



# Canterbury Tales

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*Now, Master, you can  
dismiss your servant in peace*

*“Jesus”  
that name  
has the  
sweetest  
sound!*

## ***A Word From Our Rector***

*After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.”*

*Luke 2:21*



The story was part of the family folklore: a new male child was born into this Jewish family, and the clan would gather on the eighth day to comply with the prescription of the law “whatever is the first to open the womb among the Israelites, of human beings and animals, is mine.”

As the family gathered, the Mohel prepared the small, sharp knife for the rite, prayers of blessing were recited, the child’s name was pronounced, and there was a sharp piercing cry, as the child was incorporated into the people of Israel. Heads bobbed in prayerful acceptance of the ancient gesture of circumcision, and the grandmother cried softly, as another male was blessed in the Name of the Almighty.

“Why is Nana crying?” one of the grandsons asked. “Oh, she cries at all these things,” was the reply. Maybe she was remembering the old country, simpler times in a village far away from Boston, where family and faith were one and the same. Maybe the tears were for those sons who never made it out of childhood, but had succumbed to illness, so long ago. Or maybe, it was the tears of joy that surrounded the family as her son, had now brought his son, into the fullness of their faith, in fulfillment of the Law.

There was another Jewish couple who brought their eight-day old son to the synagogue to fulfill all that the Law had proposed to the people of Israel. The young mother, still feeling the effects of childbirth, brings her first-born Son, along with her espoused husband, and in fulfillment of the Law of Israel, to celebrate the ancient rite by which all males are welcomed into the clan. One could just picture this couple, far from home, but desiring to see that their Child was

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brought up in the ways of their people. Then they were asked the name of this infant, He was given the name Yeshua, Joshua, in the Hebrew, Jesus, in the Greek.

But what is in a name? As Shakespeare might ask. A couple spends almost nine months coming up with a name by which their child will forever be known. A name has power. A name has majesty. A name sometimes prefigures what this child might truly be: “this child will be destined for the rising and falling of many in Israel,” as Simeon, the priest will say later. In the name of Jesus, we have the call simply, “God will save.” All the excitement of our Christmas celebration centers on the fact not only of the birth of this Child, but also of His being named. That at the name of Jesus, all things in heaven and on earth shall bow down is not a wish, but a command. It is the acknowledgment that all of humanity will have an opportunity to view the compassionate and loving God, who dares to enter human history, taking upon Himself all the characteristics of what it means to be part of the creation.

In the Book of Exodus, there is the story of Moses standing in front of the Tent of Meet-

ing, addressing the pillar of cloud, the tablets of the Law in pieces around his feet, as he has literally “broken the law,” before the people. His anger over the people’s inability to trust God has caused him to uplift with empty hands, his concerns for his nation. The Lord then takes Moses aside, and in rebuilding Moses’ faith, pronounces one more time His name YHWH, as his way of building a stronger, more powerful relationship between him and the community of the faithful.

The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus Christ is just that: the opportunity and privilege of re-building our relationship with Almighty God, by means of observing how the Lord’s family remained in fulfillment of the Law handed down to Moses, so many centuries ago. While Mary and Joseph would not have probably been thinking about the sense of relationship between their Son, and the pronounced blessing from Aaron, the priest, we have the advantage of seeing that when he blessed the people, we see Jesus as Savior, Messiah, and Lord. The compassionate God enters into history to bestow

His Name upon His people.

In that Name we find our sense of identity, as though God is standing with us, as He did with Moses, patiently explaining to us the caring and compassionate nature of His divinity. In the Name that is given to the Child, we see and find out who we are as a community. We can appreciate and understand a little more clearly the joys and sorrows of this life. We can begin to understand, because we have One who has tasted intimately our humanity. No longer does the Holy One need the voices of prophets, priests, or kings to make His ways known—He has sent us His Son, and given Him a Name, that through the tears of joyful and sorrowful memories, we can celebrate with Him the life given to us. In this Name that is above every name, we see ourselves drawn into a deeper relationship with the family that calls itself “Christian,” not as a badge of inordinate pride, but rather as a sign healing to this world that still needs to hear the story of God’s presence and love for His creation.

M.W.G.+





## *“At the Name of Jesus, e’vry knee shall bow!”*

The air is not so full of motes, of atoms, as the Church is of mercies; and as we can suck in no part of air, but we take in those motes, those atoms, so here in the congregation we cannot suck in a word from the preacher, we cannot speak, we cannot sigh a prayer to God, but that whole breath and air is made of mercy. But we call not upon you to consider God’s ordinary mercy, that which he exhibits, to all in the ministry of his Church; nor his miraculous mercy, his extraordinary deliverances of States and Churches; but we call upon particular consciences to call to mind God’s occasional mercies to them: such mercies as a regenerate man will call mercies, though a natural man would call them accidents, or occurrences, or contingencies....

If I should declare what God hath done (done occasionally) for my soul, where he instructed me for fear of falling, where he raised me when I was fallen, perchance you would rather fix your thoughts upon my illness, and wonder at that, than at God’s goodness, and glorify him in that; rather wonder at my sins, than at his mercies; rather consider how ill a man I was, than how good a God he is. If I should inquire upon what occasion God elected me, and writ my name in the Book of Life, I should sooner be afraid that it were not so, than find a reason why it should be so. God made sun and moon to

distinguish season, and day, and night, and we cannot have the fruits of the earth but in their season; but God has made no decree to distinguish the seasons of his mercies. In paradise, the fruits were ripe the first minute, and in heaven it is always autumn, his mercies are ever in their maturity. We ask *panem quotidianum*, or daily bread, and God never says you should have come yesterday, he never says you must again tomorrow, but today if you will hear his voice, today he will hear you.

If some king of the earth have so large an extent of dominion, in north, and south, as that he had winter and summer together in his dominions; so much more hath God mercy and judgment together. He brought light out of darkness, not out of a lesser light; he can bring thy summer out of winter, though thou have no spring. Though in the ways of fortune, or understanding, or conscience, thou have been benighted till now, wintered and frozen, clouded and eclipsed, damped and benumbed, smothered and stupefied till now — now God comes to thee, not as in the dawning of the day, not as in the bud of the spring, but as the sun at noon to illustrate all shadows, as the sheaves in harvest to fill all penuries. All occasions invite his mercies, and all times are his seasons.

*—From a Sermon by John Donne, presbyter,  
Christmas Day, 1624*

## Special Services during January



### *The Feast of the Epiphany*

The Church gathers in January to celebrate the tri-fold mystery of the manifestation of Christ, His Epiphany: to the Gentiles, to John the Baptist, and in His first miracle or sign, to the world.

On January 6, 2010, we will gather to celebrate the arrival of the Wise Men at the home of Joseph and Mary, as the "strangers from the East" present their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, to the Christ-Child. Holy Eucharist will be offered at 10:00 am, and again, at 7:30 pm in the parish church.

Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, the First Sunday after the Epiphany, will see us commemorate the baptism of Jesus, by John the Baptist, in the River Jordan. In this episode Jesus is proclaimed by God, "This is my beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased!"

The following Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, we will hear the story of Jesus' first miracle, at the Wedding Feast in Cana, wherein the water was changed into wine, and allowed the celebration to continue. Come and join the celebration, as we move from the cradle of Jesus to his maturing as both God and Man.

## Happy "2010" New Year

### *Diocesan Convention to Meet*



The Forty-first Convention of the Diocese of Central Florida will meet on Saturday, January 30, 2010, at the Lakeland Convention Center, in Lakeland Florida.

The Convention will consist of numerous elections to fill Diocesan positions on the Board, the Standing Committee, and other groups which keep the Church in Central Florida functioning. There will be the presentation and discussion of the Budget for 2010, allowing the Diocese to continue to do its work.

There a number of resolutions, many centering on the Bishop's Pastoral Letter from last Spring, setting up the action plan on how to set into motion all that Bishop Howe has outlined for his continuing ministry in Central Florida. There may be some discussion concerning the Anglican Covenant, and the Episcopal Church's reaction to this latest document of unity for the Communion. Discussions and debate among the several committees of the Convention are still going on about this issue.

We would ask your prayers for the Diocese, our Bishops, clergy, and laity, as they gather in Lakeland, to do the work of the Church. Our rector, Father Michael will be attending, as will our lay delegates, Gloria Pinkston, Bill Sherman, and Linda Sherman, and we ask that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers, as they journey out to Lakeland Center.

# Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Saint Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church, Vero Beach, Florida, will be on Sunday, January 25, 2009, following the 10:00 am celebration of the Holy Eucharist, in the parish hall.

The purpose of the meeting will be to elect members the Vestry, and to elect delegates and alternates to the Diocesan Convention for Year 2010, and to conduct all such business as may come before us at that time.

## Those nominated to the Vestry are:

Timothy Marvin  
Gina Slobodzian  
William Sherman



## Those nominated for Diocesan Convention are:

James Kelly  
Nancy Kelly  
Gloria Pinkston

The presentation of the slate is to insure that all positions will be filled following the Annual Meeting; this does not preclude any nominations from the floor of the meeting. An Information Meeting is set for Sunday, January 17, 2010, following the 10:00 am service, for parishioners to meet the candidates. Mark the dates and come and join us



## Offering Envelopes

Have you picked up your offering envelopes for 2010?

The envelopes are located on the table in the Narthex, they are listed in alphabetical order. (Please check the name to insure that you have the correct envelopes)

If you do not see your envelopes, please note your name, address, telephone number on the yellow pad provided and a set of envelopes will be available to you on the following Sunday.

**It is important that everyone use their envelopes.** It makes it much easier for record keeping, and for our counters.

**Please take your envelopes** even if you pay in advance for the entire year. Use the January envelope for your pledge so that your number is recorded, and then discard the rest of the envelopes. Do the same if you pledge for only the winter months!

**Also: Please Be Sure To Throw Out any envelopes from 2009.** The 2010 envelopes will have different numbers, therefore to ensure proper credit for your pledge we ask that you use only the 2010 offering envelopes. The counters also ask that you **do not** use any scotch tape, or staples when enclosing your check. We thank you for your cooperation.

**Happy New Year!**

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
			
<b>The Second Sunday after Christmas</b> <b>3</b>	<p><b>8:00 Holy Eucharist</b>            9:30 Church School            10:00 Nursery Care  <b>10:00 Choral Eucharist</b>            5:30 Youth Group</p>	<b>4</b>  7:30 A.A. Meeting	<b>5</b> 8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting  7:00 Recovery Group
<b>The First Sunday after Epiphany</b> <b>10</b> <b>The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ</b>	<p><b>8:00 Holy Eucharist</b>            9:15 Christian Forum            9:30 Church School            10:00 Nursery Care  <b>10:00 Choral Eucharist</b></p>	<b>11</b>  7:30 A.A. Meeting	<b>12</b> 8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting  7:00 Recovery Group <b>7:00 Book Group</b>
<b>The Second Sunday after Epiphany</b> <b>17</b>	<p><b>8:00 Holy Eucharist</b>            9:15 Christian Forum            9:30 Church School            10:00 Nursery Care  <b>10:00 Choral Eucharist</b>  <b>10:45 Meet the Candidates</b>  <b>11:15 DOK Meeting</b></p>	<b>18</b>  <b>10:00 Holy Eucharist / Confession of St. Peter</b>  <b>7:00 The Vestry</b> 7:30 A.A. Meeting	<b>19</b> 8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting  7:00 Ecumenical Service @ St. Helen's 7:00 Recovery Group <b>7:00 Book Group</b>
<b>The Third Sunday after the Epiphany</b> <b>24</b>	<p><b>8:00 Holy Eucharist</b>            9:15 Christian Forum            9:30 Church School            10:00 Nursery Care  <b>10:00 Choral Eucharist</b>  <b>10:45 Annual Meeting</b></p>	<b>25</b>  <b>10:00 Holy Eucharist</b> <b>Conversion of St. Paul</b>  7:30 A.A. Meeting	<b>26</b> 8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting  7:00 Recovery Group <b>7:00 Book Group</b>
<b>5:30 Youth Group</b> <b>31</b>	<i>church schedule same as above 8 am - 10 am</i>		

# Canterbury Episcopal Church

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*New Year*

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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
		<b>New Year's Day 1</b>  10:00 Holy Eucharist- Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>2</b>  5:30 Holy Eucharist
10:00 Holy Eucharist / The Epiphany <b>6</b>  5:30 Youth Group 7:30 Holy Eucharist The Epiphany	<b>7</b>  6:30 Senior Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  5:30 Holy Eucharist
<b>13</b>  10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing	<b>14</b>  6:30 Senior Choir 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 - 9:00 Thursday Conversation w/Ed Hebb	<b>Martin Luther King, Jr 15</b>	<b>16</b>  11:00 Coryell / Hurley Wedding  5:30 Holy Eucharist
<b>20</b>  10:00 Holy Eucharis/ Healing  7:00 Stonebrook H.O.A.	<b>21</b>  6:30 Senior Choir	<b>22</b>  7:00 Ecumenical Service @ St. John of Cross Church	<b>23</b>  11:30 Holy Eucharist 12 Noon ECW Meeting  5:30 Holy Eucharist
<b>27</b>  10:00 Holy Eucharist - Healing  5:30 Youth Group	<b>28</b>  6:30 Senior Choir 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 The Hidden Church of Middle East -w/Fr. Mike	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  41st Convention of Diocese of Central Florida@ Lakeland  5:30 Holy Eucharist



# Epiphany Blessing of Chalk

It has been a tradition in the Church to bless chalk for Epiphany, and the use the blessed chalk as part of Blessing one's home in the New Year

*The home blessing is as follows:*

Use the blessed chalk to write:

**20+C+M+B+10**

On the doorway: 2010 for the year;

C<M<B for the three Magi-Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar And for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, Latin for "May Christ Bless this House."

As you are writing, pray this prayer:

**May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen**

Chalk will be blessed at the morning liturgy on Epiphany, January 6<sup>th</sup>, and may be picked up in the parish office, following the service.

## Week for Christian Unity

The week between the feasts of the Confession of St. Peter, January 18<sup>th</sup>, and the Conversion of St. Paul, January 25<sup>th</sup>, has traditionally been a time of prayer and study for the possibility for the Churches of Christ to gather.

As part of this ecumenical gesture we will be having two serves in Vero Beach on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, and again on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> . The service on January 19<sup>th</sup> will be at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, 2000, 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, beginning at 7:00 pm. Our service on January 22<sup>nd</sup> will be at St. John of the Cross Roman Catholic Church, also at 7:00 pm. St. John of the Cross Church is located at 7550 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach.

All are invited to attend this time of prayer and fellowship, as the Church of Christ seeks to take the time to find more of the things that we find in common, rather than those things which continue to separate us.

## ECW Meeting:

The ECW will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Eucharist will commence at 11:30 am. Lunch will follow. Our guest speaker will be Kate Hoffman, our topic will be acupuncturer. Gloria Pinkston will be our hostess. The ECW will be looking for a new president, as Flo Green term of office will be ending, perhaps you would be interested? Check Sunday bulletins for further information or call Flo Green at 772-978-1621.

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## Book Group

Our Tuesday Book Group is back in session . We meet each Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Come join us.

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## Singles Group

Our single group meet at 11:00 am the second Saturday of the month for lunch. For information on the next luncheon please call Chris Sherman at 772-564-0020.

## January Anniversaries

- 1 Ben & Kay Boswell
- 31 Howard & LaVerne Sabin



## January Birthdays

- |    |                     |    |                    |
|----|---------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1  | Holly Herndon       | 18 | Sue Tiftt          |
| 2  | Sue Kepler          | 18 | Linda Ell Britcher |
| 3  | Gary Kepler         | 19 | Karen Ernsberger   |
| 4  | Don Helm            | 21 | Betty Hagood       |
| 4  | Valorie Stevenson   | 24 | Rose Helm          |
| 8  | Sue Rester          | 25 | Shannon Edwards    |
| 8  | Marilyn Klier       | 27 | Bill Gill          |
| 12 | Rebecca Marvin      | 27 | Lee Weeks          |
| 13 | Jayne Truax         | 29 | Caitlin Schall     |
| 13 | Pat Iannotti        | 30 | Mary Johnson       |
| 16 | Fran Alibrio Curran | 31 | Elizabeth Davis    |

**Help Needed For Sunday Coffee Hour** - Volunteers are needed to help set up for Sunday Coffee Hour after the 10:00 am services. In order to continue this ministry we need everyone to pitch in and help, we ask only **one** Sunday a month of your time, please contact Lucy Norikus @ 778-1176.

## Thursday Conversations



With such great success from last Winter, we are bringing back our Thursday Conversations, beginning on January 14, 2010, from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm in the parish hall.

“What are the ‘Thursday Conversations’, you ask?” These are opportunities for lay people to present on topics that have an interest for them, and hope those attending the meetings.

Our first presenter will be Ed Hebb, who will discuss the workings of the Anglican Communion in light of the recent discussions and controversies taking place on the issue of “authority.” This will take place January 14<sup>th</sup>.

The schedule for the rest of our meetings is as follows:

- January 28 Father Michael “The Hidden Church of the Middle East”
- February 11 Tony Marshall “The Gnostic Jesus”
- February 25 Lockwood Rianhard “A Comparison on Torah and the New Testament”
- March 11 Dr. Paul Johnson “Quest for the Historical Jesus—II”


Each of these thought-provoking meetings is a chance to challenge and be challenged in looking at areas in ancient and contemporary theology, as we seek to understand the deeper truths of our faith. Mark those dates, and plan enjoying us; and yes, bring a friend along.

# An “e-mail” *Canterbury Tales*’!

In an attempt to be more timely in getting the news out in the ‘Canterbury Tales,’ we are proposing to collect the e-mail addresses of those who may wish, to provide the monthly newsletter on line.

There will be still printed or “hard” copies of the “Canterbury Tales,” for those who may not have a computer, or who may simply wish to have the newsletter sent to them on the continued monthly basis. We will NOT be exchanging or revealing e-mail addresses of parishioners, rather it is simply another way in getting the news out to the parish in a more timely fashion.

If this interests you, please send back the enclosed form, with you name and e-mail address, and we will set up our new data-base for the “Canterbury Tales.”

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**E-Mail Request for Canterbury Tales**

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**Kindly fill out the above information and return the form to us.**

**Thank You!**



# A New Year — A New You

Find the words from 2 Corinthians 5:17.



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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

## Lay Eucharistic Ministers

When I come aboard as Fr. Mike’s Assistant last February, he asked me to work with our Lay Eucharistic Visitors in order to provide the sacrament to those homebound or in nursing institutions.

Serving at that time were Mary Breglia, Peg Grant, Flo Green, Sue Hand, Gloria Pinkston and Bill & Linda Sherman. During calendar year 2009, with a little help from Fr. Mike and me, the sacrament was administered on 371 occasions outside the Church, including hospital visits. A quick research of parish records revealed that this was more than in any of the past 20 years!

During the year Gloria Pinkston retired because of her new duties as Senior Warden and Deb Kavanagh was added to the group. We are currently visiting 15 shut-ins and 7 nursing facility residents on a regular basis

Our thanks go out to those who serve in this wonderful Ministry...

Fr. John

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### Schedule of Masses

Wed	Healing Service	10:00 AM
Sat	Holy Eucharist	5:30 PM
Sun	Holy Eucharist	8:00 AM
Sun	Choral Eucharist	10:00 AM

**Deadline for next Canterbury Tales is January 18, 2010**