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Our Vision

St. Peter & St. Paul Anglican Church will be a vibrant community of connected, committed Christians sharing Christ's love and message by establishing a thriving presence in our community.

Epiphany



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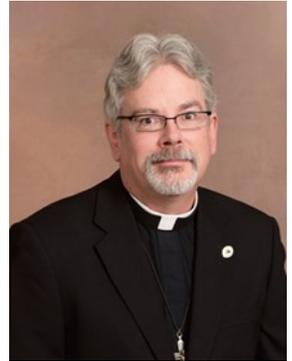
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Mission Statement

The mission of St. Peter & St. Paul Anglican Church is to worship God, spread the gospel of Jesus, and serve the Lord.

The Work That We Have to Do

As some of you may have observed, I feel that The Collect of the Day in our liturgy is the glue that holds the rest of the readings together. In that light (!), I would like to look at couple of the Collects from the season we are presently in: Epiphany. Epiphany (Gr. *epiphaneia*: "manifestation") is the season in which we celebrate Christ's manifestation into the world. Originally, the season commemorated Christ's baptism (Matt. 3, Mark 1, Luke 3, *John 1*), and the Wedding at Cana (John 2), where Jesus performed the first of his *signs*. Later, the visit of the Three Kings (*maji*) was added (Matt. 2, Mark 2).



We celebrate Epiphany, beginning on January 6th (after 12 days of Christmas), and concluding with the Last Sunday of Epiphany, which is the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Since Ash Wednesday moves with Easter, the Epiphany Season may have as few as 4 Sundays, but no more than 9 Sundays. Hence, in this season this year, we have Ash Wednesday on March the 6th, and 8 Sundays in Epiphany. You can see this *calendaring* by looking at the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) on pages 882-5.

We begin with the Collect used for The Day of Epiphany (always on January 6th), which is on BCP pg. 214:

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

This collect originates in the missal of Pope Gregory the Great (ca. 540-604), and has been included in the BCP since the original 1549 version. It prays that we might be led into the presence of Christ, where we will see Him face to face. We know that this can happen because God manifested His Son to all people by leading the first Gentiles: Non-Jews (the Three Kings) to Him by a star.

The infamous star begins the motif of *Light*, that we will continue to see throughout this season. In this first case, we are observers, and by God's grace, *followers* of Christ. That is what the light is for. A creation of God whose purpose in this case is for us to see and follow as the Magi did.

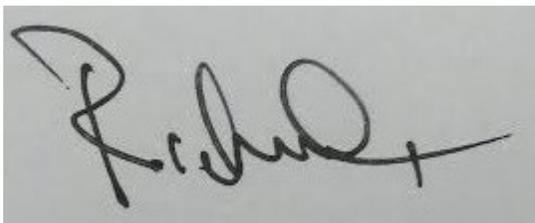
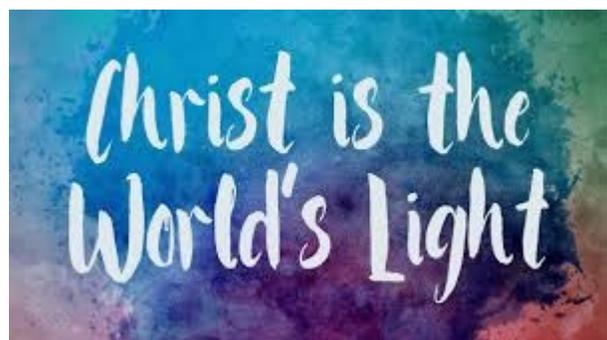
The other Collect, that I would like to look at is from this coming Sunday – the 2nd Sunday of Epiphany (BCP pg. 215).

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

This collect is new for the 1979 version of the BCP (the one we use), but it is based on the collect for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost in the Book of Common Worship of the Church of South India. It ties together (*glues*) the three readings from this week: Isaiah 62:1-15 (the children of God and their city Zion will be *brightly righteous* – a burning torch for all to see), 1 Corinthians 12:1-12 (God gives us various spiritual gifts to build up the Kingdom of God and to be a light to the world), and John 2:1-11 (the wedding at Cana, where Jesus did the first of His *signs* – miracles that would manifest/illuminate/shine His glory).

Looking at this collect, note that it declares Christ as THE LIGHT, and it prays to God that we may be in that light because of our receiving the grace of Christ's Word and Sacraments. More than that, we pray that, in addition to being in the light, we will be lights ourselves. We desire to be lights so that we may shine out Christ's love to all people – to the ends of the earth.

As one of my mentors, Dn. Ann Richards taught me to pray, "Dear Lord, I am only an ordinary person that bears witness to extraordinary things. Grant that I will have Christ in me, so that those who see You in me, whom you have so blessed, and will want Him for themselves. Amen." There is so much work to be done.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray background. The signature is cursive and appears to read "Ann Richards".A graphic with the text "Christ is the World's Light" written in a white, cursive font. The background is a colorful, abstract watercolor wash in shades of blue, green, and purple.

Voice of the Vestry

Recall that Jesus prayed in John 17:20-24

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me? I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I am in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

What started out as a single Christian has since the Great Schism (in 1054 when the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church ceased to be in communion) and the Protestant Reformation (started by Martin Luther in 1517 when he posted his Ninety-five Theses on the church door and continued by Huldrych Zwingli, John Calvin and other Protestant Reformers in 16th-century Europe has now resulted in approximately 33,000 denominations). To be fair, this count counted the same denomination in different countries as different denominations. I could not find the original source that made this claim. You can find the religious landscape in the United States in a report by the Pew survey research group at <http://www.pewforum.org/religious-landscape-study/>.)

Why has this happened? Recall that St. Paul says in Ephesians 6:12:

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

What better way to defeat Christ's Holy Catholic Church than to split it into multiple denominations. And also split congregations into fractions. I used to be agnostic to the devil and the spiritual forces of evil but if we look at the world today we see the Church under attack.

Recall what the great American patriot Benjamin Franklin said, "We must, indeed, all hang together or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately."

In the world of today we find the Christ's Holy Catholic Church under attack. If you doubt this, just Google militant atheists on YouTube. They slander Christianity by arguing that religion has killed more people than any other atrocities committed by mankind. They site the crusades and the Thirty Years war in Europe (8 million casualties), and the Salem witch trials. However, they forget about genocides by 20th century atheists: Stalin (Stalin's forced Genocide against the Kulaks in the Ukraine killed 7 million people), Hitler, Tojo, and Mussolini (85 to 95 million casualties), Mao Zedong (approximately 45 million), and Pol Pot (approximately 212 thousand). If we look dispassionately at history, we see that the atheist rulers have murdered more people than religions have.

Atheists also deny the existence of sin. In my opinion, they deny sin because it gives them the freedom to do anything they want. For example, Karl Marx called religion the opiate of the people. This gave Marxists the moral right to extol the use of violence to carry out the communist program of violent revolution. Now Christ told us that "And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

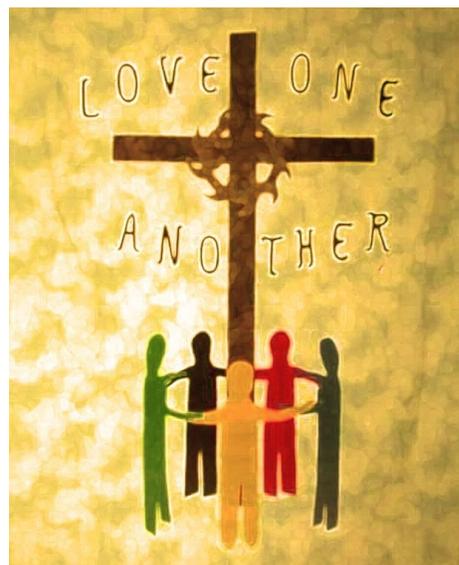
Christ prayed for us to be one. We should strive for this. I recognize that there are important theological differences between denominations and even congregations. There are also differences between the members of a single congregation. And make no mistake some of these differences are important. But we are all members of Jesus Christ's Holy Catholic Church. We should love each other.

Christ said "And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

And what is Christian love? Christian love is not a feeling. Christian love is a specific act. Love is an act of benevolence and friendship for the benefit of another person or persons. St. James tells us that "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." That is how Christ requires us to act, not just feel.

My brothers and sisters let us love one another inside the parish and outside.

Craig Slinkman



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you - or someone you know - in trouble? Sick or in the hospital? Scheduled for surgery or a medical procedure? Suffered the death of a loved one? If so, please let the church office know. Our parish, clergy, and Jesus want to minister to you.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday, 1/27.

There will be a combined 10:00 AM Mass that day with lunch and the meeting to follow.



Vestry Nominees

Please see future bulletins and the website for a list of the nominees.

Voting will take place at the Parish meeting on Sunday, 1/27.



FORT WORTH MEN'S CONFERENCE

As Iron Sharpens Iron...

We are excited for this year's guest speaker, Christopher West!

The Men's Conference is Feb 8-9, 2019 at St Peter & St Paul. Register for this event at <https://fwmensconference.com/>

OUR BODIES PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

February 8 - 9, 2019

AN INTRODUCTION TO
John Paul II's Theology of the Body



Do you sing...



*in the
shower?*



*in your
car?*



*with your
phone?*

Join the Choir!

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

**Singers and instrumentalists wanted for
both 9:00 and 11:00 choirs.**

A combined rehearsal is held at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

St. Andrew's Mass



Midnight Service

December 25, 2018



AYM NEWS



The Roof has been Raised at St. Ambrose!

Praise the Lord and a BIG thank you to all who help contribute to getting the roof on St. Ambrose in Karonga. It is done. And looks great.

With the raising of the roof at St. Ambrose our centurion was transferred from Karonga to Nkhatabay.

Cannon Leslie is now serving at Chiwowa Chisala in Nkhatabay. There is a small church there, an out station for St. George's. The place where he is at now is very rural. A place that has been used to train farmers on conservation agriculture. It is an untouched, unspoiled, beautiful place.

As Cannon Leslie and the Bishop Magangani discern the needs there and how to put their efforts into action please keep them in your prayers for direction, energy and the means to accomplish what the Lord would set before them.

Save these Dates!

Friday January 11 – College Game Night

Sunday January 20 – A-kids FUN Time!

Happy New Year!

From Cindy P. and all the youth!



Youth Mission

**THERE ARE ALWAYS MISSION OPPORTUNITIES. CONTACT THE
CHURCH FOR INFORMATION!**

***To keep everyone up to date on Youth
Events***

***Check us out our church calendar at
www.stp2.org***

Volunteers Needed!

Each Saturday at 10am we assist with BINGO at Green Oaks Rehab and Nursing. It's just around the corner from church. We need people who will come for 1 hour on any Saturday; 10am-11am. You will assist with BINGO. It's super easy. For those needing community service hours this is great for that. Hope you will come out any Saturday you can. For more info please contact Stephanie Barnes.

For more info on Youth events contact Cindy Paxton call/text 817-456-1904; or email at CindyP@stp2.org .

Children, Youth, Teen and College/Young Adults Ministries Update!

<i>Happy New Year for the youth at St. P2!</i>	<i>Friday January 11 is College Game Night! Come meet in the parish hall at 6pm dinner and games!</i>
<i>A-Kids will meet January 20th for fun in-door games!</i>	<i>College/Young Adults Dinner each Monday Night! A different restaurant each week. Usually meet around 6:30pm.</i>
<i>Thank you to everyone who purchased our 2019 Calendars! If you still would like a calendar please contact me! I'm sure we have a couple left.</i>	<i>Youth meet each Wednesday Night at 6pm Dinner – Fellowship and Jesus! Home by 8pm</i>
<i>To join in or get more information Contact Cindy Paxton Friends are always welcome!</i>	<i>Cindy Paxton Text: 817-456-1904 Cindyp@stp2.org</i>

The Gift of Giving

Thank you for your generous sharing this Christmas. Those who purchased gift cards have given such a Joyous Gift! Thank you so very much!

RUMMAGE SALE MARCH OF 2019!

A rummage sale is coming in March! As you clean out please store items in your garage till the last week of February then they can all come to church! Donated items will be brought to the parish hall and placed in the corner nearest the office, but not till February please. Classes are being held in the rooms we used to store rummage sale items in. Which is a blessing!

Progressive Dinner 2018



Weekly Worship Services

Sunday	8:00 am - Said MASS 9:00 am - MASS - Rite II 11:00 am - MASS - Rite I
Monday	8:30 am Morning Prayer
Tuesday	8:30 am - Morning Prayer 6:00 pm - MASS
Wednesday	8:30 am - Morning Prayer 11:00 am - MASS
Thursday	8:30 am - Morning Prayer
Friday	8:30 am - Morning Prayer 11:15 am—Broadway Plaza Mass 6:30 pm - Praying the Rosary
Saturday	5:00 pm - MASS

Coming Up

1/9-1/18—Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
 1/11—College Game Night
 1/20—A-Kids
 1/27—Annual Parish Meeting
 February—Collection for Rummage sale begins
 2/8-2/9 Men's Conference
 March—Rummage Sale

Regular Weekly Activities

Sunday	10:00 am Sunday School (During the school year) 12:15 pm Potluck Luncheon (1st Sunday of each month)
	12:30 pm Order of St. Luke
Monday	7:00 pm Men's Volleyball
Tuesday	
Wednesday	7:00 am Men's Study Breakfast 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Arlington Life Shelter (4th Wednesday only) 6:30 pm Beth Moore Bible Study
Thursday	10 am Senior Saints (2nd and 4th Thursdays) 6:30 pm Young Adult Class
Saturday	7:30 am Vestry Meeting (3rd Saturday) 8:00 am BOSA Breakfast (2nd & 4th Saturdays)





January Birthdays

- 2 Kathryn Culp
- 4 Beverly Maurer
Margaret Moseley
- 5 Beth Anderson
- 9 Carol Grammer
Nichole Shelburn
- 11 Lynn Healy
Fr. Richard Moseley
Dn. Gail Kleinschmidt
Nancy Ranc
- 12 Blake Barnes
- 15 David Moller
Thomas Harlan
- 16 Jerre Todd
Doris Watson
- 17 Steve Hawrylak
- 18 Colin Hellier
- 20 Max Ellis
- 21 Jacob McManus
Bryelle Hyde
Andre Van Den Broeck
- 22 Anna Hinton
- 23 Craig Pruitt
- 24 Art Dennis
- 29 Ruth Dowthitt
- 31 Jim Woolridge
Gabe Mohler



Carrie Ann Strange (Rottman)
Margaret (Ellis)
John Day Whitten JR. (Margaret Moseley)
Scot Roberson
Ruby

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