



St. Mark's Anglican Church

The Messenger

– January 2019 –



"I was glad when they said to me, we will go into the house of the Lord." – Psalm 122:1

HOLY COMMUNION: First, third, fourth and fifth Sundays
MORNING PRAYER: Second Sunday

**My New Year wish for all of you is that
2019 will be a wonderfully blessed,
great year...**

Blessings to one and all. The first Sunday of January is The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ. Epiphany is celebrated on the 6th of January and as the day to give a gift even in the song of the TWELVE DAYS after the birth of the Savior. Much of the Christian world waits until this day to give gifts leaving our traditional CHRISTmas day for a liturgical/religious celebration. This year The Epiphany actually falls on Sunday, the 6th – something that doesn't often happen.

How do you relate to this day personally? Most of us haven't had the opportunity to visit Bethlehem but we in many ways do more than that by attending Mass, celebrating His life and most importantly receiving His Body and Blood. The Anglican Church recognizes your Trinitarian (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) Baptism by inviting you to receive what He promised us the Thursday before His Crucifixion.

The first Sunday after Epiphany we remember His Presentation in the Temple where Simeon and Anna recognize the Son of God fulfilling a promise God made to both of them that they would not die before they had seen the Child. Referring to the church calendars you received for 2019 there are several special days listed not limited to the conversion of Paul and the feast of Thomas Aquinas. Now that you have calendars may I suggest you look at the back of each month and take a moment to read the scripture references. In the back cover of your calendar is an introduction to the Calendar of the Christian Year and lists the Principal Feasts, Holy Days, Days of Discipline, Denial and Special Prayer.



April Dobbs and Sally Chambers,
Christmas 2018



Celebrating the Birth of Jesus,
Christmas 2018

ALTAR GUILD

January 6 –
Kaye Chiles
Kirsten Olesen

January 13 –
Carol Lyon

January 20 –
Cathy Johnson

January 27–
Sally Chambers

JANUARY Fellowship Meals

**1st Tuesday,
January 1
(holiday)**

**2nd Tuesday,
January 15
Lunch:**
Pottery World
4419 Granite Drive
Rocklin
11:30 am

**3rd Tuesday,
January 22
Dinner:**

Cabos
8570 Auburn Blvd.
Folsom Blvd.
Granite Bay
6:30 pm



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MESSAGE FROM FR. CARL *(continued)*

January is the month for resolutions. What are yours? Here is one you might consider. Look at your calendar, notice that Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6th, followed by the days of Lent. Please consider joining us especially during Lent for the evenings of prayer and gathering with your fellow parishioners preparing yourself for the most important day of the year – EASTER SUNDAY!

Please remember the Seven Sacraments we profess in the Anglican Church. Our faith tells us that as we receive these Sacraments we receive Sanctifying Grace. I often mention that if you or someone you know has not been baptized, babies to the elderly, to talk to me about how we can prepare you for baptism. Confirmation is another Sacrament we should discuss and help you prepare for. This Sacrament requires the attendance of the Bishop; therefore there are a number of steps we need to discuss ahead of time. The Sacrament of Marriage (Matrimony) is another special day that needs to be discussed and if you know any couple thinking about marriage, please advise them not to make any reservations before meeting with me. Again, I ask if anyone knows of someone who is housebound and wishes to have a visit, to receive Eucharist, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a home blessing, or just pastor contact, please call me and/or talk to me at coffee hour.

One of the most important subjects for our parish this year is thinking about our church's future. The Vestry needs your input. If you think of any ideas for St. Mark's to grow, please write them down and give them to a vestry member. The Vestry will be attending a Vestry Retreat soon with our primary focus to determine how our church family can grow. In speaking with many of you I feel your concern that we need to take action to assure we will be here ten plus years from now. I am always amazed at how supportive so many are for the benefit of our parish. Given we have many senior members it is an ongoing concern that we work together for church member growth.

May the Peace of God be with you all.

Fr. Carl+

LAYREADER SCHEDULE

- Jan 2 – April Dobbs, Darin Fereland
- Jan 13 – Cathy Johnson, Rebecca Spencer
- Jan 20 – Bruna Kibby, Cory Johnson
- Jan 27 – Kaye Chiles, Sally Chambers



BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

- January 4 — Evelyn McQuinn
- January 23 — Kaye Chiles
- January 26 — David and Sally Chambers



Trust in the Lord – He Loves You!

When the apostles were in the boat with Jesus a storm arose and they were very afraid of losing their lives and drowning. But Jesus said to them, “Why are

you fearful? . . . Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea and there was a great calm.”

So often we find ourselves in the same “boat of fear.” God never abandons us and is the same LORD that calmed the storm 2000 years ago. He causes the strong winds and heavy seas of our lives to cease and the trials of our lives to become calm!

Shalom in the midst of your storms.

Matthew 8:26-27 (NIV)

²⁶ He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. ²⁷ The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!”