



## The Episcopal Church of the Advent

February 25, 2025 Newsletter

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



Our Parish House as it appeared in the 1940s.

### A message from Father Mark

In our Gospel reading from Sunday, Jesus tells us to love our enemies. Do good to those who hate us. But how in the world do we do that? How do you love someone for whom you feel no love? Before doing the countercultural, counterintuitive act of loving an enemy, you have to do something else that is countercultural: you have to recognize that love has little to do with *feelings*.

When we stop to think about it, we know that our love cannot be based on our feelings. Our commitment, a commitment rooted in and shaped by love, cannot depend on how we feel at any given moment. It must be measured by something more substantial. That something else is action. Love is known in action. Love is a verb.

Jesus makes that perfectly clear. He tells us what love does: “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” It is the great rule of love, by which you can tell if you are loving someone even when you don’t feel like it.

So how can we love someone who is unlovable? We must first resist the temptation of our culture and stop believing that love is only a feeling. Then we must act. The proof, the evidence of our love is known in the way that we behave toward one another. “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” That is the great rule of love; it is a rule that begins with DO.

***Question of the Week: Think of a person in your life whom you don't especially like or maybe actively dislike. Now, apart from how you feel about that person, what could you DO - what action could you take - to demonstrate that you love that person in the way Jesus commands?***

Thank you and peace,  
Mark+

#### **Pastoral Care Questionnaire Reminder**

If you haven't already done so, please email Penny Lyle ([penny5128@comcast.net](mailto:penny5128@comcast.net)) with your input regarding the lay-led pastoral care activities Advent should prioritize. An explanatory sheet was handed out at the Annual Meeting and included in last week's newsletter. Email [info@adventmadisonga.com](mailto:info@adventmadisonga.com) if you need additional information.

#### **Shrove Tuesday – March 4**

The annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper is fast approaching. This is a festive occasion as the parish comes together to share food and engage in camaraderie and fellowship. To make this party a success we need people and food. So all you cooks out there who want to participate, get your spatulas ready and let's cook some pancakes! In addition to the pancakes, which will be cooked in the parish hall kitchen, a request is being made for **parishioners to bring cooked bacon and sausages** of all varieties. We would also appreciate any other food items that you would like to share to make this meal complete. Of course we will need help with setting up, decorating, and clean up. Please email or text Vic regarding how you would like to support the supper. It would be most appreciated if the cooks, the set-up volunteers, and the requested food items were at the parish hall at 5:00, on the evening of the 4th. The event begins at 6:00.

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#### **Ash Wednesday**

Don't look now, but **Ash Wednesday, March 5** is just around the corner! This year, we will have three options to observe the day, all with the imposition of ashes:

**9:00 a.m.:** Morning Prayer with Imposition of Ashes

**12:30 p.m.:** Ash Wednesday service (without Holy Communion or music) with Imposition of Ashes.

**7:00 p.m.:** Ash Wednesday service (with Holy Communion and music) with Imposition of Ashes.

#### **Stations of the Cross**

The regular Stations of the Cross will begin on Friday, March 7th, at noon. This liturgy will continue each Friday at noon through Lent, including Good Friday.

#### **Rota for the Last Sunday after Epiphany March 2, 10:30 A.M.**

Altar Guild – McCauley-Burriss-Harrell

Flower Guild –

LEM/PoP – O.J. Booker

1st Reading – Kim Jackson

2nd Reading – Bob McCauley

Vestry of the Day – Annie Burriss

Organ Tech - Richard Simpson

**Readings for the Last Sunday after Epiphany  
March 2, 10:30 A.M.**

[Link to Readings](#)

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

The Psalm: 99

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

The Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

**Parish Prayer List**

**Parish:** Carol Blow, Bob Cupples, Flossie Dodge, Jeanne Dufort, Sally Green, Kate Jackson, Shandon Land, Kathy and Brian Lehman, MaryAnn Lisle, Anna Marett, Dutton Morehouse, Jennie Newton, Annette Piazza, Lynne Roach, Dick Schmidt, Livy Scholly, Betty Thomas, and Ellen Warren.

**Friends and Family:** Eugene Broadbridge, Jane Brooks, Daphne Carter, Lynn Cupples, Lillian and Turner Eby, Mary Ann Edelman, Joseph Gagliano, Annita Hunt, Grainger Hunt, Johanna Dufort Hunt, Julie Hancock Jones, Jan Kozel, Nancy Labak, Meg Limmer, Tracy Limmer, Jerry Maddox, Ross Mason, Dustin Pullen, Dennis Reeder, Carla Sherrill, Wayne Tamplin, Robin Thomas, Parker Westphal, and Jay Whitecombe.

**Community and Beyond:** Iliana Arias, Bishop Michael Curry, Beth Tamplin Jones, Bill Kurtz, Sherry MacMahon.

**February Birthdays**

**25** Paige Banaszak; **26** Cale Cronic; **28** Kathy Lehman

**March Birthdays**

**12** Dick Schmidt; **13** Deloris Ramfos; **14** David Medlock; **18** David Buck, Alicia Ramfos; **20** Mary Mack Hall; **21** J.P. Roberts; **23** Christine McCauley-Watts; **24** Annie Hunt Burriss; **30** David Dodge, Ann Leighton Jackson

**Week at a glance**

| Date                         | Time     | Location | Event                                      |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|--|
| Monday, February 24, 2025    | 12:00 PM | PH       | AA - Off the Rails Group (open discussion) |
| Tuesday, February 25, 2025   | 12:00 PM | PH       | AA - Off the Rails Group (open discussion) |
| Wednesday, February 26, 2025 | 9:00 AM  | CH       | Morning Prayer, Rite I                     |
| Thursday, February 27, 2025  | 12:00 PM | PH       | AA - Off the Rails Group (open Book study) |
| Thursday, February 27, 2025  | 7:30 PM  | PH       | AA - Madison Group (closed discussion)     |
| Thursday, February 27, 2025  | 7:30 PM  | PH       | Al-Anon (open meeting)                     |
| Friday, February 28, 2025    | 7:00 PM  | PH       | AA - Madison Group (closed Book study)     |
| Sunday, March 2, 2025        | 8:00 AM  | CH       | Holy Eucharist, Rite 1                     |
| Sunday, March 2, 2025        | 9:15 AM  | PH       | Sunday School - Lectionary Study           |
| Sunday, March 2, 2025        | 10:30 AM | CH       | Holy Eucharist, Rite 2                     |
| Sunday, March 2, 2025        | 7:30 PM  | PH       | AA - Madison Group (open meeting)          |

**PH - Parish House CH - Church**

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The Right Reverend Robert C. Wright - Bishop of Atlanta.

Reverend Mark Stewart Johnson - Interim Priest-in-Charge.

Devon Dartnell - Senior Warden, Vic Jackson - Junior Warden.

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