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| ***Worship Calendar*****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**Sunday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord, 10:30 a.m. (White) Candlemas Procession & Holy Eucharist**, followed by a Cup O’ Tea in the Parish Hall (AG Team 3) (EA – Gail Trewhitt)Malachi 3: 1 – 4 Donald Sparkes Psalm 84: 1 – 7 Hebrews 2: 14 – 18 Rosalind Sparkes Luke 2: 22 – 40 **Sunday, February 9, Epiphany 5, 10:30 a.m. (Green) Holy Eucharist (BCP)** (AG Team 1) (EA – Iain Hollett)Isaiah 6: 1 – 13 Glenda Tapp Psalm 138 1 Cor. 15: 1 – 11 Gail Trewhitt Luke 5: 1 – 11  |

**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 26th Audrey M. Philip G.

February 2nd Betty P. Robert D.

February 9th Gail T. Andrew B.

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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 |

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**The Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

**January 19, 2025**

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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

***Jesus asked Martha, “Do you believe this?” John 11. 26***

The Canadian Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is using resources prepared by the brothers and sisters of the monastic community of Bose in northern Italy.

This year marks the 1700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 AD. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians, as expressed in the Creed formulated during this Council; a faith that remains alive and fruitful in our days.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 offers an invitation to draw on this shared heritage and to enter more deeply into the faith that unites all Christians.

It is with this in mind that the guiding biblical text was chosen - John 11:17-27. The theme for the week, “Do you believe this?” (v. 26), takes its cue from the dialogue between Jesus and Martha when Jesus visited the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany following the death of their brother Lazarus, as narrated by the evangelist John.

Like Martha, the first generations of Christians could not remain indifferent or passive when the words of Jesus touched and searched their hearts. They earnestly sought to give a comprehensive answer to Jesus’ question, “Do you believe this?”

The Fathers of Nicaea strove to find words that would embrace the entire mystery of the incarnation and the passion, death and resurrection of their Lord.

While awaiting his return, Christians around the world are called to witness together to this faith in the resurrection, which is for them the source of hope and joy, to be shared with all peoples.

*May Christ, who draws the nations to himself,*

*Teach us to love our enemies;*

*May Christ, who enters the waters of baptism,*

*Lead us to die to all but love.*

*May Christ, who gives new wine for the world,*

*Turn our bitterness into joy.*

*And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son*

*and the Holy Spirit be with us all for evermore. Amen. (ACC)*

**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.

**Senior Choir Practices:** The Senior Choir has resumed its practices on **Wednesday morning at 10:30 A.M**. in the Church. Practices run for about an hour but no longer than an hour and a half. All current choir members are encouraged to attend and we would love to have some new members join us.

For more information, please call Stephanie Gavell at 709 834-3445 or drop by after church up to the organ for a chat.

**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 –** Join usas 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.