

THE ANGELUS

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The Season of Epiphany

Epiphany, the third season in our Church Year, begins on January 6, with a feast that celebrates a journey by three men, the Three Wise Men, or Magi. This season focuses on the theophany, the revelation of God to the world in the person of Jesus. The word itself, “epiphany,” comes from the Greek *epiphaneia*, meaning a “showing, appearance, or revelation.” During this season our services and scripture focus on events that spotlight Jesus’ life, his miracles and his mission. We refer to Epiphany as a season, but unlike many of our church seasons, it is of variable length because it always ends 40 days before Easter, so that we may start our preparation for Easter with the season of Lent. This year Epiphany lasts for six Sundays. Most of the celebrations and feast days that occur during this period focus on events of Jesus’ life. Epiphany itself celebrates the visit of the Magi, and usually includes parties both on Epiphany eve (Twelfth night) and Epiphany itself. These parties often include a King (and Queen) cake, pageants, and processions. The blessing of homes also occurs on Epiphany.

The Sunday after Epiphany celebrates the baptism of Jesus. February 2 is Candlemas, which celebrates the presentation of Jesus in the temple. Candles, symbolizing the light of Christ, are often blessed on this day. On Shrove Tuesday, or Mardi Gras, which falls on February 16 this year, a celebration is held to use up those foods which will not be eaten during a traditional Lent and would be likely to spoil: meat, oils, eggs. Oftentimes pancakes, wafers or crepes are the main course for the day. Many Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) or Carnival (from the same root word as carnivore) parties are long elaborate affairs sometimes lasting a week or more, but always ending before midnight on Shrove Tuesday. The last Sunday after Epiphany is a celebration of the Transfiguration of Jesus.

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DEADLINE FOR
THE NEXT ISSUE
The next issue of the *Angelus*,
focusing on Lent, will be published
on February 8. Deadline for articles
is Thursday, January 14.

Special Days this Season

Major saints who have feast days during Epiphany are Saint Peter (January 18) and Saint Paul (January 25). In Atlanta, the feast day of Absalom Jones (February 13) is often celebrated as a special day. Secular holidays that fall during this time are Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 18), Valentine's Day (February 14), and Presidents Day (February 15).

Following are collects (prayers) traditionally said on these days.

FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS – JANUARY 1

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

ELECTION DAY IN GEORGIA – JANUARY 5

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States (or of this community) in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – JANUARY 6

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.

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD – JANUARY 10

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE – JANUARY 18

Almighty Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY – JANUARY 18

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE – JANUARY 25

O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD OR CANDLEMAS – FEBRUARY 2

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

ABSALOM JONES, PRIEST – FEBRUARY 13

Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear; that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absalom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY – FEBRUARY 14

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

VALENTINE'S DAY – FEBRUARY 14

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to thy never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that thou art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRESIDENTS DAY – FEBRUARY 15

Almighty God; we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection, that thou wilt incline the hearts of citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States of America at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of The Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen. *(From a prayer delivered by George Washington, June 8, 1783.)*

Epiphany House Blessing

BY ORETA HINAMON CAMPBELL

We hear it over and over again, “This is a year like no other.” While that is not strictly true (there have been epidemics before, there have been contested elections) it definitely has been a very unusual year. Certainly, we are dealing with things we have not dealt with in our memory. Our churches are closed (but beginning to re-open), our jobs have been moved to our homes and all of us are spending more time at home. There is a sort of “back to the

future” feeling about this. We don’t eat out; we eat at home (eating out used to be a rare and special event). We work from home as our ancestors did (although their work was different and they did not have computers to do it on). We curtail our visits to stores; not because of difficulty of transportation as we used to, but from fear of Covid. We have items delivered – just like our great grandparents did – if you lived in the city, the grocery or dry goods store delivered, the coal wagon delivered, the milk man delivered, the butcher delivered, the postman brought you your Sears or Montgomery Ward purchases. But we are not used to this and for us this is new, this spending so much time at home.

“A home blessing reminds us that our homes are sacred spaces too and that our worship and our Christian faith do not just happen in church, ...”

Since we are at home so much, I thought that it might be useful to talk a little bit about the ancient custom and tradition of home blessings.

Most cultures have a tradition of blessing homes and Christianity is no exception. Our homes are our refuge, our safe places, and it is normal to want all the protections on them that we can have. The gospels are full of stories about Jesus visiting the homes of his disciples (Zechariah’s story at Luke 19: 1-9 is one example). A home blessing reminds us that our homes are sacred spaces too and that our worship and our Christian faith do not just happen in church, but also in our everyday lives and in our houses.

The formal home blessing, as found in the *Book of Occasional Services*, is a long and elaborate service. There is a candlelight procession from room to room, and special prayers to be said in each room, even outside the house in the garden. Although the rubrics do not require it, the rooms are often sprinkled with holy water. The Blessing ceremony normally ends with a Eucharist service. This type of home blessing is appropriate during any time of the year, whenever it is needed or wanted.

However, once upon a time, every year, priests would visit their parishioners and bless their homes. The traditional time for this was Epiphany, to remember the visit of the three Magi to the Holy Family, although it was sometimes done at Easter. But as time went on, the number of houses increased and became further and further apart, so making these personal visits became very difficult. Another tradition grew up, sometimes called “chalking the house.”

This home blessing recalls not only the visit of the three Magi (Matthew 2:11) but also the Israelites and their Passover when they decorated the lintels of their house so that the Angel of Death would pass over them (Exodus 12: 1-28). During the Epiphany service the priest blesses chalk and distributes it to the congregation. Participants take the chalk home and use it to mark the lintels of their house in a special ceremony. This blessing is also used (with appropriate permissions) for college dorms, nursing homes and other places people spend time and energy.

At each door, a blessing is said and the lintels of the house (the top of the door, or above the door) are marked. There are many forms of this blessing – there is one on page 167 of the *Book of Occasional Services*, but many other forms can be found in books and online. The house is marked as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 21

The numbers at the beginning and end stand for the year. The letters, C, M, and B, stand for the Latin blessing “*Christus mansionem benedicat*”, which means “May Christ bless this house.” The letters are also said to be the names of the traditional three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. Of course, the cross stands for the Lord.

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HERE IS THE BLESSING OF A HOME AT EPIPHANY FROM THE BOOK OF OCCASIONAL SERVICES

V. God shall watch over your going out and your coming in.

R. From this time forth for ever more.

Let us pray.

O God of and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Light of the nations and the Glory of your people, bless (N & N) who dwell in this house. May it be for them a place of peace and health, that they may rejoice in the gifts and graces you have bestowed upon them and dedicate their talents for the good of those for whom your Christ came and gave his life, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

People may mark the doorway with symbols in chalk blessed with this prayer:

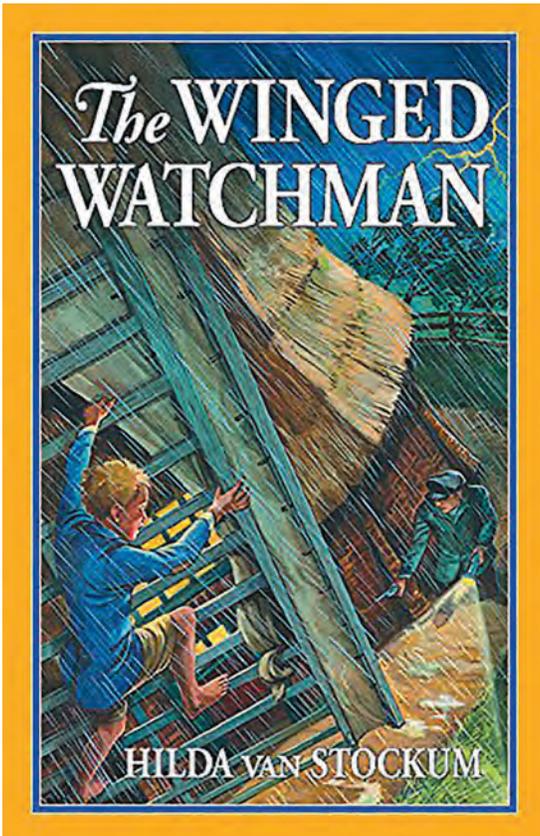
Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Traditionally, the chalking is done above the lintel and takes this form: 20+C+M+B+21. The explanation of the marking is given above.

Book Review

By MIGDALIA CINTRA BARTHARÈS

Title: The Winged Watchman. *Author:* Hilda van Stockum. *Number of pages:* 191. *Audience:* 10 and older. *ATOS Level:* 5.1. *Content considerations:* action without gore, depiction of starving children.



“Mother was shocked when Father told her that Leendert Schenderhans had become a landwatcher. “And the parents such good Catholics!” she cried.

“Hmph!” grunted Father. “You women always judge people by what they do in church. I judge them by what they do outside. . . .”

How do we conjure time to talk to children about God and faithfulness and doing the right thing without sounding like moralistic bores? How do we enchant the world such that saints and angels and demons are real, Jesus is immanent, and what you see is not all there is? Maybe it is not enough to lie coiled in wait for an incident, to strike, and wring out nourishment. On this account, I’m grateful for books—not spun sugar but meaty children’s literature, which incidentally, around the dinner table keeps Child A from playing with Child B such that Parents C and D don’t mangle both.

Recently our family read *The Winged Watchman* by Hilda van Stockum, which follows the Verhagen family during the last year of Nazi occupation in World War II Holland.

What does it mean to follow Jesus when faith is pricey, and how do we live with meaning and hope in a time of war? Will God guard us in this life as well as in the next? Do we judge our neighbor when

we denounce their acts? Van Stockum’s protagonist adults lead by example, practicing Christian virtue; their children spring from secure relationships to challenge evil. Antagonists bear character flaws nursed in the home.

Latest in a line of millwrights, Father Verhagen paints a fresh cross on the inside of his mill every spring as if to renew a covenant, perhaps made when his ancestor hung a cherub over the mill entrance. This iconography is not lost on ten-year-old Joris; out helping a downed English aviator and chased by a Dutch collaborator, Joris believes that if he can reach the “Winged Watchman . . . guardian angel,” he will be safe. At the same time, fourteen-year-old Dirk Jan knows that there is no guarantee that any of them will survive “when German tanks come.” The Verhagens’ is not a facile faith, but an indwelling of the Holy Spirit that moves Joris to courage despite night terrors, and Dirk Jan to join his Uncle Cor on missions for the Dutch Resistance.

Though they attend mass every week, Father and Mother Verhagen build not an edifice of Sundays, but an all-week relationship in which the family also confess every Saturday and pray together nightly, for national leaders and people they know, “whenever they [hear] of a tragedy,” adding “so many Hail Marys

that Joris sometimes [thinks he'll get] holes in his knees." Father challenges Mother—respectfully and in front of their children—to pray also for the German invader. Yet prayer isn't their only intercession; the family have soft hearts for the vulnerable and act with righteous fury when warranted. When the S.S. arrest the Jewish Groen family in town, Mother rescues the baby they left hidden in a bush and raises her as a daughter. Though Joris hates conflict, he faces bullies, rocks to the head, and a black eye to save a puppy from abuse. The family take in refugees from the city, men avoiding conscription, as well as members of the Resistance.

But why won't *Watchman's* ever-present God "kill Hitler and all those awful people who started the war?" Don't decent people deserve a life free of suffering? Van Stockum resists easy answers. Father Kobus walks Joris through the labyrinth of a God who loves Nazis too and gives men free will in hope that all souls will be saved. Regardless he will pray for God to save Joris' dog. Mother Verhagen affirms to Joris that "The Germans are people, like us... The minute we disobey God, we're all just as bad." And though she knows she must forgive the Germans; she allows she cannot.

Dear parish, we need context to train up our children. We need all the help we can get, frankly, but especially we need a repertoire to draw upon. Our Lord himself knew that human beings are weak and it's hard to wedge love for God, his law, and man simultaneously through the front door of cognition. Better to tell a parable and let Truth sneak in through windows and side doors and ears to hear. In an era that eschews grand narratives, we have the master story in God's redeeming of creation through his son, and a kingdom inaugurated on the cross; good children's books recapitulate the gospel for fresh feasts of conversation. I hope you'll join me in coming issues as we seek the stories that bind together our children, the Lord of Hosts, and us.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The Winged Watchman is available in a variety of formats (print, audio, and Kindle) from bookstores and from Amazon.com.

Children's Packets

BY ALPHUS SPEARS

We started a mailing program for the children of the parish when we realized that Children's Christian Formation as it would normally happen would not be. I hope all the children in the parish are receiving their packets. They should receive one about every two weeks. If you are not receiving the packet, please let Father Chris know.

Also, remember that if you return your coloring pages, Father Chris will showcase them during the livestream Mass and they just might find their way into future issues of the *Angelus*.

Each packet contains two pages highlighting a bible verse, two coloring pages, a note from myself and a joke.

If you (the parents) or your children have any ideas of other items to include in the packet, send me an email (alphusspears@comcast.net) or give me a call (678-754-8427). We want to make sure the children enjoy them and keep learning the faith!

Annual Meeting Notification

It's not too early to be thinking about the parish's 2021 Annual Meeting. This year's will be very different from what most of us are used to, but we'll be taking care of all the usual important annual meeting items at it and want to encourage as many people as possible to attend. Look for complete details in an upcoming eblast.

All of this will occur on Sunday, January 24. We are planning on having our outside, in-person, 8:30am Spoken Mass, followed by our 10am Facebook Live Mass, and concluding with our annual meeting via Zoom at 11:45am.

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Canons of the church require that we elect members to the vestry. The vestry will make nominations and members of the congregation may also make nominations. All individuals who are nominated have to have already consented to be nominated.

To be eligible to serve on the Vestry you must:

- ▶ Be a confirmed communicant in good standing of the Parish who is not less than eighteen years of age
- ▶ A regular attendant at the services of the Church in the year preceding election
- ▶ Known by the Treasurer to have made and fulfilled a stated financial commitment for church support in the year preceding election

Note: The nominating process for this year has already closed. The nominees are Migdalia Cintra Bartharess (Dali), Rob Clark, and Martin Sullivan.

GUILD REPORTS

Every recognized parish organization is asked to submit a written report of its activities. If it holds funds which are not under the Treasurer's control, the report must include a financial summary. Please send an electronic copy of your report (PDF, Word document or inserted into the body of your email) to Cathy McAfee at admin@coosatl.org. The reports must be received by her no later than Monday, January 18.

ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE

Every person who worships at Our Saviour is encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting and to take a full part in its discussions, asking questions and speaking. Voting members of the parish are those who are baptized, 18 years of age or older, attend the church and receive communion regularly, and who contribute financially to the mission and ministry of the parish. A preliminary list of qualified voters has been put together by the Parish Registrar, Dowman Wilson. If you want to confirm your name is on the list, contact Dowman at 404-816-4374 and speak with the Rector if you believe your name was wrongly omitted. On the day of the Meeting, the tellers will refer to the Rector any person who believes they are eligible to vote, but whose name does not appear on the final list.

THANKSGIVING AND RECOGNITION

Lastly, we thank those vestry members – Jennifer McGlynn, John Miller, and Mary Sommers – who have completed their terms for their service to the church.

We look forward to seeing you online on January 24 as we look to the future and discern where and how God is calling us to greater faithfulness, obedience, and devotion.

Special Collections

BY BRIAN MULLANEY

We've had to improvise on many things recently. The annual distribution of offering envelopes is no exception. As we've been unable to offer these for pick up at the back of the church, some have been hand delivered and some have been recently mailed.

If you would like envelopes and don't receive a box by the second week of January, please contact the parish office (admin@coosatl.org) to let us know. We will get a box to you right away.

The first year I used offering envelopes, occasionally I would come upon one for a special collection. While most are self-explanatory, there were one or two that weren't readily apparent to me, and I thought I would take this as an opportunity to focus on the purposes of some of our special collections.

The first special collection is marked "Debt Reduction," and these envelopes appear January 3, April 4, July 4, and October 3 in this year's box. The parish incurred mortgage debt in the purchase of the Rectory, when it was relocated to 933 Saint Charles Avenue in 2004. The Operating Fund includes a budgeted expense for scheduled principal and interest. Through special collections for debt retirement over the past years, our 15-year mortgage (refinanced in 2012) has been shortened by nearly four years. Currently, over 88% of every monthly payment goes to principal (rather than interest). This is due to the generous gifts received to reduce the debt. When we fully retire our mortgage, funds will become available for other uses.

At the end of January, you will find a blue-bordered envelope marked "Saint Vincent's Fund." Envelopes are inserted for January 31, May 23, July 25, and November 28 for this special collection. Saint Vincent de Paul (1581-1660) was from a small farm in Gascony, France, and became a priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. He was canonized in 1737 and is venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church and Anglican Communion. Saint Vincent became the leader of what is now the Congregation of the Mission, or the Vincentians, who take vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability, and devote themselves to the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick of each parish. Our parish has continued to keep Saint Vincent as the patron for this fund, which collects and distributes direct assistance (e.g., food, clothing, bus fare) to the poor and people in need.

As well as this special offering, loose change and currency (not in a pledge envelope) placed in the offering plate (when it is available) on the first Sunday of each month is assigned to support the work of Saint Vincent's Fund.

The third special collection is for the Rector's Discretionary Fund, and these envelopes appear March 21, April 25, August 8, and October 24 in this year's box. The Rector's Discretionary Fund exists by tradition and church canon (law) for aiding the poor and other purposes that the Rector considers "pious and charitable," uses that are consistent with the Church's mission. Uses lie within the discretion of the Rector and typically include benefitting needy persons within or without the parish. (Funds are not used for personal expenses or expenses covered by the operating budget or other sources.)

Any of these funds are open to receive gifts at any time, whether you use an envelope or not. You may give online at oursaviouratlanta.org/give – just look for the drop-down menu to choose the appropriate fund for your gift. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time (treasurer@coosatl.org), and I will be glad to respond.

Looking Back and Forward

COOS DURING COVID TIMES

The seasons of Advent and Christmas brought more of what has become commonplace with our services during this pandemic time – 8:30am in-person, outdoor spoken Masses and 10am Facebook live streamed Low Masses on Sundays, and live streamed Facebook services of Morning Prayer and Compline during the week. Our organist, Sam Polk, has continued providing music and chanting for our Sunday 10am services.

The in-person Sunday Mass for December 13 had to be cancelled as Father Chris was exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID the week before. Also, because of this, Father Chris had his wife and children assisting him for the 10am Low Mass that Sunday. Having two helpers under the age of five, made parts of the service very lively, along with providing some unexpected accompaniments, but it was also a great reminder of the joys to be found in the simplest of things.

During this season of anticipation and preparation Father Chris, helped by Josh and Trey, continued to hold our weekday services, along with Bible Study on Wednesday evenings and the Holy Rosary on Thursday mornings, both held via Zoom.

IMAGES FROM OUR IN-PERSON SERVICES

The images here are from both our November 1 and December 25 outdoor Masses.



PRIDE FOR PARENTS TOY DRIVE HIGHLIGHTS

For the 10th year in a row, we supported FCS Ministries' Pride for Parents (PFP) Toy Drive this year. Since our campus is closed we weren't able to have the usual donation box in the parish hall, so we got a bit more creative. Several parishioners shopped PFP's wish lists on Amazon or Target and had their donations delivered directly to the PFP store. We also asked those parishioners who wanted to donate funds to a book drive to send monies to Mary Sommers. Because of a those donors we were able to obtain



30 books ranging in reading levels from pre-school to high school.

The store had limited hours this year, but their emailers said they were experiencing record demand for affordable toys and gifts. Within a

couple of days of opening they were requesting additional toys, or funds to purchase toys, so they could re-stock their shelves.

OUR SAVIOUR CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE

As with the rest of our traditional ministries, we weren't able to hold a food drive this year. And 2020 has been a year where food drives have become more critical and important. We've all seen the coverage on TV — long lines of people waiting to pick up boxes of donated food for their hungry families.

Last year we were collecting food and filling boxes the Atlanta Community Food Bank (ACFB) provided for us — but the pandemic has prevented us from having the drive this year. Even though we may not be having the Christmas season we had hoped for, we can certainly help our neighbors by feeding them. Jesus tells us to help those less fortunate, to feed the hungry, to care for our brothers and sisters. So let's do it.

Our original goal was \$500, but since we launched the drive an anonymous donor has issued a challenge grant where they will match up to \$500 in donations. By rising to the challenge we can make a total donation to the food bank of \$1,000 or more. We are already halfway to the \$500 level and can reach that ... "with a little help from our friends."

Please consider making a special donation to help us meet the challenge. There are two ways to achieve this — write a check to the Church of Our Saviour noting the donation is for "St. Vincent's Fund — ACFB" in the memo line or giving to the St. Vincent's Fund online at oursaviouratlanta.org/give and again noting ACFB in the memo line.

We will be collecting money for the food drive through Wednesday, January 6, so make sure to send in your donation shortly!

KNEELERS' FUNDRAISING

How many of us have knelt in one of our pews and wondered if there was any padding at all under our knees? After you attend services long enough you learn which pews to avoid, or at least where on a given pew the most padding is located. But we are working to change that fact! A quiet fundraising effort has been going on behind-the-scenes so that the kneelers can be replaced before we are back in the Nave for services. If you are interested in contributing (and helping to save yours and everyone else's aching knees), please contact the parish administrator, Cathy McAfee, by emailing her at admin@coosatl.org or calling her at 404-872-4169 (church office) or 404-358-6713 (cell). If you would like to donate online, select the St. Anne's Altar Guild fund and add a note on the memo line ("for kneelers").

READINGS, JANUARY 1 – FEBRUARY 14

JANUARY 3

(SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER CHRISTMAS)

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 84:1-8
Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a
Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

JANUARY 6

(EPIPHANY)

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7,10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

JANUARY 10

(THE BAPTISM OF JESUS)

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

JANUARY 17

(SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY)

1 Samuel 3:1-20
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

JANUARY 24

(THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY)

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:6-14
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

JANUARY 31

(FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY)

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-12
John 1:1-14

FEBRUARY 7

(FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY)

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-12, 21c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

FEBRUARY 14

(LAST SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY)

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays in January

- 1 Janet Strange
- 6 Virginia Ketchum
- 7 Fr. John Bolton
Ephraim McLean
- 10 Alison Kay Jarvis
- 11 Hugh Brownlee
- 12 Caroline Herndon
- 19 Rebecca Earnshaw Hudson
- 23 Roger Davis
- 29 Terry Strange

Birthdays in February

- 3 Jonathan Cooper
- 6 Holly Starling

- 7 Christopher Schmaltz
LeAnne Lemmond
- 9 Les Faulk
Stephanie Fox
- 11 Robert Buffington
- 15 Christina Leidel
Christopher Edwards
- 17 Carmen Pagán
- 22 Fr. Jeffrey Cave
- 26 Mary Sommers
- 27 Elijah James Gander Miller
[29] Nicholas Lemmond
Thomas Starling

Anniversaries in February

- 15 Nigel & Isabel Flynn



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'Tis Winter Now

BY SAMUEL LONGFELLOW

'Tis winter now; the fallen snow
has left the heavens all coldly clear;
through leafless boughs the sharp winds blow,
and all the earth lies dead and drear.

And yet God's love is not withdrawn;
his life within the keen air breathes;
his beauty paints the crimson dawn,
and clothes each branch with glittering wreaths.

And though abroad the sharp winds blow,
and skies are chill, and frosts are keen,
home closer draws her circle now,
and warmer glows her light within.

O God, you give the winter's cold,
as well as summer's joyous rays,
you warmly in your love enfold,
and keep us through life's wintry days.