

# Clarion

FEBRUARY 2025



Presentation of Jesus Christ in the Temple

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

*The mission of the Church of the Epiphany is to offer a home to all those who are seeking God's unconditional love.*



## From the Vicar

“In the beginning...”

We are all familiar with these words, which make up the opening phrase of the Book of Genesis. The word “genesis” means “generation or nativity” in Latin and comes directly from the Greek word “genesis,” which translates as “origin, creation or generation.” It is related to the ancient word “gignesthai,” which means “to be born.”

This is an appropriate word to use as the name of the biblical book, which begins with the creation story – the birth of creation you might say.

However, I should state that the Book of Genesis begins with the creation stories, but more on that later.

If you have a copy of what we call Genesis written in Hebrew, the first word that appears is “bereshith,” which literally translates as “the beginning,” and is also the name given to the first section of the first book in Hebrew Scripture.

Jewish tradition claims that the Book of Genesis was written by Moses, along with the other four other books of the Torah (or the Law), which is also known as the Pentateuch (from the Latin term for “five books”). In addition to Genesis, these books are Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy (although these titles differ in Hebrew, Latin and Greek).

The Book of Genesis is where we find some of the most memorable people, places and events that we find in the Bible. The people include Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Methuselah, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and his famous “coat-of-many colors,” and many others. The places and events include the creation stories, the Garden of Eden, the great flood, Jacob’s ladder, the Tower of Babel, and Sodom and Gomorrah.

But what are the origins of these stories? Moses is traditionally considered the author of Genesis (as well as the other four books of the Pentateuch). However, Bible scholarship usually attributes their origins to stories told around the campfire. This is known as oral tradition, a way of preserving stories that originated before the written word was invented.

This is not to say these stories do not contain truths, only that they may

not be totally factual. Think about conversations you heard around the dinner table or at other family gatherings when you were growing up. Unless the stories about family members were written, they became a little cloudier with each generation.

Genesis and all of Hebrew Scripture describe how people perceived God and God's involvement in the world around them. In this way, they were inspired by God.

Moving through time, we come to the New Testament. The accounts of Jesus Christ's life also began as oral tradition. There were no stenographers or reporters following Jesus during his earthly ministry. The Gospels were written decades later, and the authors of the Gospels relied on either their own memories of the teaching of Jesus and his actions or those of witnesses to these events. Sometimes they relied on second- or even third-hand accounts.

There are four Gospels from which we hear about Jesus on Sunday mornings. Each give emphasis on the teachings and actions of Jesus that fit their priorities. That's why some incidents may only occur in one or two of the Gospels, and why they don't always agree on details.

The lectionary we use in the Episcopal Church rotates the Bible lessons through a three-year cycle. When it comes to the Gospels, passages from Matthew are heard in Year A, Mark in Year B, and Luke in Year C, with the Gospel According to John sprinkled throughout each year. We are currently in Year C, which means most of our Gospel readings are from Luke.

Like Genesis, Luke contains many familiar stories that are unique in the Gospels. The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, the Prodigal Son, the Rich Man and Lazarus, the Good Samaritan, and the event we just heard: the Presentation of the Lord at the Temple (pictured on the cover of this Clarion).

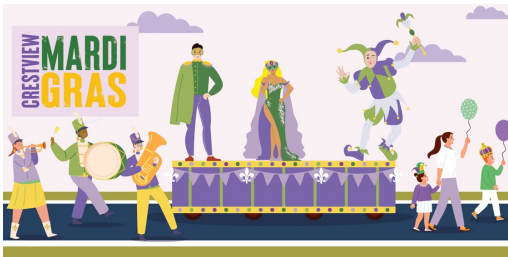
In the coming weeks, we will look at important passages from Genesis and Luke. These Bible studies will be offered on Friday and Sunday mornings, Genesis on Fridays and Luke on Sundays. The exact times will be announced later.

Father David+

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



Come kick off the Mardi Gras Festivities with our next Food Truck Friday on February 7, 2025, from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Main Street!



Date: Saturday, February 8, 2025  
Time: Parade starts at 2:00 PM  
Location: Downtown Crestview  
Admission: FREE  
Parade: Experience the magic of Mardi Gras with vibrant floats, colorful costumes, and plenty of beads to catch!

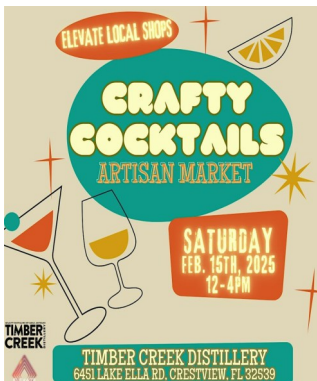
Block Party: Stick around after the parade for an epic block party featuring live entertainers, music, and more.

Sun Feb 09, 2025, at 02:00 pm to 05:00 pm Crestview Community Center. This is a fundraiser for Childhood Cancer Research-Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research. Designer Handbag bingo. Entry ticket will include food, one bingo card and one drink ticket. Additional Bingo cards and drink tickets available for purchase.



### Welcome to the **Crafty Cocktails Artisan Market** -by Elevate Local Shops !

Join us on **Sat Feb 15 2025** at **12:00 PM** at **Timber Creek Distillery** for a day of shopping, sipping, and supporting local artisans. Browse through a variety of unique handmade crafts and sip on delicious cocktails while you shop. Discover one-of-a-kind pieces from talented local vendors and elevate your shopping experience.





## News from Around the Diocese

### **2025 Men's Conference**

Feb 28 - Mar 2, 2025 | Beckwith

*How the Desert Fathers Help Us Pray*  
with the Rev. Adam McCoy, O.H.C.



"How good and pleasant it is when brethren live together. It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down the beard." - Psalm 133

"How the Desert Fathers Help Us Pray" with the Rev. Adam McCoy, O.H.C.

All men of the diocese are invited to the 42nd Annual Men's Conference. We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Adam McCoy O.H.C., presently a solitary monk not in residence and serves as assisting priest in two parishes in Cathedral City, CA. He took life vows in the Order of the Holy Cross in 1978. Subsequently, he has served as the Novice Master of the order and prior to the Calvary Monastery Retreat House in Santa Barbara, CA. In addition to his monastic responsibilities, Father McCoy has been a rector to two parishes and has led other ecclesiastical activities both in the Diocese of New York and the Diocese of Los Angeles. Father McCoy has written several articles relating evangelism to Anglican monasticism. He enjoys leading retreats for both clergy and laity and likes to discuss the influences of the Desert Fathers upon contemporary prayer life.

Cost varies. Please register and pay by February 21.



## **Bishop Kendrick's Annual Visit**

The bishop makes an annual visit to all the churches in the diocese. His visit to Epiphany was January 5th. This was a joyous time for Epiphany as four people were welcomed into the Episcopal Church, as a congregation of forty-one people participated in the event. Sarah and Hugh Kent were confirmed and Melaine East and Elaine Mantle were received from other denominations. The Kents daughter was given the honor of carrying the bishop's crozier at the recession



*Communion and Blessings*



*Sarah Kent is Confirmed*



*Hugh Kent is Confirmed*



*Elaine Mantle is Received*



*Melanie East is Received*



It is Bishop Kendrick's custom to have a child carry his crozier during the recession. He advised he does this because Jesus said and the little children will lead us. The Kents daughter Twila carried his crozier this day.



***Left to right: Elaine Mantle, Melanie East, Bishop Kendrick, Father David Clothier, Hugh Kent, and Sarah Kent***



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

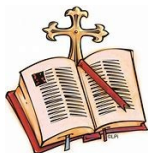
February 2 — The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Potluck Lunch

February 9 — The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Vestry Meeting

February 16 — The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Healing Service

February 23 — The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

March 2 — The Last Sunday after the Epiphany  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Potluck Lunch



## LECTOR SCHEDULE

February 2 — The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple  
1st Reading - Sam Sewell  
2nd Reading - Melanie East

February 9 — The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
1st Reading - Hugh or Sarah Kent  
2nd Reading - Michele Dennis

February 16 — The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany  
1st Reading - Cathy Clothier  
2nd Reading - Missy Jones

February 23 — The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany  
1st Reading - Sam Sewell  
2nd Reading - Tracy Kueczynski





## Property Report for January

Maintenance of our property and buildings is ongoing. There are several projects for the new year, both new and carried over from last year.

- ⇒ All the chemicals, paint, cleaners ect. have been removed from the shed and disposed of.
- ⇒ The bulbs need to be replaced for the outside porch lights on the west door of St. Joseph's Hall and the north door on the church.
- ⇒ The replacement of the Sign in front of the church is in work.
- ⇒ The south door to St. Joseph's Hall is coming apart and needs to be replaced. Contractor has been contacted and advised exactly what to get to replace the door. It will be ordered and I will advise the contractor when it arrives.
- ⇒ I had the contractor look at the closet bi-fold doors in the parish hall. He advised both need all new hardware. I will order the parts and he will install the doors with the new hardware.
- ⇒ The hole in the east door of the church made when hardware was replaced will be covered.

- *Maurice Phillips, Junior Warden*

## EPIPHANY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Clyde Fahie Feb 1<sup>st</sup>

Jeff Evens Feb 4<sup>th</sup>

Pat Shew Feb 8<sup>th</sup>

Dennis Jackson Feb 12<sup>th</sup>

Kei' Daecha Smith-Martin Feb 18<sup>th</sup>

Sheila Duman Fahie Feb 21<sup>st</sup>



No Anniversaries this month



## **Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple**

A feast of our Lord celebrated on Feb. 2, also known as Candlemas and the Feast of the Purification. It commemorates the presentation of Jesus and the purification of Mary in the Jerusalem Temple forty days after Jesus' birth, in accordance with the requirements of Jewish law (Leviticus 12:2-8).

The feast is celebrated about forty days after Christmas. According to the account of Luke 2:22-39, the presentation of Jesus was also the occasion of the meeting of Jesus with Simeon and Anna. Simeon's prayer of blessing is the basis for the canticle *Nunc dimittis* (see BCP, p. 120).

Celebration of the feast dates from the fourth century in Jerusalem. It was introduced in Rome in the seventh century, where it included a procession with candles and the singing of the *Nunc dimittis*. The celebration came to include the lighting and blessing of candles which were carried in procession. This feast was known as "Candlemas."

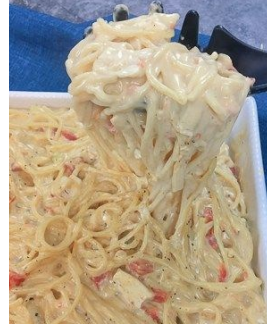
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## EPIPHANY'S FAVORITE RECIPES

### **Chicketti** by *Ginny Bauer*

#### **Ingredients:**

- 2 Cans (8oz) Sliced Mushrooms
- 2 Cans Cream of Chicken Soup
- 1 Cup Sour Cream
- 1 Can Cooked Chicken w/juice
- 7oz Spaghetti, cooked, broken in half and drained
- 2 - 3 tbsp Butter
- ½ Stick Boursin Cream Cheese
- Onions and Bell Peppers, chopped
- Broccoli (optional)
- Buttered Bread Crumbs and Parmesan Cheese



#### **Directions:**

1. Pre-heat oven to 350°
2. Break spaghetti in half, cook and drain.
3. Mix in the butter to the spaghetti while still hot.
4. All the soup, sour cream, cream cheese and mix well.
5. Add the chicken with the juice and the onions, peppers and broccoli mix well.
6. Pour the mixture into a 9 x 13 baking pan and spread evenly.
7. Sprinkle the breadcrumb and parmesan mixture over top.
8. Bake for about 45 minutes.

***Please remember in your prayers:***

Addice Thomas, Addison Hendrix, Adley Hipwell,  
Amanda & Jacob White, Amanda Spradlin, Amy & Anthony Lehatto,  
Barbara Murrell, Betty Schwartzkopf, Bill Jones, Brenda Faulkner,  
Charlotte Boutwell, Rev David Knight, Debra Evans, Dennis Jackson,  
Donna Andrews, Florie Angelini, Herselie Hendrix, Janice Tyler,  
Jeff Evans, Judy Tinsley, Julie Hill, Karen Traggorth, Kei’Mari Martin,  
Kim Sung Ki, Linn Lukert, Lynn Smith, Mary Meehan,  
Maureen Marcotte, Melanie East, Michael Mazzerat,  
Marilyn “Missy” Jones, Nancy Delierre, Phyllis Alles,  
Rocky Robinson, Sharon Lundy, Steve & Buni O’Brien, Sybil King,  
Tara Colondres, Terry Algood, and Ward Hendrix

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