

OUR VOICE

St. Chris' This Week

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Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9 am-3 pm

Week of December 20th - 4th Sunday of Advent Service of Lessons & Carols

Today's Hymns

Processional –	“O Come, O come, Emmanuel” (vs. 7 & 8)	Hymnal 56
Lesson #1 –	“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” (vs. 1)	Hymnal 324
Lesson #2 –	“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” (vs. 1,2,3)	Hymnal 66
Lesson #3 –	“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers” (vs. 1)	Hymnal 68
Lesson #4 –	“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs. 1,2,3)	Hymnal 79
Sequence –	“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” (vs. 1,2 then vs 3)	Hymnal 73
Offertory Music		Piano
Communion –	“It Came Upon The Midnight Clear” (vs.1,2,4)	Hymnal 89
	“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light” (vs 1)	Hymnal 91
Recessional –	“Lo! He Comes, With Clouds Descending” (vs 1,2,4)	Hymnal 58

Links:

- [Book of Common Prayer – www.bcponline.com](http://www.bcponline.com)
- Hymn lyrics: see the Worship Guide, and <https://hymnary.org/hymnal/EH1982>
- For our scripture readings, see www.lectionarypage.net,

Services:

Check Out Our Virtual Service !!

- **Services are both Live and Virtual (“Facebook Live”), at 9:30 each Sunday!**
- *Please remember:* Whenever we gather, everyone wears Masks, Practices Social Distancing, and Sanitizes their Hands.
- Pew sheets, readings, and worship guides are available during office hours, by email, on our website, or on our Facebook page.
- A simple Mid-Week Eucharist is offered most Wednesdays at 3pm, for those who prefer a simple lightly attended service. This will resume on January 6, 2021.

Calendar:

- **Parish elections:** . Voting is continuing through December 23rd. We will elect 3 Vestry candidates, plus 3 delegates and 2 alternates to the 2021 Virtual Diocesan Council. Please talk with Debbie, in the office for further information. Our Virtual Diocesan Council is scheduled for February 26th-27th, 2021.
- **Our December Ministry** is the Angel Tree, and the Toys for Troops program, sponsored by Operation Phantom Support. We had a wonderful response to giving this year! Approximately 35 gifts were delivered to OPS. Thank you so much for your support!

Ministry Schedule

Altar Guild: Dec. 20th – Team C, Dec. 24th – Team C & D, Dec. 27th – Team D

Readers/Lectors: Service of Lessons & Carols:
December 20 – Barnett Carthey, Nichole Gailey, Jayne Doxsey

Christmas Eve Services:
December 24 – 5:30pm & 7:30pm – Need Volunteers!
December 27 – Dave & Holly Miller

VOD/Ushers: December 20 – VOD – John Ott
December 24 – VOD – Nichole Gailey/Steve Bodkin
December 27 – VOD – Larry Taylor

Ushers/VODs: *Please count attendance. Make sure that we practice Covid safety protocols. Turn on/off the lights. Make sure the altar candles are lit before, and extinguished after, each service. Count the offertory receipts with our Treasurer, Valerie, and sign the form after the service.*

Please Continue to Support St. Christopher's

As St. Christopher's rebuilds and adapts, we continue to thrive! It's wonderful! In this Stewardship Season, St. Chris's *really* needs your ongoing generous support. **Every gift really matters! Please complete your pledge for 2020, and make your pledge for 2021! Thanks Ya'll!**

Fr. Steve's Thoughts

December 16, 2020

Dear St. Chris' Family,

Ours was a beautiful Gaudete Sunday! So fun to have the rose-colored linens and stole!

As we move towards the Lord's Birth, I urge everyone to make a peaceful moment, to let the Holy Spirit fill your heart with the peace that passes all understanding. Be of Good Cheer! Our God Reigns! Amen!

-Fr. Steve

St. Chris's Preschool is in session!
Come for a tour! Call them or visit their webpage.

- Registration - 18 months through Kindergarten - is ongoing.
- Sign up online, <http://www.stchrisps.com/admissions.html>
- Tue, Wed, Thur, 8:45-2:15pm (before and after school care available!)

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(The Preschool will be closed for the Christmas Holidays December 18th through January 1st)

Month of December

Safe Toys and Gifts Month
Universal Human Rights Month

December 16th-24th

[Las Posadas](#)

December 20th

[Go Caroling Day](#)

December 21st

[Look On The Bright Side Day](#)

[Winter Solstice](#)

December 22nd

[National Cookie Exchange Day](#)

December 23rd

[Festivus](#)

December 24th

[Christmas Eve](#)

December 25th

[Christmas Jesus' Birthday](#)

December 26th

[Kwanzaa](#)

Birthdays

Dec 21st – Amy Gonzalez

Dec 22nd – Nancy Moncure

Dec 25th – Patrice Wilson-Davis

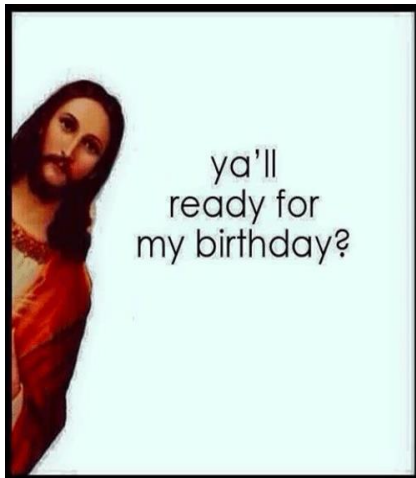
Anniversaries

Dec 20th – Larry & Jenny Taylor

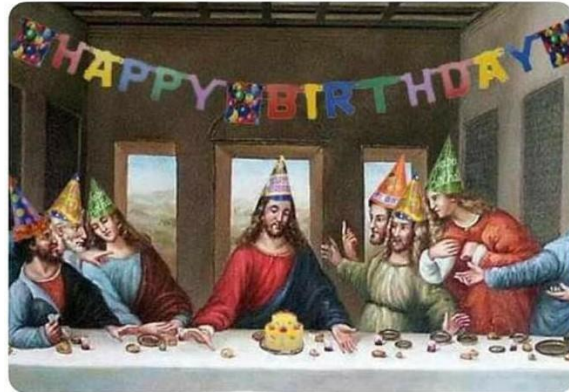
HOW TO CELEBRATE JESUS' BIRTHDAY

1. Celebrate as a religious observance

Christians honor Jesus on Christmas Day with a wide variety of customs; most include reenactments of the Nativity scene depicting Jesus' humble birth. Religious music is a major feature of the Christmas season, from simple caroling to glorious performances of Handel's "Messiah" oratorio. Attending a candlelit midnight church service on Christmas Eve is also an annual tradition for many Christian families.



Go Jesus, it's ya birthday 🎉🎄



Managing Coronavirus in the Diocese of Texas – September 2020

For more information, see the Diocesan website: <https://www.epicenter.org/health-resources/>.

Updated Guidelines for congregations and worship: <https://www.epicenter.org/updated-guidelines-for-congregations/>

See, also, https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/415112/2007-da-covid-19-churches_en.pdf

and https://www.bellcountytexas.com/publicnotice_detail_T3_R311.php

Other Resources:

- CDC Guidelines – Patients currently under quarantine, must remain in isolation unless at least seven days have passed from when COVID symptoms first appeared, and are fever-free for 72 hours (without fever-reducing medication), and have neither shortness of breath nor a cough. See, also, the Information at www.cdc.gov
- Texas COVID-19 Electricity Relief Program – Bill Payment Assistance <https://electricityplans.com/electricity-relief-program-covid19-bill-payment-assistance/#howapply>
- Salvation Army <https://www.salvationarmy.org/>
- Veterans Crisis Hotline | Call 1-800-273- 8255, text 838255, or visit <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net>
- The American Red Cross, Virtual Family Assistance Center (VFAC). 833-492-0094/local: 254-200-4400 | www.redcross.org/vfac

Texas Governor's Office latest COVID news: [Governor Abbott's Proactive Response To COVID-19](#)

Face Covering Executive Order: <https://www.bellcountytexas.com/COVID19/EO-GA-29-use-of-face-coverings-during-COVID-19-IMAGE-07-02-2020.pdf>

- [The Governor's Executive Order \(GA-32\) - October 7, 2020](#)