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| ***Worship Calendar*****Sunday, January 26, Epiphany 3,** 10:30 a.m. (Green) **Holy Eucharist** (BCP) (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,** **Family Prayers** (Green) followed by a Cup O’ Tea in the Parish Hall (AG Team 3) Jeremiah 4: 1 – 10 Donald Sparkes 1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 13 Rosalind Sparkes Luke 4: 21 - 30**Sunday, February 9,** **The Presentation of the Lord,** 10:30 a.m. (White) **Candlemas Procession & Holy Eucharist**, (AG Team 1) (EA – Gail Trewhitt)Malachi 3: 1 – 4 Glenda Tapp Psalm 84: 1 – 7 Hebrews 2: 14 – 18 Gail Trewhitt Luke 2: 22 – 40**Sunday, February 16**, **Christingle Service**, 10:30 a.m. (White) **Family Prayers** (AG Team 2) Jeremiah 17: 5 – 10 Shirley Butt Psalm 1 1 Cor. 15: 12 – 20 Sandra Squires Luke 6: 17 – 26 **Sunday, February 23**, **Epiphany 7**, 10:30 a.m. (Green) **Holy Eucharist** (AG Team 3) Chancel Chat with Rex Hillier (EA Iain Hollett)Genesis 45: 3 – 11, 15 Rev Emeline Coffin Psalm 37: 1 – 12, 42 – 42 1 Cor. 15: 35 – 38, 42 – 50 Betty Hiscock Luke 6; 27 – 38  |

**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

February 2nd Betty P. Robert D.

February 9th Gail T. Andrew B.

February 16th John C. Jim S.

February 23rd Ken C. Philip G.

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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

St. John the Evangelist

Conception Bay South, Newfoundland

**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**January 26, 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

*“When (Jesus) came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him.” Luke 4: 16 – 17a*

The Word is our first offense, our last defense.

I have chatted with my fellow parish priests, as preachers, our major task as pastors is the creation of congregations bold enough to hear the Word without killing the preacher for speaking it!

Every time the scroll is unwrapped and the words, the godly words, come forth, the adventure begins, the Word of God is given freedom to roam about in your life, and God's people are reconstituted.

And for the millionth time in our history, God's Word has its way with us.

In a moment, we're going to come forward and drink some wine, eat some bread, in Jesus' name. Bread, something so basic, so essential, so life-giving. Bread. We can't live without it.

Yet one time, after Jesus had been fasting for forty days, starving for lack of bread, Satan came to him and offered him free bread, all he wanted, if he would just bow down and worship him.

And Jesus, so hungry he could die, said, "We don't live by bread, but by the Word of the Lord."

We live, only because of the Word!

*God of freedom,*

*make us impatient to greet the time fulfilled,*

*the poor lifted up,*

*the oppressed set free*

*and your love made manifest*

*in Jesus Christ, the Anointed Servant. Amen.*

*(Prayers for an Inclusive Church)*

**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., 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 **second** 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 upstairs in the Church at 10:30 A.M.** for one hour. All are welcome.

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**Chicken Dinner Takeout**

February 8

**(Pickup between 3:30 and 5:00)**

Baked Chicken Breast with cranberry apple dressing, veggies

and

Carrot Cake for dessert

Price $20.00

**Reach out to family and friends and sell a few.**

(Deadline for sales February 3rd.)

To order dinners or report sales contact:

Louise at 834-7385 or Shirley at 368-9504