



Canterbury Tales

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***“Where
is He that
has been
born king
of the
Jews?”***

***For we
have
seen His
star.”***

A Word From Our Rector

“Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we have observed his star east its rising, and have come to pay him homage?”

Matthew 2:2 (NRSV)

With the Christmas season behind us, or so it would seem, we can now relax both in our families and in the Church. After all we have experienced the frenetic surge of parties, shopping, sleepless nights all culminating in the ultimate “Hallmark Experience” — Christmas Day!

The the Church Year then presents us with the story of the Wise Men, the Baptism of Jesus, the Wedding Feast at Cana, and the calling of the disciples in that odd time referred to as “Epiphany.” In the older versions of the Book of Common Prayer, this feast was also known as “the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.” That larger title merely tried to reveal the power of this season as a reminder of the light, lit on Christmas, would continue to glow with an even brighter radiance as the Church grew to understand that the Infant born in Bethlehem would grow into adulthood.

The Feast of the Epiphany is the Church’s way of explaining that the Savior came for all of humankind and not merely for the people of Israel. It is rather ironic to realize that the story of the Wise Men from the East is found in the most Jewish of the four accounts of the Gospel, in the work of Matthew the Evangelist.

While writing to a Jewish-Christian audience, Matthew sought to provide the direction and power that only could be found in explaining the coming of the Messiah of God for ALL people. The Infancy Narrative found in Matthew reaches out to the people of Israel, as we are privy to the dreams of Joseph of Nazareth, paralleling Joseph of the many-colored coat story in the Genesis stories of Jacob and his sons. But Matthew’s account of the Good News of Jesus Christ also has a quality to it, which welcomes the stranger or those not belonging to the people of Israel.

When the story of the Wise Men, or the Magi, comes up in the writing of the Gospel, it is the reminder to all the people of God to be open to the different ways of the world: without rancor or prejudice, but rather with a sense of generosity, openness, and love. The three Wise Men came from the East, possibly being Zoroastrian priests, reading in

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the stars that there was to be one who was to be born, who would be greater than all the kings of the earth. This story, when told to the puppet-king of Jerusalem, Herod Antipas, stirred all the area with thoughts of where the new “king of the Jews,” was living. It was only out of fear and envy that Herod desired to know where the “king” was to be born, so that he could ostensibly bring worship himself. We know that the reality behind Herod’s questions was to track down the Child and have Him killed, so that He would pose no further threat to Israel. Isn’t it ironic how we desire so much to be near the Light of Christ, but when we get too near, we find that its reflection of heat and light is so powerful that we cannot stay in its proximity due to our own failure to celebrate in the glory of God’s Son. Our fear seems

to be one of judgment. Yes, many of us avoid the term “judgment” because we do not wish to sound as if we are judging others. However, we are doing just that—in the shadows we condemn those for whom we feel somehow inadequate to the task of acceptance or love from others.

The glory of the Light of Christ is what this season of Epiphany is all about. While basking in the light, the parents of Jesus accept the tribute of the world: gold, frankincense, and myrrh—not fully understanding the Magi’s mission, but accepting these gifts all the same in the light of their Child’s life. The Light of Christ allows us to glory in the beauty of the creation that is around us, as well as to appreciate that sense of relationship which marks us

as truly human. God’s secret is out; the ruler of God’s realm has come and the kingdom is open to all.

We respond to such great news with this feast fit for royal heirs; we are sharers in the body of Christ, we hold the promise of life. We no longer need be afraid of those who might sit in judgment on us; we are free to follow the loving God, through His Son, on that well lit path which started on Christmas. We celebrate in the creative presence of the One who frees us from ourselves, and allows us to reach out to all in love and generosity, just as we have been welcomed. Exult in the light, my sisters and brothers; exult as part of the creation which draws us together as a family in Christ’s name.

M.W.G.+



Special Services during January

The month of January will see our having a number of commemorations and celebrations as we begin our new secular year.

The New Year begins with the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus Christ on Sunday, January 1, 2012. We will have our usual roster of services with the Holy Eucharist on Saturday evening, December 31, 2012, at 5:30 pm; and at 8:00 am and 10:00 am on Sunday morning. Church School, Nursery Care, and the Christian Forum will all be offered on that day.

January 6, 2012, will be the conclusion of the Church’s Christmas celebration, as we commemorate the arrival of the Wise Men to the home of Mary, Joseph, and the Child Jesus, with the Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am.

The Week of Christian Unity is January 18 through January 25, and it is on these days that the Christian community prays the prayer of Jesus, “that all may be one.” We will observe this time of prayer and witness with the healing service on those two Wednesdays: January 18th being the Feast of the Confession of St. Peter; and January 25th being the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. These two “pillars of the Church” remind us of the mission of the early Church—Peter, ministering to the Jewish-Christians in the Holy Land; and Paul, ministering to the Gentiles in the areas and countries surrounding Israel.

As you can see, the New Year is not a time for aimless wandering, but rather a time to focus as we continue our journey in faith in Jesus as Lord. Come to the banquet!



“Star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright”

Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized; let us also go down with him, and rise with him.

John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: “I ought to be baptized by you.” He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother’s womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. “I ought to be baptized by you;” we should also add “and for you,” for John is to be baptized in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet.

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him.

The heavens like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to the God head. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honor to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honor to Christ’s baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of human beings, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all humanity, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received—though not in its fullness—a ray of its splendor, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever.

—From a sermon by Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, 389 A.



Church School News

After an outstanding and fun-filled celebration during the Children’s Liturgy on Christmas Eve, our Church School is preparing to meet the New Year with joy and exuberance which can only come from their limitless sense of energy.

Our Church School, along with the parish in general, has been working around our new construction in the current parish hall and looking forward to its completion. If you haven’t seen the new work, we invite you to stop by to see what has been accomplished so far.

We are also looking for one, or possibly two more teachers for the Church School program. Our group has grown in such a way that we need to have a middle school teacher to go along with our elementary age and youth group age teachers. Ideally it would be one teacher who could teach every Sunday, but a “team teaching” idea would also be welcome as we offer the gospel to the next generation of young people.

For more information, you may call the parish office at (772) 770-3494, or Burke Neely, at (772) 559-3406:

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>
Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus 1 New Year's Day 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Forum 10:00 Church School 10:00 Nursery Care 10:00 Choral Eucharist	2 Office Closed 7:30 A.A. Meeting	3 8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 7:00 Recovery Group 7:00 Book Group
First Sunday after Epiphany 8 Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Forum 10:00 Church School 10:00 Nursery Care 10:00 Choral Eucharist 11:30 Youth Group	9 10:00 Finance Committee 7:30 A.A. Meeting	10 8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 7:00 Recovery Group 7:00 Book Group
Second Sunday after Epiphany 15 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Forum 10:00 Church School 10:00 Nursery Care 10:00 Choral Eucharist 11:30 Daughters of the King 11:30 Youth Group	16 Martin Luther King, Jr 7:00 The Vestry 7:30 A.A. Meeting	17 8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 7:00 Recovery Group 7:00 Book Group 7:30 Woodlands HOA
Third Sunday after the Epiphany 22 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Forum 10:00 Church School 10:00 Nursery Care 10:00 Choral Eucharist 11:30 Youth Group	23 7:30 A.A. Meeting	24 8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 7:00 Recovery Group 7:00 Book Group
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany 29 8:00 Holy Eucharist 9:15 Christian Forum 10:00 Church School 10:00 Nursery Care 10:00 Choral Eucharist 11:30 Annual Meeting 11:30 Youth Group	30 7:30 A.A. Meeting	31 8:00 T.O.P.S. Meeting 7:00 Recovery Group 7:00 Book Group

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing	5 6:30 Senior Choir	6 10:00 Holy Eucharist / The Epiphany	7 10:00 - 2:00 Volunteer Fest 5:30 Holy Eucharist
11 10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing 12 Noon Outreach Comm.	12 6:30 Senior Choir	13	14 8:00 - 12 Noon - ECW Winter Flea Market 5:30 Holy Eucharist
18 10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing Confession of St. Peter	19 6:30 Girl Scouts 6:30 Senior Choir	20	21 8:00 43rd Diocesan Convention @Holy Trinity Academy, Melbourne 5:30 Holy Eucharist
25 10:00 Holy Eucharist / Healing Conversion of St. Paul 7:00 Stonebrook H.O.A.	26 6:30 Senior Choir 6:30 Girl Scouts	27	28 5:30 Holy Eucharist

Happy New Year



Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the parish of St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2012, immediately following the 10:00 am celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

The purpose of the meeting will be to elect three members to the Vestry, as well as three delegates and their alternate to the Diocesan Convention slated for 2013, and to conduct all such business as may come before the meeting on that day.

Nominations for the Vestry and delegates to the Diocesan Convention may be sent or telephoned in to the members of the Nominating Committee.

The members of the Nominating Committee are:

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We will be collecting names until January 7th, and then the nominations will be sent out to the parish in advance of the Annual Meeting. Nominations may still be made on the day of the Annual Meeting. Also, in accordance with the new policy statements from the National Offices of the Episcopal Church, as of December 31, 2005, all newly elected members of parish vestries, choir directors, youth advisors, and Church School teachers, will have to attend a workshop on the awareness of child abuse, in preparation of their new ministry.



Diocesan Convention to Meet

On January 21, 2012, at the Holy Trinity Academy, in Melbourne, Florida, the Diocese of Central Florida will be celebrating its 43rd Diocesan Convention, beginning with registration at 8:00 am.

This one-day convention brings together the more than 90 parishes and missions of the diocese in a meeting wherein the 2012 Budget will be discussed and voted upon, new clergy will be welcomed officially into the diocese, presentations from our companion Diocese of Honduras, along with current debate and discussions about the state of the Episcopal Church, both within in the diocese and throughout the American Church.

Our delegates to the Diocesan Convention are: John Schutt, Susan and Dick Eaton, along with our rector, Father Michael Goldberg, will represent Saint Augustine's. This will be Bishop Howe's last Convention as our Diocesan Bishop, in that he will be stepping down in March, after 21 years in leading the people of Central Florida. The Reverend Gregory Brewer will assume the role as Diocesan Bishop at his consecration and ordination on March 24, 2012, as the Fourth Bishop of Central Florida, having been elected in November of last year, at our special convention. If you have any questions concerning the convention you might ask our delegates about the issues to be brought before the group, as the Episcopal Church in Central Florida looks ahead to the New Year. We are especially aware of the discussions of the convention, as it may impact the Episcopal Church, as it looks ahead to the General Convention set for Indianapolis, Indiana, in July of this year, and we ask the prayers of all for our deputies and Bishop, as the enter into the "Councils of the Church."

We ask that you keep the convention, the clergy and lay delegates in your prayers, as we prepare for our meeting on January 21st.

January Anniversaries

1 Ben & Kay Boswell



January Birthdays

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

Building Expansion News



In January we are seeing the actual building construction rapidly coming to an end. It is projected that by the end of the month all our construction work will be finished.

However, the real work will be just beginning, as we move into the new office spaces, new and expanded parish hall, a larger nave/choir area, and a larger Church School space in our current parish hall. We will be looking for volunteers to help in making the transition to our new area go smoothly. If you are interested, we ask that you call our Senior Warden Tony Marshall, (772) 492-1690, for further details.

We also remind parishioners that there is still an opportunity for those who haven't already, to make a pledge toward the completion of our new building. It is our hope that we would have as close as possible to one hundred per cent participation in this project as we look ahead to a new sense of ministry and mission for the parish of Saint Augustine of Canterbury Church.

Thank You!

The Youth Mission Work Team would like to thank all of you who baked so many delicious cookies for our 3rd Annual Cookie Walk. We would also like to thank all of you who bought and filled up your tins and boxes in support of our mission. This year we raised \$851.00 towards our \$2000.00 cost charged for our work while at El Hogar. We are fast approaching the time we will leave and are truly grateful for all the love and support that all of you have shown this mission. St. Augustine's congregation truly cares for its youth for which we really are appreciative.

A Word From Our Choir Director

Please mark your calendar! On February 11th, the Choir is sponsoring a talent show/hymn sing after the 5:30 service. We are signing up people now to present songs, instrumental music, anything that "smacks of talent". Young people, this is your chance! The X Factor will pale in comparison to St. Augustine and its TALENT!!! For more information see Iris...!



Happy New Year

Our best wishes for good health and happiness to all as we begin this Year of Grace 2012. May the Holy Spirit bless and sanctify us as we go forward in His love and peace.

Book Group

Our Tuesday Book Group will be back in session on January 3rd. We will meet each Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Come join us.

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Paul Johnson -Gina Slobodzian

Schedule of Masses

Wed Healing Service 10:00 ACD
Sat Holy Eucharist 5:30 PCD
Sun Holy Eucharist 8:00 ACD
Sun Choral Eucharist 10:00 ACD

Deadline for next Canterbury Tales is January 25, 2012