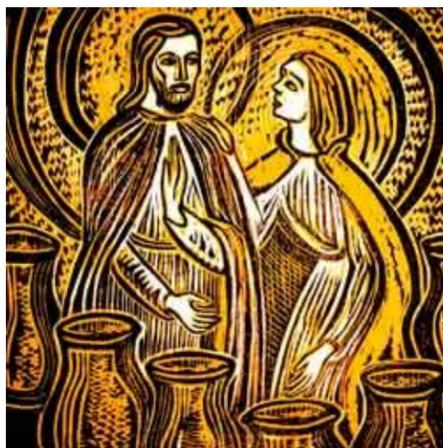


January 17, 2016

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5, John 2:1-11

“If You are Happy and You Know it.....”



The human side of the gospel this week is the huge need of a young couple at the best day of their life. Jesus hears of their need and the result is the wine for the wedding – but more. It is the promise of the fullness of God.

We look for the fullness of life in money, food, sex, travel, security, reputation – none lasts. Only the simplest joys of life really satisfy in the end, like the joy of love, the thrill of friendship, the caring in family and the ways we enjoy the goodness of creation. A man asked once in the hospice at the end of his life – what is happiness? ‘Find happiness now’ was the answer – ‘be satisfied, be grateful, for what you have, for what you have received, for what God has given you.’ There is a fullness of life in being happy with who I am, what I have...and asking God for what he knows I need.

No matter what our age, we can do good for others, we can share the graces of life and the soul can grow. That’s what I hope can happen for me as life goes on. In any group of people, some look happy and some look miserable. The happiest are not always the ones who had or are having the easiest life. They are the ones who have found peace with themselves, others and God. Because of the gift of the fullness of God in ‘new wine’, we always have a home, here and after – in the heart of our God in Jesus Christ now and for eternity.

Jesus of the wedding feast of Cana, give us the faith and hope to know that you can always make a change for the better in our lives, and the love to live by what we receive.

This Week at Inca



Refugee Sponsorship –

If you would like to support the Diocese of Niagara 140th Anniversary Campaign, envelopes are available on the greeter’s table. Also, below is a template of a letter you may wish to use to solicit support from people around you- friends, family, colleagues

Dear Friends and Family,

As you know, the global refugee crisis is at historical proportions. My church, Church of the Incarnation, is stepping up and has made an application to sponsor a refugee family and then assist them in getting re-settled somewhere here in southern Ontario. We need to fund raise approximately \$25,000 to privately sponsor a family or 4-5 people and to date, without much effort we have raised about \$3000. This application is not associated with the 25,000 refugees that the Federal Government has committed to bringing in. We expect our application to take about 12 to 16 months. We will certainly keep you informed as we move through this process

If you have ever wondered how you personally can help a refugee family that is in need of a home, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to my church, Church of the Incarnation. Every little bit helps! I will be collecting cheques made out to “Church of the Incarnation” between now and February 14, 2016. Please write, “Refugee Fund” in the notes section of your cheque.

Please contact me if you need any more information.

Thank you for your consideration and support.



Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, January 24 after the 10 o’clock service.

Please send your reports to Jim Stevens before Friday at 5pm

Vestry Meeting

Sunday February 7, 2016

Reports must be sent to the office by January 20th please



For Social Justice and
the Environment

**Oakville Book Reading Club for the Environment and
Social Justice, January 14 2016**

This club has been formed to encourage people to read books that deal with some of the most important issues of the day and then come together to discuss the subject matter of these books. We will meet in the Chapel for five consecutive Thursdays beginning tonight from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Contact Mervyn Russell for more information
mervicia@gmail.com

First book: This Changes Everything, by Naomi Klein



Youth Group Events- for info contact Phil Carver at incayouthprogram@gmail.com

Thanks to all who have been participating and building this group. Let's keep the energy going - Bring your ideas and enthusiasm!



Choir Practice –

The choir rehearses every Wednesday at 7:30. Share your voice, all welcome.

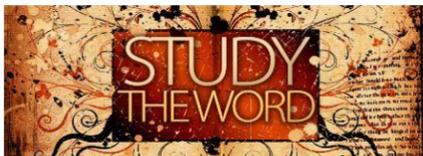
No Choir practice on January 27



Contemplative Fire Service – Sunday, January 17, 8:00pm.

Are you looking for time to reflect, meditate and recharge your spiritual life? Each meeting begins with a communal sharing of food followed by quiet and intentional reflection in the gathering area. The response to this service has been very encouraging. We continue to see new faces at each meeting and look forward to growing this community.

For more information, please speak to Michael. All are welcome.



Lenten Bible Study – Led by Mervyn Russell

Four weeks beginning Thursday February 18th between 1:30-3:00pm. The focus will be the arrest, trial and execution of Jesus, chapters 18 and 19 of St. John's Gospel. Anyone and everyone is invited. No previous knowledge of the bible is required



Love Lives: A Refugee Sponsorship Concert

Saturday, February 27, 7:p.m., Church of the Incarnation

Details to follow, please mark your calendar!



Wing and a Prayer – January 21, 2016!

We meet at 6:30pm at Monaghan's. Cost: \$25 per person including food and drink. RSVP Rob Moniuk (Robert@Moniuk.ca).

Everyone is welcome!



Dare We Mention "Christmas Market" in January?

Before storing your decorations for another year, please consider donating excess Christmas ornaments for our next market. We are looking for items in good, sellable condition for a "Christmas" table. We are also looking for Christmas jewellery and small jewellery boxes. Please leave your donations in the box in the office.

Community News



**Anglican Diocese
of Niagara**

Bishop's Diploma Course on Ethics, Winter 2016

Please see bulletin board for more details

HARRRP 5th Annual Dancing on Sunshine Gala, February 26, 2016

Liuna Station Hamilton, for information call: 905-544-0050



St. Jude's Celebration of the Arts Concert
Saturday, January 30, 8:00pm
 "In Praise of Holier Women" performed by Schola Magdalena. Tickets \$30 from www.OakvilleConcerts.com or 905-844-3972



Halton Green Screens at FILM.CA cinemas
 7pm, second Thursday of the month
Feb 11 - *Blackfish* - the story of a killer whale who killed several people while in custody
Mar 10 - *Bottled Life* - the truth about Nestle's business with water

This & That



Volunteers Urgently Needed as Coffee Hour hosts

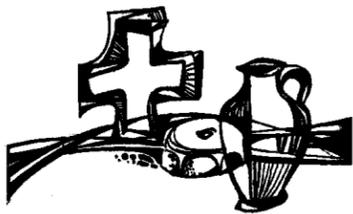
Other positions include: altar prep, greeters, hosts and coffee preparation. Youth can gain some volunteer high school hours. Training will be provided.

Contact Claudine Boulert, at boulert@rogers.com for more information, or call 905-825-2851.



Changes to Order of Service or Bulletin News - Any changes need to be sent to the office by Tuesday, noon. office@incarnationchurch.ca

Nametags let people know who you are and make it helpful for people to put names to faces, especially for newcomers



Receiving Communion

All people at Incarnation are invited to receive the bread and wine at communion. The bread is received from the priest who stands between the servers who offer wine from the common cup; choose whatever side is free. You may choose to receive from an individual wine cups available to the left of the altar. Take one, consume the wine and replace the empty cup in the same spot. We hope this provides an inclusive approach to communion whereALL are welcome.

| VOLUNTEER! | January 17 | January 24 |
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| Bread Making | A. Moniuk | B. Gowing |
| Altar Prep | J. Lockhart | W. MacDougall |
| Coffee | Adensamer | Bowden |
| Coffee | J. Vanderwater | Hickey |
| Host | F. Berrizbeitia | S. Huchinson |
| Reader 1 | E. Lee | J. Lockart |
| Gospel | J. Bowden | L. MacLauchlan |
| Prayers | L. Hickey | K. Pitt |
| Server 1 | P. Moffat | B. Hanna-Morrison |
| Server 2 | T. Burk | J. Stevens |
| Wine Cups | Z. Boulert | E. Lorimer |
| Counting | P. Moffat | J. Raitt |