

NEWSLETTER

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News and Notes

Happy New Year!

Fr. Matt wishes you and your loved ones a blessed New Year! May 2016 be joyous!

Beginners' Church Jan. 10th

CTK will be offering an instructional liturgy on Sunday, January 10th. Throughout the service, there will be pauses to explain some of the history and rationale for our worship life. This service makes a wonderful introduction to the Episcopal Church, and we encourage everyone to bring a friend to church. Maybe joining CTK will be their New Year's Resolution!

Pledge Forms Due Jan. 10th

If you have not yet done so, please return your 2016 Pledge Form to the Parish Office by January 10th. The Mission Committee will be using the information to finalize our 2016 Budget.



A bright idea for the New Year

What will we realize in the season of Epiphany?

The Church and Culture share different calendars.

What in the world does that mean!?

Well, while the Church and society both believe that there are 31 days in January, these two calendars define the year in very different ways. Our social calendar always begins on January 1st and always ends on December 31st.

The Church calendar, on the other hand, is defined by two floating dates: Christmas and Easter.

While Christmas is always on December 25th, the First Sunday in Advent, the beginning of our liturgical new year, begins four Sundays before—meaning there is a range as to when our Church New Year Begins. Similarly, Easter's date correlates with the phases of the Moon and the Equinox, and so the seasons of not just Easter, but Lent, Epiphany, and Pentecost follows the celestial calendar.

All of this is to say that, when you compare the liturgical calendar of the Church with the social calendar of our culture, you begin to notice opportunities for both contrasting and complementary seasons.

Annual Meeting Jan. 31st

The 2016 Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, January 31st at 10AM. The Mission Committee has been working hard to streamline the meeting process. Materials will be available on Jan. 24th, allowing parishioners to review the materials, saving time from presentations. The Meeting format will also change, as well. The Annual Meeting will take place during the Ministry of the Word portion of our service, allowing the potluck luncheon after the service to be purely about fellowship! We hope to see you there!

Interested in serving at CTK?

Part of the Annual Meeting agenda is the election to several posts in parish leadership. If you are interested in serving as a member of the Mission Committee or a delegate to Diocesan Convention (Nov. 3-5th in Sacramento), please let Fr. Matt know.

Fr. Matt continues to look for volunteers to serve as members of our parish Focus Groups on Worship, Programs, or Grounds. If any of these interest you, please see Fr. Matt.

As we begin the calendar year 2016, many of us have made resolutions for the upcoming year. Maybe we'll read more books; maybe we will commit to taking a regular walk. We'll try to eat healthier...maybe even try to pray more regularly.

Of course, as many of us begin these resolutions, the Church also begins a new season on January 6th when we celebrate Epiphany—a season of discovery and realization.

When I think about the New Year and the Season of Epiphany, I am inspired to make one last resolution—to see the world a little more like how God sees it.

Too often, I think I only want to see the world how I see it...to assert that my perspective is somehow the most authoritative. The people who upset me—it's their fault for acting poorly. The people who seem to be getting further ahead in life—they probably cheated somehow. All the little frustrating things that somehow snowball into “big deal”—I just want everyone else to play by my rules and get out of my way!!! Right!?

God's perspective

In each of these frustrating moments, we can choose to be self-centered, and understand these annoyances as obstacles to our happiness, or we can use these opportunities to become more God-centered in how we approach life.

I could continue to focus on how the world should treat me—how I have been wronged—or I can try to see the world as an opportunity for me to be a bearer of God's reconciling love. I can either mope at how others need my forgiveness for something as trivial as “stealing” my parking spot at Safeway...or I can understand this situation as an opportunity to express forgiveness. More than that! In extending forgiveness to others, we are reminded of our own need to seek the forgiveness of others, too.

The season of Epiphany is about recognition, resolutions are about future expectations.

My prayer for this Epiphany season is I will recognize what God is already doing in my life—that I will move from the expectation of future reward to recognition and gratitude for blessings I have already received.

Now there's a resolution...

-Fr. Matt+

Prayer List

Birthdays:

Guy

Anniversaries:

The Muñozes

For those expecting a child:

In thanksgiving for newborns:

For those in the hospital:

For those in need of healing:

Chris
Margaret
Torrey
Klytia
Leila
Robin
Joseph
Betty

For those who have died:

For those in need:

For those who travel:

The Hecks
Emily
Jeremy

Special Concerns:

Christians in the Holy Land
Syrian Refugee Crisis

For those about to be Baptized

CTK Mission Priorities

St. Giles’ Hall Renovations:

The St. Giles’ Hall Use Application is now available on our website. If you have a group that would like to meet in St. Giles’ Hall, please see Fr. Matt or download and submit the form.

Weekly Attendance:

Here is a comparison of our December attendance reports from 2014 and 2015:

Monthly Attendance	December 2015	Previous Year
Week 1	20	22
Week 2	34	11
Week 3	50	10
Week 4	11	10
Year to Date	953	698

Our average weekly attendance grew from 13 to 19— an increase of 46%. The Average Sunday Attendance since St. Giles’ Hall opened is 25.25!!!

Anglican/Episcopal Brand Awareness:

Christ the King will be hosting a Beginners’ Church Instructional Eucharist on Sunday, January 10th (see News and Notes). This is a wonderful way to introduce the Episcopal Church to newcomers, and we hope that many parishioners will use the opportunity to invite a friend to worship at Christ the King.

In response to parishioners’ requests to see a more formal Anglican heritage displayed in the Eucharist, Chalice Bearers are now invited to vest in a Cassock and Surplice.

Lastly, one of the easiest ways parishioners can help spread the word is by sharing online content on social media platforms. By “liking” or sharing Christ the King updates on Facebook, you greatly increase our parish’s visibility online. If you have not yet liked CTK, help us reach our new goal of 100 likes today!

January Worship Schedule

Date	Reader	Chalice	Coffee	Sunday School	Lessons
January 3 Christmas II	McNett	James	Batson		Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 84:1-8; Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a; Matthew 2:1-12
January 10 I Epiphany	Muñoz	Muñoz	Muñoz	Warren The Wise Men	Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
January 17 II Epiphany	Way	Way	Way	Crews Baptism of Jesus	Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; I Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11
January 24 III Epiphany	Mulder		Mulder	Warren Abraham and Isaac	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21
January 31 IV Epiphany Annual Meeting	Gimbel	Gimbel		Warren Jacob and the Angel	Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; I Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

February Worship Schedule

Date	Reader	Chalice	Coffee	Sunday School	Lessons
February 7 Last Epiphany	McNett	James	Batson	Croft The Transfiguration	Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; II Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36
Wednesday Feb. 10 Ash Wednesday					Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 103:8-14; II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
February 14 Lent I	Muñoz	Muñoz	Muñoz	Warren Joseph's Dreams	Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13
February 21 Lent II Morning Prayer	Way		Way	Crews Burning Bush	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35
February 28 Lent III	Gimbel	Gimbel	Hood	Warren The Plagues	Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 63:1-8; I Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

March Worship Schedule

Date	Reader	Chalice	Coffee	Sunday School	Lessons
March 6 Lent IV	McNett	James	Batson	Warren Prodigal Son	Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32 II Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
March 13 Lent V Daylight Savings	Muñoz	Muñoz	Muñoz	Crews Lazarus	Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8
March 20 Palm Sunday	Gimbel	Gimbel	Hood	Croft Palm Sunday	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56
March 27 Easter Sunday	Way	Way	Warren	Warren Easter	Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; I Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12