

The First Sunday after Christmas

28 December 2014

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LOOKING AHEAD:

- TODAY:** Community Meal program at Epiphany, 21000 Lakeshore Blvd., Euclid from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- December 31, 2014:** New Year's Eve Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.
- January 6, 2015:** Stations of the Epiphany at 7:00 p.m.
- January 18, 2015:** The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 9:15 a.m. There will be a sign-up sheet for the pot luck breakfast posted outside the kitchen. **This in your opportunity to hear the State of the Parish and to vote for the new vestry members.**

Note: Anyone interested in serving on the Vestry, please contact outgoing members Linda Poelking, Tom Rini or Rob Finnie. Serving on the Vestry is an honor and a rewarding experience. Meetings are the 3rd Monday of every month, and rarely last more than one hour.

Celebrant: The Rev. Stephen Secaur

Eucharistic Ministers: Jo Ann Buckley (8:00) and Richard Wise (10:30)

Lectors: Hal Buckley (8:00) and Matt Matthews, Tom Robinson (10:30)

Acolyte: Lucy Bailey

Ushers: West and Matt Matthews

Teller: Matt Matthews

Organist: Aleksandr Leybkind

Welcome! Please enter the nave quietly and reverently as there may be people already in prayer and contemplation.

Thank you for worshiping with us today. Your presence is important to all of us. If you are just passing through, we wish you Godspeed on your travels and hope that you will join us whenever you return. If you live in this area and are new to this parish, we welcome you and invite you to make Saint Bartholomew your church home. If you are a long-time member who has been gone for a while, welcome home---we've missed you! And if you are a member of this parish who generally shows up every week, thank you for your commitment to our parish family---well done, good and faithful servant!

About Today's Lessons

Today is the Feast Day for the Holy Innocents. The story of the brutal King Herod sending his soldiers to kill all the baby boys under the age of 2 is a horrible and bloody contrast to the sweet and peaceful nativity scenes we have just contemplated at the beginning of this Christmas Season.

It is a stark reminder to us that the Incarnation of Jesus does not mean the end of brutality and sin, but rather the ushering in of the Kingdom here on earth. It has taken 2,000 years for the hearts and minds of human beings to acknowledge the power of our Savior, and we are still not "there" yet.

You know, when you are traveling with kids and they say "are we there yet?" about every 50 miles. As long as selfishness and greed and brutality live in the human heart, we will not be "there" yet.

Joseph took his wife and baby son to Egypt—a perilous and difficult journey, no doubt. There the Holy Family found safety and refuge while waiting for word that Herod was dead and no longer a threat. The Coptic Church in Egypt, Christians since the 2nd century, proudly proclaim the biblical promise that "My Son will come out of Egypt," reminding us that Jesus and his mother and Joseph returned to Judah from Egypt.

History records Herod the Great as such because he left a multitude of large and beautiful buildings as monuments to his relationship to Rome. He might have been Great to the Romans, but he was a murderous tyrant in the eyes of Christians and Jews in the 1st century.

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Worship through the Week

A guide for Prayer and Study at Home

We pray for those who are infirm, and for the continued healing of:

Richard and Mary, Ben and Dorothy, Norm and Shirley, Mindy and Stuart, Annie and Chris, Connie and Mary, Kristen, Ed, and Drew, Betty, Bill, Chris, Fr. Jim, Maisie, Rob, Carol, Terry, Tom, Will, Jan, Kelly, Jane, Tim, Andrea, Jean, Kim, Devin, Val, Annie, Tom, Dick, Dottie, Alice, Ada, Kevin, ...

And we offer our thanksgivings for your many blessings upon us especially for:

December 28th was \$3,446.00.

The birthdays of Audrey Cirino, Gloria Knapp, ...

The anniversary of ...

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces...

Major Dan Knaup, Corporal Jason Thompson, Lt. Colonel Trent Johnson, Major David Marcinski, Sgt. Mark Ditchman, PVT2 Kyle Lewis, Col. Howard Pearce, Quartermaster Mike Thoumire, Lieutenant Joanna Chmielecki, Staff Sgt. Paul Workman, Seaman Kyle Knowlton, Airman 1st Class Rebecca Voigt.

We also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, and those who have given their lives in the Armed Forces the past week:

In Afghanistan: Sgt. 1st Class Ramón Sheldon Morris, Spc. Wyatt Joseph Martin.

Outreach – Giving Tree: For the month of **January** we are **collecting Peanut Butter and Jelly**. Thanks so much for the outpouring of gifts to the Giving Tree.

The ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are so very grateful to the St. Bart's congregation for spreading our love, prayers and shawls with the greater community.

We would ask that you only remove the shawls in the library area. Shawls in the knitting room have not been blessed or are being set aside for a special project. Please remember to sign in the book how many shawls you are taking and who they are for.

If you have yarn that is not being used or find some stashed away when cleaning, we are always looking for yarn donations that we can put to good use.

The Shawl Ministry meets at St. Bart's the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 to knit and crochet shawls.

Please join us!

Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If there is an enclosure (envelope or separate sheet) in the announcement folder, and you do not plan to use it at this time, please leave it on the table in back, instead of the trash. We can save a lot of paper that way. Thanks!

This Week at a Glance

29	Monday		Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury
30	Tuesday		Josephine Butler, 1906
		9:00 am 6:00 pm	Office Open Franco Jenny Dance
31	Wednesday		Sylvester, Bishop of Rome, 335
		9:00 am 7:00 pm	Office Open Franco New Year's Eucharist
01	Thursday		THE HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
			New Year's Day
02	Friday		Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, 1st. Indian Anglican Bishop.
		9:00 am	Office Open Franco
03	Saturday		William Passavant, Prophetic Witness, 1894
04	Sunday		THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
		8:00 am 9:15 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite I Bible Study Choir Practice Holy Eucharist, Rite II Taizé

This Week's Readings

From the Daily Office for the week of December 29th through January 04th, 2015

Monday: 18:1-20 & 18:21-50 2 Samuel 23:13-17b; 2 John 1-13; John 2:1-11	Friday 34 & 33 1 Kings 19:1-8; Eph. 4:1-16; John 6:1-14
Tuesday: 20, 21:1-7(8-14) & 23, 27 1 Kings 17:17-24; 3 John 1-15; John 4:46-54	Saturday 68 & 72 1 Kings 19:9-18 ; Eph. 4:17-32; John 6:15-27
Wednesday: 20, 21:1-7(8-14) & 23, 27 1 Kings 17:17-24; 3 John 1-15; John 4:46-54	Sunday 85, 87 & 89:1-29 Joshua 3:14 4:7; Eph. 5:1-20; John 9:1-12, 35-38
Thursday: 46, 48 1 Kings 3:5-14 ; James 4:13-17; 5:7-11; John 5:1-15	

How to use the Daily Office: For each day, the Psalms are split into AM (morning) and PM (evening) readings by the "&" You may read them this way or together at one time. Optional readings are in [brackets]. Below the Psalms you have an Old Testament, New Testament, and Gospel reading for each day. The entire Bible can be read in two years following this format from the Book of Common Prayer.