





4301 North IH-35 | Austin, TX | www.sgchurch.org

## December 2019

X

Advent • Christmas

4301 North IH 35 • Austin, TX 78722 Phone: 512.454.2523 • Fax: 512.454.2524 Website: www.sgchurch.org E-mail: stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com Office hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

#### **Sunday Schedule**

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 am	Two-Way Prayer Grp
9:45 am	Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II with KidsWord &
	YouthWord

The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert Rector

> The Rev. Jim Enelow Deacon

> > **Mi-Young Kim Music Minister**

Jennifer Joslyn-Siemiatkoski **Office Administrator** 

> Jerri Thompson Day School Director

#### **Bridgette Beinecke Rob Blech Ashley Carrera Raul Carrera Ed Crawford Melissa Brackin** David Savage **Stefan Schuster** Samantha Stevens Vestry

**Melissa Brackin** Senior Warden

**Raul Carrera** Junior Warden

Ada Pewitt **Financial Secretary** 

Sandra Villalaz Treasurer

**David Savage** Clerk

**Ed** Crawford School Board Liaison

#### Mark Your Calendars

First Sunday of Advent Sun 12/1 Mon 12/9 Vestry Meeting Sat 12/14 Women's Book Group **Sun 12/15** Pink Candle Party Sun 12/22 Christmas Greening

12/24 - 1/2 Office closed **Tue 12/24** Christmas Eve services Wed 12/25 Christmas Day Sun 12/29 Fifth Sunday Potluck

Click on the following links to find: Lay Ministry Schedule

**Activities Calendar** 

#### Rector's Corner.....2 Christmas Services.....2 January Banner Deadline ......2 Thank You! .....4 Children & Youth in Advent......4 Advent Angels.....4 Casa Marianella Phone Cards ......4 Poinsettias ......5 Women's Book Group Holiday Tea...5 Wednesday Weavings ......5 Pink Candle Party......6 Nursery Coverage ......6 Christmas Greening ......6

#### In This Issue

# **Feast Days**

Charles de Foucauld, Monastic and Martyr, 1916

Christmas Office Closure......6

Christmas Eve Pageant......7

- 2 Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637
- Francis Xavier, Priest and 3 Missionary, 1552
- John of Damascus, Priest and 4 Theologian, c.760
- Clement of Alexandria, Priest and 5 Theologian, c.210
- 6 Nicholas of Myra, Bishop, c. 342
- Ambrose of Milan, Bishop and 7 Theologian, 397
- 12 Francis de Sales, Bishop, and Jane de Chantal, Monastic, Workers of Charity, 1622 and 1641
- 13 Lucy of Syracuse, Martyr, 304

- 14 John of the Cross, Mystic and Monastic Reformer, 1591
- 15 Nino of Georgia, Missionary, c.332
- Dorothy Sayers, Apologist and 17 Spiritual Writer, 1957
- 20 Katharina von Bora, Church Reformer, 1552
- 21 Saint Thomas the Apostle
- 25 The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- 26 Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr
- 27 Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
- 28 Holy Innocents
- 29 Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1170
- Frances Joseph Gaudet, Educator and Social Reformer, 1934

## **Rector's Corner**

Dear St. George's Family:

We are now in the midst of the Advent Season, full of hope and expectation. Advent is a special season for the church, as it marks the beginning of a new church year when we switch our Gospel focus in the lectionary. This year we will primarily be hearing readings from Matthew in the lectionary. It also provides a period of time to expectantly wait for the coming of Christ. When we think of the coming of Christ, we most often focus on the upcoming Christmas season, but



Advent really focuses on the second coming. It's one of those mysteries of our faith that we know neither when or how. We are encouraged to prayerfully and patiently wait for the hope of the resurrected Christ to enter our lives and renew us completely.

These four weeks of Advent provide an opportunity for us at St. George's to prepare ourselves prayerfully and patiently for the coming of Christ in our common life together. This season often is full of busy-ness; purchasing Christmas gifts, attending parties, preparing ourselves for family gatherings. I pray that this season and our Sunday services provide you a place of prayer and hopefulness amongst the fast pace of life around us.

And, of course we are patiently waiting for the Christmas season as well at the end of this month. I hope you and your family will join your church family for our Christmas Eve services. Both our services provides a beautiful entrance into the nativity of our Lord Jesus. I also encourage you to invite your friends and family to join us.

I pray that this month is a blessing for each and every one of you. I look forward to celebrating the seasons of Advent and Christmas with you. God bless!

Faithfully,

The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert

#### **Christmas Services**

#### Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II Christmas Pageant, with music by children & youth10:30 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II

"Midnight" Mass, with choral music



## January Banner Deadline



#### The deadline for news for the January issue of *The Banner* is **Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please email news and articles you would like included in the next issue to <u>stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com</u>.

### Deacon's Corner

Dear St. George's Family:

I am writing this column on a rainy day in November as truck crews from TXDOT clear out the areas underneath I-35 inhabited by our homeless neighbors. I am saddened by this policy. If the City of Austin cannot provide affordable permanent housing for everyone, I believe the least we can do is allow the homeless to camp on public property in areas unused by the public. I have watched over this past year as our homeless neighbors underneath I-35 have created clean campsites and lived



peacefully with us, and I regard them as good neighbors. I have developed relationships with many of them and, on behalf of St. George's, given them tents, sleeping bags, clothing, food, and a variety of small items. The donations I have received from the parishioners of St. George's have made this generosity possible. In return, our homeless neighbors have responded with gratitude and kindness, and I feel privileged to serve them.

When we talk about faith, sometimes we refer to the doctrines of the Church: what we believe. While that is important to me, I believe that faith is also about what we do. As we know from the Letter of James, "For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead" (James 2:26). If all we do is wish our neighbor peace and love, I believe we are not fully living out the Gospel. As Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount, "Every good tree bears good fruit" (Matthew 7:17). At St. George's, I know we are committed to acting on our faith and will continue doing so. To me, serving our homeless neighbors underneath the highway is part of that faith. I thank you for supporting me in this ministry, and I welcome you to join me in any way to which you feel called.

Peace and Blessings,

Zue La

The Rev. Jim Enelow

#### The Season of Advent



The first Sunday of Advent, which falls on December 1<sup>st</sup> this year, begins the Church's liturgical year. Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas and lasts until Christmas Eve. It is a time of reflection, waiting and preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. The season's name is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming" or "arrival." Advent is a time of

• preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of our Lord's nativity, and for the final coming of Christ. The Scripture readings throughout the season reflect this double anticipation of the coming of Christ – his First Advent as a babe in Bethlehem, and his Second Advent in power and glory. Advent is a reminder that we live between the times, when what has been promised has not yet been fulfilled. Advent is also an invitation into a space of prayerful expectation that is often at odds with the larger culture's approach to the weeks before Christmas.

The most common symbol of Advent is the Advent Wreath – a circle of greenery with four (or five) candles, each of which represents one of the Sundays of the season. (If a fifth candle is used, it is placed in the center and called the Christ Candle, and it is lit on Christmas Eve.) Each Sunday, the circle of light expands, as Christ comes ever closer.

## Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to El Buen Samaritano's Hands for Hope turkey drive. St. George's raised a total of \$1365.00 – that's just over 54 Thanksgiving dinners for families in need!



## Children & Youth in Advent

At the 10:30 Sunday morning services, for the four Sundays of Advent (starting December 1<sup>st</sup>), Youth and Children will gather together in Wright-Giles House. We will hear the story of how people waited and longed for the coming of the Messiah, who was born a wee babe in Bethlehem. We will learn and sing traditional carols, with youth helping younger children, for singing on Christmas Eve here at St. George's – or wherever you find yourself. See the Advent flyer in church for more details about music and rehearsals.

## Advent Angels

Outreach Advent Angels needed! St. George's Advent Angels, an annual Advent project of the Outreach Committee, is collecting \$20 HEB gift cards for the residents of St. George's Court. The Advent Angels project will begin on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1<sup>st</sup>, and all donations must be received by the **third Sunday in Advent, December 15<sup>th</sup>**.



To be an angel for a resident of **St. George's Court**, purchase a **\$20 gift card from HEB**, place it in one of the stockings from the bulletin board in the Narthex, and place the stocking and gift card in the basket provided on the table by the stairway. (If you cannot purchase a gift card yourself, you may also donate online at the <u>St.</u> <u>George's Donation page</u>, and Outreach will purchase gift cards in your name. But please only use this option if necessary – it makes life more complicated for our Advent Angels team!)

For more information, please contact Jennifer Bigbee at **jlaskow@aol.com**.

## **Casa Marianella Phone Cards**



St. George's has a tradition of providing phone cards to residents of **Casa Marianella,** a shelter that welcomes displaced immigrants and helps them get settled into new lives in Austin. To make a donation for phone cards to help residents stay in touch with far-away family over the holidays, place a check made out to St. George's (with "Casa Marianella Phone Card" in the memo line) or cash (in an appropriately labeled envelope) in the alms basin, or donate

**Casa Marianella** online at the <u>St. George's Donation page</u> by indicating the amount of your gift in the appropriate section (*Outreach, Casa Marianella*). Please do not purchase phone cards yourself, as Casa Marianella can get a better rate by purchasing a large number at once.

## Poinsettias

St. George's will be adorned with poinsettias for our celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord and throughout the Christmas season. We invite you to make an offering for poinsettias, perhaps in a loved one's memory or honor, or in thanksgiving for a blessing in your life.

Donation forms will be available in the Sunday bulletins beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Completed forms and donations may be placed in the alms basin or mailed to the church office. Names of donors, along with any memorials or thanksgivings



(optional), will be listed in the Christmas service bulletins. Be sure to turn in your form by **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** to have your name and dedication listed in the bulletin.

The suggested donation is **\$20 per plant**. Make checks payable to St. George's (with "Poinsettias" noted in the memo line), or donate online by clicking the DONATE button at **www.sgchurch.org** and indicating the amount of your gift in the appropriate section (Designated Gifts, Altar Guild, write "Poinsettias" in the notes section).

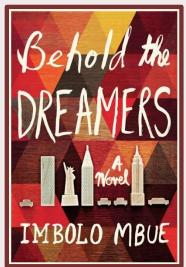
## Women's Book Group Holiday Tea



Mark your calendars for the St. George's Women's Book Group's Annual Holiday Tea! Please join us on **Saturday, December 14**<sup>th</sup>, from **3:00 to 5:00 pm**, at **the home of Sarah Campbell**, to be part of our annual Holiday Tea, a book exchange, a gift collection for the Women's Storybook Project, conversation with remarkable women, and a discussion of **Behold the Dreamers,** by **Imbolo Mbue**.

- Holiday Tea Our custom is to share in creating the banquet table. Sarah will provide a main course, and guests (particularly those who don't usually host meetings) are asked to bring a side dish to find out what is still needed, contact Sandra Villalaz.
- Book Exchange Please bring a gift-wrapped book (it doesn't have to be new) that you'd love to have other amazing women discover. Everyone who brings a favorite book to give away will take home a book someone else wants to share! (Participation is optional.)
- Book Discussion And of course, we'll be discussing a book! Read
  Behold the Dreamers, by Imbolo Mbue, and come prepared to share your thoughts.

If you have never joined us, this is the best time to come – we're having a party! If you are interested in the group, or even just a little curious, please contact Sandra Villalaz at **512-762-8349** or **sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com** to learn more. Happy reading!



## Wednesday Weavings

The St. George's adult discussion group Wednesday Weavings will be on hiatus during Advent and Christmas. Please join us when we restart our regular meetings in January!

## Pink Candle Party

While most of the Episcopal Church uses four blue candles for Advent wreaths, we at St. George's have held on to an older tradition of using a pink candle on the third Sunday in Advent. Pink is for joy, for the nearness of Christmas. The youth and children of St. George's will also continue our tradition of hosting a Pink Candle Party for our church family on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**, in **Kleberg Hall, after the 10:30 service**. We will be crowded, but cozy and full of good cheer. Contact Jan Phillips (janphillips62@gmail.com) or Suzette Puckett (cshpuckett@austin.rr.com) with any questions, and watch for more details in upcoming Sunday Banners!

## **Nursery Coverage**

Our Sunday morning nursery care is generally provided by teachers from our school. But when the school is closed for the holidays, many of the teachers will be taking the opportunity to travel and spend time with their families, so they will be unable to provide nursery care for us on **Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**, or **Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**. If you would be willing to provide care for infants and young children in our nursery on either of those Sundays, their parents would be most grateful! Please



contact Jennifer in the office at **stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com** if you can help out on either of those dates.

# Christmas Greening



Christmas is coming! One of the great Christmas traditions at St. George's is the Greening of the Church. We'll gather to decorate our church for the Christmas season **after the 10:30 service** on the **fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. You are invited to join in this festive occasion and help the church look its best for Christmas! Contact Mikail McIntosh-Doty with any questions at **mikail.doty@concordia.edu**.

# **Christmas Office Closure**

The Church office will be closed from Christmas Eve through New Year's Day, re-opening on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child, be yours this Christmas and always. Amen.

'ear's Day,

May you have a joyful and blessed Christmas!

### **Christmas Eve Pageant**



Long ago, before most people could read, before the church spoke the language of the people, there were storytellers. Traveling theater troupes went from one village to another to tell the stories so important to our faith. On **Christmas Eve** at **5:00 pm**, we will continue in that tradition, as we present the Pageant of the Nativity. **ALL** children, families, friends, neighbors – whether you regularly attend St. George's or not – are welcome to participate.

Here's how it works:

- Think about who you want to be in the story Mary? Joseph? a shepherd? an angel? a Queen? a King?
- Wear your own costume from home, or come to the Wright-Giles House as early as 4:15 pm on Christmas Eve to look for a costume.
- In church, sit with your family and friends in the pews. When it is time, while we are singing, follow the Candle Bearer to Bethlehem to see the Baby in the manger!

Please contact Jan Phillips at **janphillips62@gmail.com** with any questions.

## Fifth Sunday Potluck

The First Sunday after Christmas also happens to be the fifth Sunday in December. So let's continue our Christmas celebrations at St. George's that day with a Fifth Sunday Potluck. We will gather in **Kleberg Hall after the 10:30 service** on **Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**, for food and fellowship. This will be a great chance to get rid of Christmas leftovers and start your New Year's Eve celebration early with your



church community! Plan to come and enjoy the fun even if you can't bring anything. There's always plenty to go around!

### Epiphany at Casa Marianella



St. George's traditionally celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany with the residents of Casa Marianella. Please join us on **Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm, at Casa Marianella** (821 Gunter Street) for the Epiphany service of Eucharist, and then for refreshments and fellowship afterwards.

**Casa Marianella** is a community that provides much-needed services to adult immigrants. If you are interested in finding out how to volunteer or donate, please contact their office at **info@casamarianella.org** or 512-385-5571.

## Water Line Break / Request for Donations

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, a water line going under the patio outside the south entrance to the church broke and began leaking a significant amount of water into the ground and into the church basement. Repairing the leak will require breaking up some of the concrete in the patio to access the pipes underneath. We are working to minimize the disruption to the church and particularly the school, which cannot operate without running water. More details will be forthcoming, as we learn more about the situation.



Donations of clothing for our homeless neighbors are stored in the church basement, and after the leak, our Deacon Jim Enelow discovered that quite a bit of clothing had been saturated and ruined. So he is once again in need of donations of winter clothing to give to our neighbors. If you have anything that you no longer need, please consider donating it.

#### St. George's Organ

You may have noticed the organ in the church doesn't always sound quite right. Our Music Minister, Mi-Young Kim, does her best but is handicapped by an organ that is gradually failing. It's been tuned and had a few minor problems fixed, but its condition can only be described as dire. A full repair of the organ is estimated to cost over \$100,000, and, even if we could repair it, expensive regular maintenance would be required.

Several members of the church, particularly Brian Wolfe, our resident organ expert, have been looking at alternatives for



several years. Recently, Brian learned of a computerized organ system (NOT an electric organ) – the Hauptwerk virtual pipe organ – which he has suggested we consider. The system includes an actual organ console with pedals, a computer and software inside, and studio-quality speakers. A few members of St. George's have heard the system and it sounds astonishingly like the real thing. Most critically, it is significantly less expensive than renovating the existing organ and would also free up space where the existing organ is. Here's a video of a Hauptwerk organ being played.

We would like to hear feedback from the parish regarding what you think of the idea of replacing the existing organ with a computerized, digital organ. To that end, John Rickard will be available after the 10:30 service most weeks through Advent and is able to answer questions. The idea is to collect reactions from the congregation and present them to the Vestry so they can decide whether to move forward with replacing the organ. Please contact John Rickard at **john@p3consulting.us** with thoughts, opinions, and questions.

## **Annual Parish Meeting**



St. George's Annual Parish Meeting is coming up on **Sunday**, **January 26**<sup>th</sup>. The annual parish meeting is our opportunity to elect members of the Vestry, hear reports on various parish activities, and discuss other church business. If you lead a St. George's ministry of any kind, please begin thinking about your report outlining your ministry's activities throughout the past

year. These reports will be compiled into a parish report to give us all a larger picture of the life of St. George's.



# Recycling

Please be aware that recycling at St. George's is somewhat different from residential recycling. Unfortunately, we can NOT recycle **glass** here. The large recycling bin in the parking lot also can NOT take any kind of **plastic bag**, or anything contaminated with **food waste** (even if it would otherwise be recyclable).

Waste Management, the company that handles our trash and recycling, has let us know that our recycling has often been contaminated with non-recyclable material in recent months, and we are charged an additional fee when that is the case. Thank you for your help!



## Bryan Callen's Ordination

Our seminarian Bryan Callen will be ordained as a deacon in December! The ordination will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Sparks, Nevada. Whether you are there in person or in spirit, but please be sure to keep Bryan in your prayers as he takes this next step in his vocation.



### Welcome, Harrison!

Congratulations to our seminarian Bryan Callen and his wife Jeri, who welcome a new son to



the world, and to Brynn, Elliot, Nola Mae, and Dillon, who welcome a new brother! Harrison Manuel Callen was born on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces, and measuring 19.8 inches long. Bryan says, "He is a beautiful joy to our family, and loved by all of his big sisters, and mom and dad."

We give thanks for the blessing you have bestowed upon this family in giving them a child. Confirm their joy by a lively sense of your presence among them, O God, and give them calm strength and patient wisdom as they seek to bring this child to love all that is true and noble, just and pure, lovable and gracious, excellent and admirable, following the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

# **MACares Benefit Shopping Night**

Visit Ten Thousand Villages (4803 Burnet Road) on **December 5<sup>th</sup>**, from **5:00 – 8:00 pm**, do some Christmas shopping and support a good cause at the same time! The Benefit Shopping Night will support MACares, a PTSA committee that supports the McCallum High School social work and counseling team, which assists students and families at McCallum (and the 10 elementary and 2 middle schools that feed into it) with a variety of financial and community resources. Complimentary wine, beer,



and desserts will be served, and entertainment will be provided by McCallum High School musicians.

### Need Help with Health Insurance?



Do you or does someone you love need health insurance for 2020? Foundation Communities offers free information and help with enrollment in the Affordable Care Act. Open enrollment this is year November 1<sup>st</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup> only. In spite of what you may have heard, the Act is intact and all the same insurers are back for next year. For more information, visit Foundation Communities' Health Coverage page, or contact Walter Moreau at walter.moreau@foundcom.org.

## Austin Canterbury Ministry

Grace and peace from your ministry partners in the Austin Canterbury! Are you interested in supporting college ministry? At 6:30 pm each Sunday of the school-year, our student community gathers for a service of Holy Communion in All Saints' parish church, on the north end of the UT campus. Following the service, we offer students a



home-cooked meal, which is lovingly prepared by volunteers. We are presently looking to engage more volunteers for this ministry, and we invite you to consider supporting us in this ministry. We would love to welcome any groups or individuals to sign-up to cook and serve dinner, and if possible, join us for worship. Volunteering involves preparing and serving food for approximately 40 students, and it can be a great way for small groups to connect with students growing in their faith. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, please contact our Austin Convocation Campus Missioner, the Rev. Travis Helms (**travis@utepiscopal.org**), or our Missioner Associate, Caleb Parker (**caleb@utepiscopal.org**). Thank you!

## Camp Allen



Next summer may seem far away, but it's not too early to start planning! Registration for summer camp 2020 at Camp Allen is now open. One-week sessions are available all summer long for rising 3<sup>rd</sup>-graders

through rising high school seniors. Camp Allen's summer camp is one of the largest summer camp programs in the Episcopal Church. Each summer, over 1900 campers from across Texas come to refocus, relax, and have a blast – and your child can be one of them!

If you have a primary camper (rising 3<sup>rd</sup>- and 4<sup>th</sup>-graders), they'll have the opportunity to attend the session that Father Kevin is directing! He will be the director for Session P, July 19-25. Spots can fill quickly, so if you'd like to have your child attend that week, be sure to register soon. <u>Register here!</u>

## News from St. George's Court

St. George's Court, located at 1443 Coronado Hills Drive, is an active, affordable, HUD-supported residential community for qualifying elderly or disabled individuals. The Court was founded through the vision of a former rector of St. George's, and the majority of its Board of



Directors are of members of St. George's Church, along with other community members.

The Court will have their annual Christmas Party on **Thursday, December 19**<sup>th</sup>. It will begin at **11:30 am** with a luncheon in their Community Room. Following the luncheon, we will give the Advent Angel holiday stockings filled with gift cards to the residents, so if you donated (or plan to donate) a gift card, you're especially invited to be part of that gift-giving. All parishioners, including children, are welcome.

## News from the School



Merry Christmas everyone! December is going to be a busy month for the school, and it starts with our chapel time. We are celebrating Advent by having special visitors during chapel. First, an angel will appear before the children and tell the story of the Good News to some wandering shepherds. We will continue each week dramatizing the story for the children and emphasizing the importance of Jesus' birth. Then on December 19<sup>th</sup>, we will have our traditional Christmas Pageant with the help of Suzette Puckett & Jan Phillips. I always look forward to what might

happen during one of our pageants. The children are practicing their songs as I type.

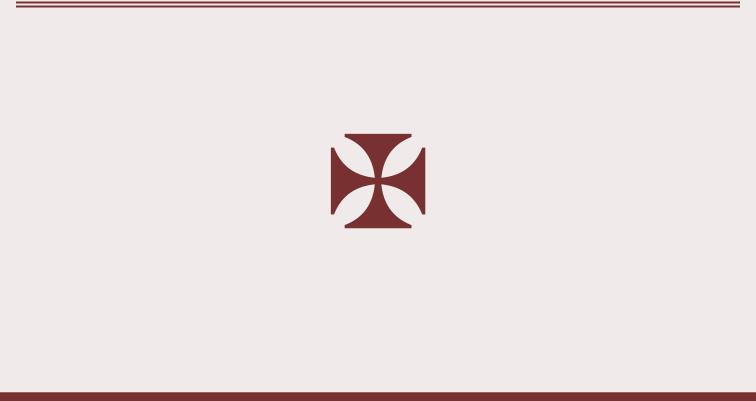
During our celebration of Advent, I like to bring in a mission project for our children. This year we are connecting with **BookSpring**. It's a wonderful organization "launching children into a world of reading." Children will bring a book to chapel on the day we see Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. After reading the story of the Little Drummer Boy, each child will proceed down the aisle and place their book in front of Baby Jesus. We talk a lot about the idea of giving during this season and by the children taking part in the concept, we hope to make a positive impression.

We will also have our staff Christmas Party at the home of one of our staff members and enjoy our tradition of Secret Santa.

This is also the time of year when the school has its Annual Fund, and we'd love to have the support of the parish! As we contemplate this season of giving and celebration, St. George's Episcopal School needs your help reaching our goal of raising \$20,000 to support our classrooms and improve our playgrounds. This year donations received during Annual Fund will directly impact our children's learning environment as we are fulfilling teacher's wish lists to replenish old toys, manipulatives, and games. The remaining funds will go towards making improvements on the toddler playground. Please consider making a donation at our **Annual Fund** page.

So as you can see, we are busy, busy, busy, but it's a good busy and filled with love and traditions – the things that make the Christmas season joyful!

~ Jerri Thompson, Head of School



## December Birthdays & Anniversaries

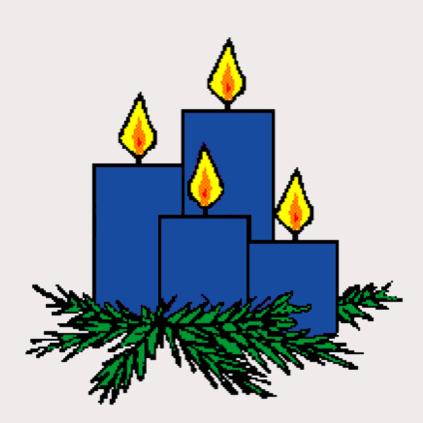
We wish the following parishioners a happy birthday:

Judith Liro (Dec 2) Brian Wolfe (Dec 3) Ryan Wagner (Dec 4) Katie McGhee (Dec 6) Lexie McGhee (Dec 6) Raul Carrera (Dec 15) Janna Cormier (Dec 17) Belinda McGhee (Dec 18) Vivienne Landry (Dec 20) Patsy Chandler (Dec 26) Miriam Long (Dec 31)

And a happy anniversary to:

Divesh & Vanamala Manohar (Dec 22) Nancy & Raul Carrera (Dec 27)

#### **Congratulations and Best Wishes!**



#### Links for Further Information

St. George's Church website St. George's Episcopal School The Episcopal Diocese of Texas The Episcopal Church, USA The Lectionary Camp Allen St. George's Court Episcopal Relief and Development