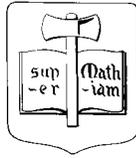


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*The
Presentation
of our Lord
Jesus Christ
in the Temple*



*St. Mathias
The Apostle*

Epiphany

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February is a quiet month for the guild with only four Sundays. We have a fairly long Epiphany season this year as Easter is quite late. January was also a short four week schedule so we find ourselves again unable to avoid a two month bye for some of our seniors. We just managed to ensure our juniors avoided that situation. This is the ONLY downside of a huge Acolyte ministry where we are blessed as a parish to not only have so many awesome young people but who have chosen to be a part of this ministry. So, for all you seniors who have a second month bye, we apologize. BUT, Lent with Ash Wednesday is coming on March 6th and then Holy Week in April so hold on, we will need everyone very soon!!

We have been truly blessed that people are getting subs handled when needed and we have also been excited by members jumping in when needed at the last minute with a great attitude. We love that. Well done all of you who have responded so well when needed.

New Member Training coming soon!

Just a brief heads up ... We will hold **Spring Training for prospective new members on March 17th!** I do have some names on my list (see bottom of roster) but I'm pretty sure there are more. Please check friends and family etc to see if there are more. They need to be 10 years old by March 1st (or very close!). This is one of the things your leadership team LOVES to do! Thenthe trainees will have their **FIRST PROCESSION and be introduced to the people on March 24th.**

Vestments and closet

We are hugely blessed by the beautiful work **Mrs. Maria Listvan** does to keep our vestments shiny white and clean. It takes hard work and a good deal of "caring" to ensure you always have beautiful vestments. But we are ALL responsible for keeping our vestments beautiful Put your robes back on the right hanger and in the right place in the closet and Make sure the snaps are done up when you put it on the hanger to stop it sliding off and falling to the floor. One of the things we try hard to do is to ensure our acolytes always have nice clean vestments that fit nicely. We want you to look and feel awesome when you are ready to go about your duties at our Lord's Table. I have always suspected that one way to put a teenager off is to ask them to put on a robe that looks "lived in" with ring around the collar etc. or doesn't fit properly. I know we are picky about your pleats etc but believe me when I say our acolytes look as wonderful as they are skillful. If you see a robe that is not perfectly clean or has a tie missing please do not put it on. Just put it back on the hanger and lay it out over a chair so we can deal with it.

As this is a quiet time of year it is a good opportunity to tell you all how really, REALLY proud of you we are. We DO have high expectations but we also know all of you are capable of great things if you have the opportunity. Our acolytes are among the best ANYWHERE and it is your faithfulness and loyalty that makes it that way. Without you and your commitment to serve our worship would be much poorer. We are so lucky to be a part of a church where there is a ministry that is historically carried out by young people. Seeing such a wide age range in a team calmly and skillfully working together with such grace and poise I thank God that we have them in our church family to delight us every Sunday.

And so onward! We wish all of our members and their families who support them Grace, Peace and Blessings. Keep warm and keep safe.

Mr. B.

Amusing Grace

