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| ***Worship Calendar*****Sunday, January 12, The Baptism of the Lord, 10:30 a.m.** (White) **Holy Eucharist** (AG Team 3) (EA – Gail Trewhitt) Chancel Chat with Canon Tom Mugford, Indigenous Ministries & AdvocacyIsaiah 43: 1 – 7 Robert Dawe Psalm 29 Acts 8: 14 – 17 Donna Dawe LK 3; 15 – 17, 21 - 22**Sunday, January 19, Week Of Prayer for Christian Unity, 10:30 a.m.** (Green) **Holy Eucharist (BCP)** (AG Team 1) (EA – Don Sparkes)Isaiah 62: 1 – 5 Betty Hiscock Psalm 36: 5 – 10 I Corinthians 12: 1 – 11 Maxine Reccord Pinhorn John 2: 1 - 11**Sunday, January 26, Epiphany 3, 10:30 a.m.** (Green) **Holy Eucharist** (AG Team 2) Nehemiah 8: 1 – 3, 5 – 6, 8 – 10 Louise Smith Ps 19 1 Cor. 12: 12 – 31a Sharon Smith Lk 4: 14 – 21  |

**2025 Envelopes -** If you need a new box of envelopes for 2025, please contact the parish office by email sjtetopsail@nfld.net or call 709-834-2336. We also have the option of Pre-Authorized payment or e-transfer. To learn more about these options please call the Parish Office.

**A Note from the Treasurer:** Please ensure your **envelope number is on** all financial **correspondence** so that we can credit your account for income tax purposes.

**Parish Office hours are Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

***Service Roster:*** Sidespersons Sound Room

January 19th Rex H. James S.

January 26th Audrey M. Philip G.

February 2nd Betty P. Robert D.

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| Bishop: The Right Dr. Reverend Samuel RoseDiocesan Administrator: The Venerable Charlene TaylorRector: The Reverend Canon Josiah “Jotie” Noel, T.S.S.F. (Third Order, Society of St. Francis)Parish Deacon:  The Reverend Lisa CoxOrganists/Choir Director: Stephanie Gavell, Amanda Dawe-LedwellParish Wardens: Rex Hillier & Donald SparkesOffice Administrator: David Kelland |

 Welcome to the Parish of

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**The Baptism of the Lord**

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***Our Parish Mission Statement***

***We believe in nurturing a community of faith dedicated to inclusion, support and sharing the story of God's love with all people regardless of the stage of their spiritual journey***

The Parish live-streams our regular Sunday Services and posts to Facebook

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**Honouring The Sacred Circle, Anglican Church of Canada**

**Honouring the Four Directions**

Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name.

*We face East:*

To your symbol colour Red, the hue of revelation; To your animal symbol the Eagle, strong and nurturing; To your lessons calling us to the balance of your Spirit in Harmony with brothers and sisters; To invoke your wisdom and grace, the goodness of the ages,

We pray: **COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.**

*We turn to face South:*

To your symbol colour Gold for the morning star. To your symbol Brother Sun that enlightens our intellect and brings light on our path to live responsibly; To your lessons calling us to balance of Mind in the Spirit of humility; To invoke your spirit of illumination and farsighted vision; Help us to love you and one another with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul, We pray: **COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.**

*We turn to face West:*

To your symbol colour Black, still and quiet. To your animal symbol the Thunderbird; To your symbol the Thunder mighty and purposeful; To your lessons calling us to balance our emotions in the spirit of Gentleness and Honesty; To invoke your spirit of introspection, seeing within; Give us your strength and the courage to endure, We pray: **COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.**

*We turn to face North:*

To your symbol colour white of clarity and brightness. To your animal symbol the swan which brings us in touch with Mother Earth and growing things; To your lessons calling us to balance of our Body in the spirit of a good sense of humor; To invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love; Help us to open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing, We pray: **COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.**

We turn to complete the circle and to look:

To God, our Creator who cleanses our Mother Earth with snow, wind and rain; To Jesus Christ, the Peacemaker who fills us with the wideness of mercy and Lovingly embraces all, and the Holy Spirit who inspires us to action: **COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.**

**Chancel Chat** – Today we welcome Canon Tom Mugford. He facilitates the Diocesan Ministry for Indigenous Ministries and Advocacy.

**We invite prayers for those who are sick**: Patricia B. Elaine M., Benjamin C., Doug T., Tammy H., Jeanette P., Wally H., Trudy T., Ruby H., Kelly R., Phyllis H., Eva B., Hayden P., Cynthia W., Scott S.

**St. John the Evangelist Vestry** – A reminder that at our Vestry Meeting on **Thursday, January 16**, Bishop Rose and Archdeacon Taylor will chair the meeting as we prepare for a balanced budget for 2025. The Vestry intends to decide regarding full/part time pastoral ministry and the future of our Administrative Assistant position. Please keep the vestry in your prayers as these decisions will have a profound effect on the life of the Parish.

**Hymn Suggestion** – You are invited to choose a hymn by filling out a green form at the back of the Church. We intend to sing these selections, if possible, in late January/February as time and circumstance permits.

**Parish Home Visits** – The dynamic of the times still provides many issues for clergy home visit ministry. As we continue to emerge out of the pandemic and still live with it, Canon Jotie is ready, willing, and able to visit you in your home. Under the circumstances, this offer comes with the understanding that he will respond to invitations. Please call him to invite him to visit your home if you wish for conversation, prayers, or Home Communion.

**The Laying on of Hands** – In preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation, in 2025, we plan to start Confirmation Classes in late January. Confirmation Candidates should currently be in Grade 6 or older. Please contact the Church Office to register or for more information (709 834-2336 or sjtetopsail@nfld.net).

We are ready, willing and able to prepare adults for Confirmation if you may be interested. Please contact Canon Jotie for details.

***Family Ukulele Group*** - The Family Ukulele Group is a music ministry of the parish and is open to ALL ages. No prior musically knowledge or experience is needed. Practice lessons are the first and third Sundays of each month immediately following the 10:30 service. We resume lessons in January 2024.  Ukuleles are available for purchase through the office for approximately $50. To register for the group call David at the office. Be sure to let him know if you will be needing a Ukulele. If you are unable to purchase one, please contact Canon Jotie.

**Bible Study, New Year** – Our next Bible Study will be in January as we continue our study of Luke’s Gospel. We meet on Thursday morning in the Parish Hall at 10:30 a.m. for one hour. All are welcome.

**Lottery -** The winner of the Gas and Grub ticket draw was Bill Kavanagh with ticket number 00111. Thank you to all those who bought and sold tickets and helped in any way with this draw in support of our Parish