gal 3:27). St. Paul argues in that very moment our vocation unfolded, and we became God's children by adoption and grace. More than that, we became witnesses for the rest of our lives. As Paul would argue, "He (God) chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love" (Eph 1:4).

Fr. Hugh+

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Father, you have made all people with eyes to see you at work in the world, ears to hear you cry out when right suffers wrong, when justice is brought low. Give to the people of our nation courage to stand up for goodness and right-doing in the face of an oppressive spirit, and courage to believe we may restore, in accordance with your gracious will, a light to enlighten the nations and the people with your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Capital Campaign Prayer

Most gracious Lord Jesus Christ and generous source of all abundance, in gratitude we invite you to expand our hearts as we seek to increase and improve this place of worship, peace, healing, forgiveness, outreach, service and fellowship. May all who enter here be restored and strengthened on their journey of faith. Guide us Heavenly Father, that we may make manifest your vision of a beloved and enlightened church and community, and be a shining example of the living presence of the Holy Spirit. May we and our Capital Campaign be a channel of God's abundant grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE – The Committee is serving lite-fare today after service. Also, the New Year is here and our time together in fellowship after The Holy Eucharist on Sundays is a time for our family to continue the connection that is made during our worship service. Please consider sponsoring our Hospitality efforts by signing up on the chart posted on the kitchen door.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 13 – Vestry Meeting from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm in the Brooks Room.

January 14 – Said Mass at 12:15 p.m. (Contemplative Eucharist).

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT – Bible Study Wednesday, January 15th. at 6pm in the Brooks Room.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 19 – Capital Campaign Meeting immediately following the Eucharist.

January 19 – African American Genealogy Meeting from 2:30-4:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

January 20 – Office closed for **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**

January 21 – Said Mass at 12:15 pm (Contemplative Eucharist).

Presentation Hymn	L65 , Bless The Lord	Crouch
The Great Thanksgiving		361-363
Sanctus		
The Lord's Prayer		
The Breaking of the Bread/Fraction		364
The Invitation		

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn 1	L152 , Let Us Break Bread Together	Spiritual
Communion Hymn 2	L154 , Taste and See	Moore
Meditation Hymn		
Post Communion Prayer		365
Birthday, Anniversary, Travel Prayers		
Announcements		
Benediction		
Recessional Hymn	H127 , Earth Has Many A Noble City	Stuttgart
Choral Postlude		
Dismissal		

A=African American Hymnal (Ivory)

H=1982 Hymnal (Blue)

L=Lift Every Voice & Sing (Black, Green & Red)

Bowls & Brews Chili Competition

The Episcopal Church of the Advent, 815 Piedmont Drive, Tallahassee will host their annual Chili Competition on Saturday January 18, 2020 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. This fundraiser will benefit diversity scholarships at Advent Parish Day School. We need some cooks from SMAA to participate.

KJ wins Award

Our own Kareem Jr won the Yellow Jacket Award as an Outstanding Student at Conley Elementary School. He was chosen from his Kindergarten Class. Proud of you KJ.

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

*We extend a warm welcome to our guests. Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you are without a church home, we invite you to join our church family. Please sign the guest register, **include your home address, phone number and, if you would like to receive the monthly newsletter, news of special events and other happenings, please also add your e-mail address.***

OUR VISION is to be a cornerstone for serving the spiritual needs of the greater Tallahassee community, extending an eternal invitation to join our caring parish and to enrich the spiritual life of all people as we journey with Christ.

OUR MISSION is to experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ by feeding the mind, body and spirit of our community in fellowship and service.



HOLY COMMUNION: All baptized Christians are encouraged to receive the real and living presence of Christ in Holy Communion. To receive the Bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed. When receiving the Wine, please guide the chalice as it is offered. If you prefer, you may leave the Bread on your palm for the person administering the chalice to dip into the Wine and place on your tongue. All persons are welcome to give thanks for God's blessings at the altar rail, simply crossing your arms at the wrist with fingertips extending upward towards your shoulders.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!



J. Gerald Grayson (1/18).

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace, which passeth understanding, abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Pray for the repose of the soul of Rose Douglas, who passed on Saturday January 4, 2020. There will be a musical tribute at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday February 15, 2020.

Rest eternal grant unto her O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercies of God, rest in peace.