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Intros to Today's Words from God

Isaiah 42:1-9 - Our reading is one of four Servant Songs, poems about God's special agent who will fulfill his purpose for the faithful community. Though innocent, he will suffer for his people. Christians see this as a prediction of the coming of Jesus.

Acts 10:34-43 - Peter is visiting Cornelius, an officer of the occupying Roman army and already a believer in God. Peter breaks Jewish law by visiting a Gentile.

Matthew 3:13-17 - John the Baptist has appeared, calling people to repentance, to turning back to God's ways, to the way of life to which Israel committed herself at Sinai. He has told of the nearness of God's kingdom, the time of complete fulfillment of God's promises to humans. A new era, in which God rules, is almost here!

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Purpose

To build a Christ centered, open-minded, caring, sharing, family, alert to changing needs, and committed to involvement in worship, education, outreach and communications.

**January 13, 2008
The Baptism of the Lord**

News for the Pews

JANUARY 13, 2008

8:00 am – Holy Communion – BCP

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Hymns for the 9:00 am service: 67, 484, 93, 654

Hymns Before the Service: 8, 126 (Songbook)

Processional Hymn: 5 (Songbook)

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Collect of the Day

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalms 29

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Gradual Hymn: 67 (Hymn Book)

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

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Sermon

Offertory Hymn: 93 (Hymn Book)

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Eucharistic Prayer

Hymns during Communion: 195, 198 (Songbook)

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Gloria

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: 55 (Songbook)

Sidespersons Today:

Hilda Piercey's Team

Sidespersons Next Sunday:

Don Banfield's Team

Flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret and Augustus Knee from Katie, Ruth, and Jack.

We would like to acknowledge an additional donation for **Christmas Flowers** given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Loved Ones from Florence Brown.

Confirmation Lessons begin today immediately following the 11:00 am service. We will be meeting in the Parish Room downstairs.

The Youth Night Out (Y'NO) has temporarily switched its regular meeting nights from Thursday to Monday. Its hours continue to be 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Youth aged 11 and over are welcome.

Starting this Tuesday afternoon, at 1:30 pm, we will be starting a new book study as part of our Biblical Exploration. The book we will be using is a new one by Herbert O'Driscoll, who was our guest preacher last May, entitled '**4 Days in Spring.**' This is a very easy and enjoyable book to read. If you are interested in joining in on this study, please meet in the Rector's Study at 1:30 pm on Tuesday. The study lasts no more than one hour.

Rev'd Pilling will be speaking in Gander at a Cursillo Revista on Friday night and Saturday morning and afternoon. Please pray for him and his talks and for safe travel.

The Vestry meets for the next two Sundays, **January 20th and 27th**, both times starting at 7:00 pm.

The Altar Guild will be having their Annual Meeting on Monday, **January 21st**, starting with a potluck at 1:00 pm.

The Clergy of the Diocese, both active and retired, have been invited by the Bishop to join him at the Cathedral on Monday, **January 21st**, at 2:00 pm for a renewal of Ordination Vows. At this same service, a new license will be presented to each cleric. We do ask that you pray for the Bishop and his clergy on this day.

ACW Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, **January 22**, beginning with a potluck at 6:00 pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. For those who are unable to join us for the culinary delights of the potluck, the Election of Officers and Annual Meeting will begin at 7:30pm.

The Book Study Group, studying the 'Return of the Prodigal Son' by Henri Nouwen resumes on Thursday, **January 24th**. We will be studying Part II, chapters 4, 5 & 6. This group meets in the Rector's Study beginning at 7:30 pm.

The CLB Band will be having a Valentine **Cabaret and Dinner** on **February 14th**, starting at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$30.00 and are available from Band Members or by calling Provincial Music at 579-2641. This evening will feature Heather Bambrick, vocalist of the year.

The **Envelopes for 2008** are available at the back of the Church. Your initial offering to offset the cost of these envelopes would be greatly appreciated. In addition, if you can help with delivering some of these envelopes, please take a few and drop them off at the address indicated on the box. Thank you.

The **January calendar** is now available at the back of the church.

Your financial support for the **Major Maintenance** appeal during January would be appreciated.

Public Service Announcements

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program – You can make a difference in your community. If you have experience in completing basic tax returns, enroll as a volunteer to complete income tax returns for people who need help. To sign up, call 772-2879 or 1-877-772-2879 no later than **January 18, 2008**.

Singing From The Soul – Saturday, January 12, at 8:00 pm at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist. The Philharmonic Choir of the NSO celebrates its 20th anniversary with great choruses by Mozart, Handel, Haydn, Mendelssohn, Vivaldi and much more. For tickets call 722-4441.

A Little Humour ... Bloopers from Sunday School Students

- Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients.
- Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments.
- The First commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
- The Fifth Commandment is humor thy mother and father.
- Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.
- Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.