

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:  
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

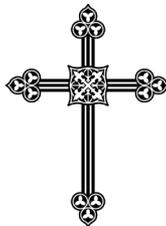
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*January 7, 2024*



OUR MISSION

*To bring by the power of the Holy Spirit as many people as possible to know, love, and serve God as revealed through Jesus Christ; and to be transformed into spiritually renewed disciples of Jesus who know, love and serve one another and the world.*



ST. MARTIN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## FROM THE RECTOR

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IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD,  
JESUS CHRIST, WELCOME.

Jesus' first words to His earliest disciples were very simple, "Come, follow Me..." (Matthew 4:19) It was a gentle invitation to take seriously the wonderful journey of faith found in Christ. For more than 2,000 years, people of all ages have responded to that invitation through a personal decision to follow Jesus Christ in a community of prayer, study and service. St. Martin's is just such a place.

St. Martin's is a member Church in the Diocese of Texas, The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the greater worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of more than 77 million people. Our Parish Church considers it a tremendous honor to be a place where men, women, youth and children can grow in their personal relationship with our Lord, come to know and use their own spiritual gifts, and discover a personal ministry to be expressed both in the Church, the greater Houston area and beyond.

I want to personally invite you to participate in our worship services and as many of our activities and ministries as your own commitments and time will allow.



The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr., Rector

### ***Prayers Before Worship***

O Lord, we thank You that You have called us as members of Your family into this beautiful house of God. Grant that here we may feel Your presence and the beauty of Your peace, and that, as we return to our homes and work, we may sense Your guiding hand and loving care and be used in the service of our neighbors, our nation and the world, and all You send our way, through Him Who came not to condemn the world but to save it, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **NOTICES**

*St. Martin's is a gun-free campus.*

*St. Martin's asks that anyone coming into a worship service not bring oversized or large backpacks.*

*\*indicates when latecomers may be seated so as not to disturb other worshipers*

# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN'S

## JANUARY 7

### Adults

#### **8+ with the Rev. Sharron Cox**

Lectionary-based Bible Study

8:55-9:25 a.m.

Chapel Reception Hall

#### **Theology for Life with Dr. Dave Peterson**

"Dave on the Life of David: Lessons of Faith from One of the Old Testament's Most Famous Characters"

10:15-11 a.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

#### **Family Life Class with the Rev. Alex Graham III**

Breakfast Club

10:15-11 a.m.

Activity Center, Game Room

#### **Contemplative Prayer Hour with the Rev. Sharron Cox**

10:15-11 a.m.

Pastoral Care Center, Bride's Parlor

#### **Seekers with the Rev. Nick Dyke**

Lectionary-based Bible Study

10:15-11 a.m.

Activity Center, Aerobics Room

*For more information about Adult Christian Education, contact Amanda DeViney at 713-830-4110 or [adeviney@smec.org](mailto:adeviney@smec.org).*

#### **Adult Confirmation with the Rev. John Sundara**

10:15-11 a.m.

Chapel Reception Hall

*For more information about Adult Confirmation, contact email Juli Browning at 713-985-3845 or [jbrowning@smec.org](mailto:jbrowning@smec.org).*

## 7-1-7 Students

### **Sunday Get-Togethers**

For students in grades 6-12  
10:15-11 a.m.  
Student Life Center, Living Room

*For more information about 7-1-7 Students, contact Florence Ritchie at 713-985-3843 or [students@smec.org](mailto:students@smec.org).*

## Children's Ministry

### **Children's Sunday School**

For children through grade 5  
10:15-11 a.m.  
Children's Life Center

Childcare is available during all morning services for infants through three-year-olds.

*For more information about Children's Ministry, contact Rocio Velazquez at 713-985-3807 or [rvelazquez@smec.org](mailto:rvelazquez@smec.org).*

## Music Ministry

### **Young Singers of St. Martin's**

For children and youth in grades 1-12  
8:15 a.m. | Rehearsal in Children's Life Center  
9:15 a.m. | Family Table service in Parish Life Center

*For more information about Young Singers of St. Martin's, contact Carole Nelson at 346-335-8677 or [cnelson@smec.org](mailto:cnelson@smec.org).*

## JANUARY 8-13

### Adults

### **Saintly Stitchers**

Monday, Jan. 8  
10 a.m.-noon | Activity Center, Upper Hall East

Saintly Stitchers fill St. Martin's with pew kneelers and other gifts for worship spaces. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or [scox@smec.org](mailto:scox@smec.org).

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Tuesday, Jan. 9

9-11:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Family Room

Knit and crochet shawls to be blessed for those in need of prayer. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or [scox@smec.org](mailto:scox@smec.org).

### **Blanket Ladies**

Wednesday, Jan. 10

10-11:30 a.m. | Activity Center, Family Room

Make receiving blankets for newborn infants at local charity hospitals. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or [scox@smec.org](mailto:scox@smec.org).

### **St. Clare's Needlepoint Guild**

Wednesday, Jan. 10

Noon-3 p.m. | Activity Center, Upper Hall East

St. Clare's Guild undertakes a variety of needlepoint projects in worship spaces and for outreach programs. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or [scox@smec.org](mailto:scox@smec.org).

### **Church Tours**

Wednesday, Jan. 10

11 a.m.-noon | The Church

The Docent Guild offers a formal tour of The Church. To schedule a group tour or special tours of The Church windows, Christ Chapel or Campus gardens, please contact the Docent Line at 713-830-4117. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or [scox@smec.org](mailto:scox@smec.org).

### **Order of St. Luke (OSL) Healing Ministry Study Group**

Wednesday, Jan. 10

4:30-6 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom

Learn and grow in the practice of prayer for healing, with an opportunity to train as an OSL prayer minister. For more information, contact the Rev. Sharron Cox at 713-830-4131 or [scox@smec.org](mailto:scox@smec.org).

### **St. Martin's 20s & 30s Dinner**

Wednesday, Jan. 10

7-9 p.m. | Off-Campus

Young adults meet weekly for a time of fellowship and study. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at 346-335-8680 or [rwarning@smec.org](mailto:rwarning@smec.org).

### **Parish Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday, Jan. 11

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal Hall

Sing a variety of traditional music in service to the Lord and our congregation. For more information, contact Dr. David Henning at 713-985-3820 or [dhenning@smec.org](mailto:dhenning@smec.org).

## **Sterling's Market**

Saturday, Jan. 13 | Rain or Shine

9 a.m.-1 p.m. | Corner of Woodway and Sage

Sterling's Market at St. Martin's Episcopal Church glorifies God through sharing the Gospel and the bounties of the Earth with Parishioners, neighbors and visitors. For more information, contact Justin Avery at 713-985-3838 or [info@sterlingsmarket.org](mailto:info@sterlingsmarket.org).

## **Men**

### **Men of St. Martin's**

Thursday, Jan. 11

7-8 a.m. | Bagby Parish Hall

This men's group meets for fellowship, mutual support and Bible study. For more information, contact the Rev. John Sundara at 713-985-3842 or [jsundara@smec.org](mailto:jsundara@smec.org).

### **Dads' Bible Study**

Thursday, Jan. 11

8-9 a.m. | Welcome Center

Join dads with children of all ages for coffee, fellowship and Bible study. For more information, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning at 346-335-8680 or [rwarning@smec.org](mailto:rwarning@smec.org).

## **Women**

### **Christian Life Study**

Tuesday, Jan. 9 – Evening Group | 6:30-8 p.m. | Children's Life Center and via Zoom

Thursday, Jan. 11 – Day Group | 9:30-11:30 a.m. | Parish Life Center and via Zoom

This friendly and loving group of women meets over the course of the year to target various topics in the Bible to deepen faith. For more information, contact the Rev. Marty Bastian at [lgallien@smec.org](mailto:lgallien@smec.org).

## **7-1-7 Students**

### **Life Groups**

Wednesday, Jan. 10

6-8 p.m. | Student Life Center

Students in grades 6-12 connect with their peers for fun activities and great discussions about faith and life. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of dinner. For more information, contact the Rev. Jane Ferguson at 346-335-8659 or [jferguson@smec.org](mailto:jferguson@smec.org).

# HOLY EUCHARIST

*Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. is a spoken service. Musical pieces in this booklet will be skipped or replaced by spoken liturgy, as noted.*

## VOLUNTARY ..... “Fugue in G Minor”

Johann Sebastian Bach

*The Celebrant greets the People. Following the greeting, all stand.*

## \*HYMN 128 ..... “We Three Kings”



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing  
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense  
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and

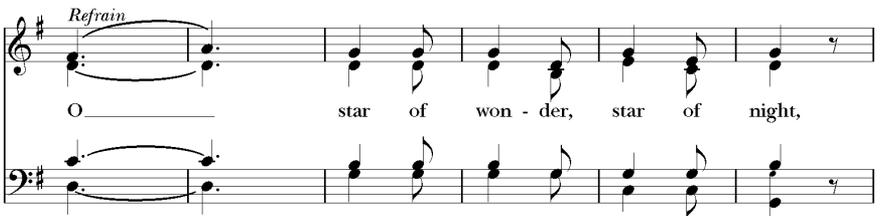


1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,  
3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -

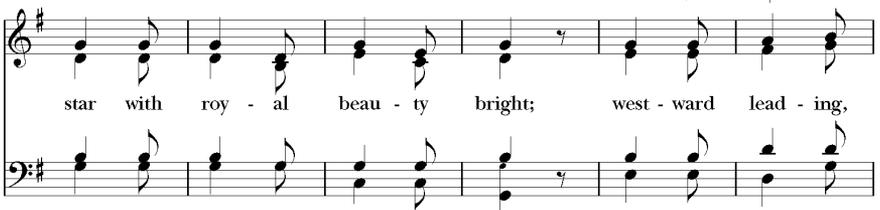


1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.  
4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

*Refrain*



O star of won - der, star of night,



star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,

still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820–1891), alt.; Music: *Three Kings of Orient*, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820–1891).

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**HYMN AT THE GLORIA.....** *The Eighth Tune*

*(sung only at 9 a.m., and 11:15 a.m.)*

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in  
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the  
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O

you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.  
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984); para. of *O Gracious Light*; Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?–1585); adapt. *Hymnal 1982*.

# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*kneel*)

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

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.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE LESSON .....Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

**HYMN 490** (*vs. 1-2*).... “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.  
 I want to look at Je-sus.  
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and  
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.  
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

*a tempo*  
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**T H E G O S P E L** .....Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*The remaining lectionary for the day is on page 27.*

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*Please be seated.*

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THE SERMON .... “Into What, Then, Were YOU Baptized?”  
*The Rev. Jane P. Ferguson*

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## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT *(stand)*

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and  
born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall  
into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News  
of God in Christ?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your  
neighbor as yourself?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and  
respect the dignity of every human being?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(kneel)*

*Minister and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for thy holy catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;

**That thy Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai and Hector, our bishops; the Clergy of this Parish; in the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer, for the Scottish Episcopal Church; for all bishops, priests and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Joe, our President, Greg, our Governor, John, our Mayor, and the Congress and the Courts; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the World;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in thy sight.**

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been requested, especially \_\_\_; for those who are hospitalized, especially \_\_\_; and for those on our continuing prayer list; have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We pray for those who have died, especially \_\_\_; give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We give thee thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially those remembered today with Altar flowers, \_\_\_; and we praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.**

In this moment of silence, let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*A period of silence, during which people may add their own petitions quietly in the privacy of their hearts.*

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Minister says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*A moment of silence is kept*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE** *(stand)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

*Please be seated.*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see page 31 for upcoming events.*

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# THE OFFERTORY

## ANTHEM ..... “There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth” Felix Mendelssohn

There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and a Sceptre from Israel rise up. And dash in pieces Princes and Nations. How brightly beams the morning star with sudden radiance from afar, with light and comfort glowing! Thy Word, Jesus, inly feeds us, Rightly leads us, Life bestowing. Praise, oh praise such love o’erflowing!

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## AT THE PRESENTATION (*stand*)

(8 a.m. only in place of sung Doxology)

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

**People: And of thine own have we given thee.**

## DOXOLOGY ..... *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here be-  
low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a -  
bove ye heaven - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*Refrain*  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711); Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt. Ralph Vaughan William (1872-1958).

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People: It is meet and right so to do.**

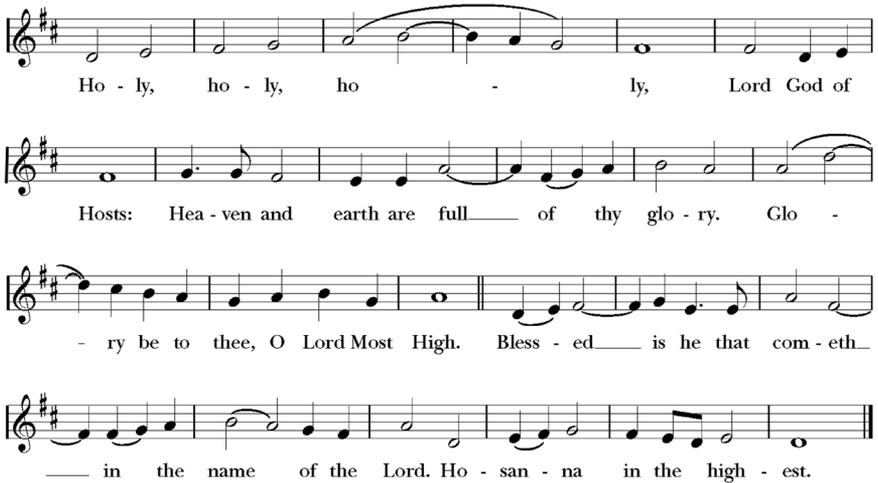
It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*(said at 8 a.m., sung at 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880–1968); Copyright: By permission of Oxford University Press.

*The Celebrant continues (kneel)*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*(8 a.m. only in place of sung Fraction Anthem)*

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM ..... *Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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*Then may be said*

## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*Celebrant and People*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says the Invitation.*

*All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church are welcome to do so on this occasion. If you do not wish to receive one or both Elements, cross your arms over your chest and the Clergy will give you a blessing. Please tell the Clergy administering Communion if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.*

**A N T H E M** ..... “In The Bleak Midwinter”  
Harold Darke

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone. Snow had fallen snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter long ago. Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain Heaven and earth shall flee away, when He comes to reign. In the bleak midwinter, a stable placed sufficed The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ. Enough for Him, whom cherubim, worship night and day, a breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay. Enough for Him, whom angels, fall down before, the ox and ass and camel, which adore. What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part. Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.

Text: Christina Rossetti. Music: Harold Darke.

HYMN 693 ..... “Just As I Am”

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya  
 \* 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,  
 4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,  
 5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me  
 2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -  
 3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in  
 4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise  
 5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love  
 the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
 here for a season, then above:  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789–1871); Music: *Woodworth*, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816–1868).

HYMN ..... "They'll Know We Are Christians"

*Unison*

1. We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.  
 3. We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.  
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.  
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.  
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.  
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.  
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.  
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

♩ *Refrain*

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

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HYMN ..... “As the Deer”

As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, so my  
 You're the my friend and you are my broth-er ev-en  
 I want you more than gold or sil-ver, on-ly  
 soul long-eth af-ter you. You a-lone are my heart's de-sire— and I  
 though you— are a King. I love you more than an-y oth-er, so much  
 you can— sat-is-sy. You a-lone are the real joy-giv-er and the  
 long to wor-ship you. You a-lone are my strength, my shield; To  
 more than an-y-thing. ap-ple of my eye.  
 you a-lone may my spir-it yield.  
 You a-lone are my heart's de-sire,— and I long to wor-ship you.

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*After Communion, the Celebrant says*  
 Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

At 9 and 11:15 a.m., after the Post-Communion Prayer, members of the Shepherd's Guild may come forward. The priest or deacon gives the Sacrament to the Eucharistic visitors, saying

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. **Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*All stand.*

### HYMN 539 ..... "O Zion Haste"

1 O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
 2 Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
 3 Send her - als forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;  
 4 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,

1 to tell to all the world that God is Light;  
 2 that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:  
 3 give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;  
 4 make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;

1 that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
 2 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,  
 3 pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious  
 4 let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,

1 one soul should fail to know his love and might.  
 2 and died on earth that all might live a - bove.  
 3 till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.  
 4 through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

*Refrain*

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,

ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

Words: Mary Ann Thomson (1834–1923), alt.; Music: *Tidings*, James Walch (1837–1901).

# THE DISMISSAL

*The Minister says the Dismissal*

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**VOLUNTARY** ..... “In Thee is Joy”  
 J.S. Bach

*Personal prayers are available at the west Side Chapel after this service.*

# RECOGNITIONS

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## FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

On the occasion of their marriage

by Mary Catherine Scroggins and Robert James Corbett Dunbar, Jr.

In thanksgiving for the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. on the 32nd anniversary of his ordination and installation as 4th Rector of St. Martin's Episcopal Church

In thanksgiving for all of our St. Martin's Acolytes

In thanksgiving for the baptism of Robert Fitzgibbons "Fitz" Board

by his parents, Emily and Alex Board

In thanksgiving for the baptism of George William Sawyer Engerrand

by his family

In thanksgiving for the baptism of James Edward Patterson

by Jennifer and Blake Patterson

To mark a special occasion with an altar flower dedication,  
visit [bit.ly/smecaltarflowers](http://bit.ly/smecaltarflowers) or contact Rebekah Maddux El-Hakam  
at [relhakam@smec.org](mailto:relhakam@smec.org).

# READINGS FOR THE DAY

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## THE OLD TESTAMENT ..... Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

## THE PSALM ..... Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, “Glory!”
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Individuals are included on the Continuing Prayers list for numerous reasons, some of which may include recovery from illness, thanksgiving or need for support for special ministry and mission. In addition to praying for participants in cancer support groups, the Alzheimer's Caregiver's Support Group and The Gathering, this week please pray for the following:

Robin Adair	Reggie Lang	Mary Watters
Bobbie Adams	Rhea Latta	Eric Zoerb
Carolyn Alban	Bruce Michael Lee	Alexi
Katie and Harvey Altmann	Nancy Liles	Atticus
Scotty Arnoldy	Nicole Holdford Lockney	Henry
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Bella Carosi	Ruth Moorhead	
Cole Cattan	Clarine Naskrent	
Debbie Chernosky	Stuart Nixon	
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Michael Craig	Andrew O'Malley	
Gail Davis	Bob Paddock	
Ross Dunn	Jim Paddock	
Kiersten Dyke	Judy Peach	
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Stacey and John Elliott	Joseph Powell	
Charles Flores	Heather Rathnau	
Julie G.	Dana Raymant	
Catherine Gonzales	Ted Reed	
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Bette Haidusek	Phyllis Reinhardt	
Ann Halverson	Monica Rivera	
Kayla Hamaker	John Davis Roady	
Amy Heath	Joe Rodriguez	
Mollie Hill	Maggie Rodriguez	
Marilyn Ingham	Suzzy Schuwerk	
Mary and Jim Jennings	Helen and Jim Shaffer	
Mary Anne Kannard	Caroline Shanahan	
Candi Keebler	Clif Shoemake	
Dick Kilday	Bob Spencer	
	Paul Therrien	
	LaVonne Waldron	

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Please be advised that we will be updating the Continuing Prayers list twice a year in the weeks after Easter and All Saints' Day. The list will be completely redone. To add or remove someone on the Continuing Prayers list, please contact Valerie Rivera at 713-985-3817 or [vriviera@smec.org](mailto:vriviera@smec.org).

# CONTINUING PRAYERS

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Prayers for those on Active Military Duty in the Armed Forces:

Lt. Col. Wesley J. Hunnell

Capt. Blake J. Kidd

Capt. Jack Mullen

1st Lt. Alex Mullen

Lt. Paul Piana

Lt. Col. Thomas C. Plant

LCDR Bradley Hoffman

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# SERMON NOTES

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## ACOLYTE APPRECIATION DINNER

Sunday, Jan. 7 • 4 p.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

Acolytes who serve in Family Table and The Church – along with their families – are invited to a dinner that will recognize their contributions which enhance our worship services.

Planning to attend? Sign up at [bit.ly/acolytedinner](https://bit.ly/acolytedinner).



## FEAST OF LIGHTS SERVICE

Sunday, Jan. 7 • 6 p.m. • The Church

*This service will be livestreamed on St. Martin's Facebook and YouTube channels.*

Parishioners and friends are invited to this beautiful candlelight Epiphany service that also celebrates St. Martin's Acolytes' and their devotion to supporting worship. The highlight will be a sermon given by a senior Acolyte.

*For more information about the dinner or service, contact the Rev. Jane P. Ferguson at [jferguson@smec.org](mailto:jferguson@smec.org) or 713-621-3040.*

ST. MARTIN'S  
**OUTREACH**  
MINISTRIES



## Sole Hope

## Shoe-Cutting Party

**Sunday, Jan. 7 • 10:15-11 a.m. • Activity Center Gym**

*Drü Collie, Co-founder of Sole Hope, will speak at Family Table and Riverway*

Make a global impact by cutting shoe patterns from old denim for Ugandan children to protect against jiggers. Meet Drü Collie from Sole Hope while you work. No special skills are required to participate.

**Contact Tracee Tindol at [tmartin@smec.org](mailto:tmartin@smec.org) or 713-985-3811 for more information.**



## TOUR A GOTHIC-STYLE CHURCH WITHOUT LEAVING HOUSTON!

**SUNDAY, JAN. 7**

Following the 11:15 a.m. service

Meet in the Narthex

St. Martin's docents offer free, public and private tours.

Everyone is welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

To schedule a tour, please call St. Martin's Docent Guild at 713-830-4117 and leave a contact name and number for a return call.



# ACTIVITY CENTER

**NEW CLASS!**

## Walk-it-Off

Starting Jan. 8, Mondays  
10:30–11:15 a.m. | Aerobics Room

Join Angela for a fun, low-impact cardio class with easy-to-follow steps. Get the equivalent of a 1-mile walk in 30 minutes of work, followed by 15 minutes of stretching. Open to all levels.

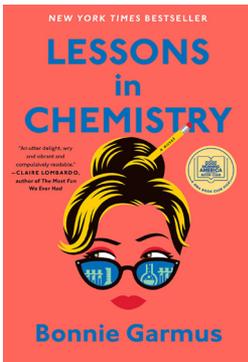
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# DAY GROUP



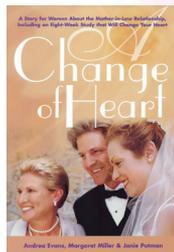
1–2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Jan. 10  
Children's Life Center, Room 132 and  
Via Zoom | [bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom](http://bit.ly/faithinlitdayzoom)

While operating within the framework of Christian theology, Faith in Literature seeks to ascertain in our reading how all good literature, if even by its omission, deals with and reflects themes of faith.

*This month, we discuss "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus.*

For more information, contact Amanda DeViney at 713-830-4110 or [adeviney@smec.org](mailto:adeviney@smec.org).

# A Change of Heart



Women are invited to this study group on the mother-in-law/daughter-in-law relationship. If yours is difficult, we can offer hope; if yours is great, we can learn from you.

**Wednesdays**

**Jan. 10 – Feb. 28 • 10:30 a.m. – noon or 1–2:30 p.m.  
Student Life Center, Second Floor Mezzanine Lounge**

Each class is limited to the first 20 who register.

To sign up or for more information, contact Graham Neuhaus at [geneuhaus@aol.com](mailto:geneuhaus@aol.com).

“A Change of Heart” is available for purchase in St. Martin’s Gift Shoppe.  
Session one should be completed for the first meeting.



*Join us in January as we begin a new series, “Just for Epiphany.”*

The small group discussions will focus on the Letter of James. Participating in the four-week Bible study provides a meaningful opportunity to meet fellow Parishioners and builds a sense of community.

*Registration runs through Jan. 12 at [bit.ly/justforsmallgroups](http://bit.ly/justforsmallgroups).*

*Just For groups begin the week of Jan. 14*

For questions, contact the Rev. Wesley Arning or Kathy Johnson, Director of Membership, at [smallgroups@smec.org](mailto:smallgroups@smec.org).

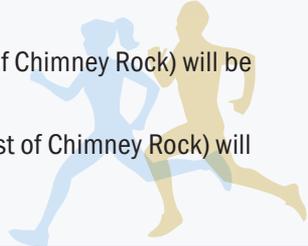
# MARATHON SUNDAY

## JANUARY 14

To view the course map and street closure times, visit [bit.ly/marathonsunday](http://bit.ly/marathonsunday)

Runners in the Chevron Houston Marathon may not be running by St. Martin's, but your drive to church may require a few extra twists and turns on the following streets:

- Eastbound Woodway Drive traffic (west of Chimney Rock) will be forced to turn south on Chimney Rock.
- Eastbound traffic on Memorial Drive (west of Chimney Rock) will be forced to go north on Chimney Rock.



For questions, contact the Reception Desk at 713-621-3040.

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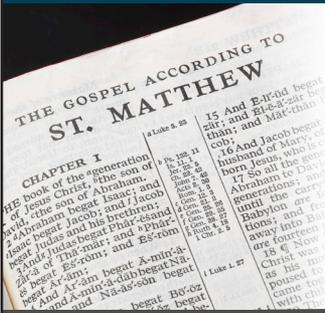
## Bible Study Resumes Thursday Mornings!

7 a.m. • Bagby Parish Hall

Spring schedule available at [bit.ly/mosm](http://bit.ly/mosm)

The first book of the New Testament, the Gospel of Matthew, is an incredible biography of Jesus. The Men of St. Martin's have been delving into what new insight Matthew offers about Jesus' person, identity and mission and what it looks like for us to trust, obey and follow Him.

*Join us! Breakfast is available for purchase in the Café St. Martin's.*



Contact | Juli Browning • [jbrowning@smec.org](mailto:jbrowning@smec.org) • 713-985-3845.

Student Mission Trip • June 15–22

# Nashville

## TENNESSEE



Registration: [bit.ly/2024nashvillemissiontrip](https://bit.ly/2024nashvillemissiontrip)

Deadline to register: March 31

Cost: \$800

*Open to students who are currently in 6th–12th grade.*

### *An Opportunity To See Nashville With The Lord's Heart And Eyes*

This summer, the students and their leaders will head to Nashville for a week-long mission dedicated to help local elderly, children and homeless people. “Week of Hope” participants will serve the non-profit Group Missions team through Jesus-centered programs that combine work, fun and worship.

Contact | Florence Ritchie • [fritchier@smec.org](mailto:fritchier@smec.org) • 713-985-3843

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March 18–21 • 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

March 22 • 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

*The Scout Center*

***Only four spots remain!***

Theresa Harrison returns to St. Martin's to guide retreatants in creativity with the icon of the Annunciation, the moment of the angel Gabriel's visit to Mary.

*For more information, contact Tracee Tindol at [tmartin@smec.org](mailto:tmartin@smec.org) or 713-985-3811.*



Registration fee: **\$495**

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# ALL-PARISH WINDOW



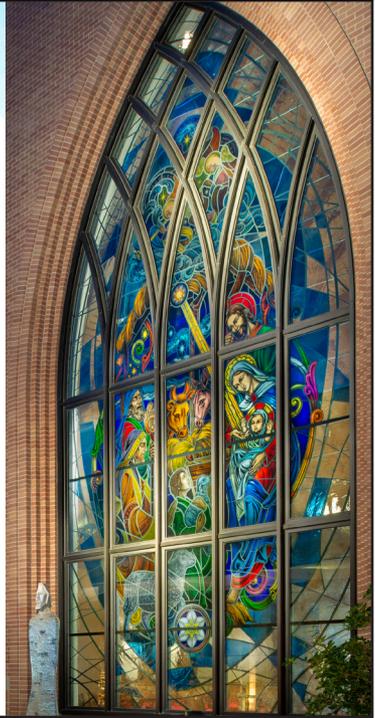
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Monday – Thursday

11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Bagby Parish Hall

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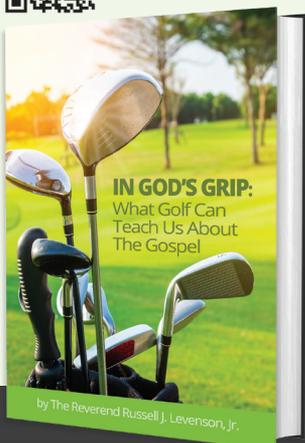
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Contact the Reception Desk at 713-621-3040.

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Call 713-621-3040 and press 2 to reach the Priest on Call.

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