

# THE PARISH OF LONG POINT BAY



PORT ROWAN ♦ PORT RYERSE ♦ TURKEY POINT ♦ VITTORIA ♦ ST. JOHN'S WOODHOUSE

Sunday January 16th 2022  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany



## **Opening**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

## **Sentence**

Jesus manifested his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

*John 2.1*

## **Collect**

Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world.  
May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **Readings**

ISAIAH 62:1-5;

PSALM 36:5-10;

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11;

JOHN 2:1-11

It's very difficult to preach from the Gospel of John at Christmastime. It's actually very easy to preach it in the season that follows the Epiphany. There is, you might have noticed, no story of Jesus' birth in the fourth Gospel. John does not tell you about an angel and Mary, about angelic choirs proclaiming the good news to shepherds, or even, for that matter, about the visit of the magi and their lavish gifts. Instead, John begins his story by revealing something about who this Jesus really is. We are meant to hear this news and rejoice. This is good news. Because the same God who formed you and the whole of creation, who spoke life and earth, sea and sky into being, now walks the earth, sent by the father, on a mission of love. We read about that just a few weeks ago. This week's Gospel, too, tells us good news about this son of God who lives among us. And it's surprising news. Our story, about Jesus at a wedding in Cana, is the first thing "the word" does that could be considered ministry. We find out who Jesus is in the beginning of the first chapter, he chooses some disciples in the second half. Then, he and his newly minted disciples go to a wedding. There Jesus, perhaps a little prematurely for his on sensibilities, shows us what the son of God is about, what it means to be word incarnate, born for our salvation. And he saves a wedding. He saves a feast. It was supposed to be a joyous occasion. Until the wine ran out. That was not good news. Feasts are not austere; the celebration of wedded love is not to be tempered by want or lack. So, Jesus, at his mother's insistence, made enough wine to last, good wine, even better wine than what they were already enjoying, and he made it miraculously out of water. Jesus' first act as a working messiah was to keep a wedding feast joyful. Because that is exactly what Jesus is like. Jesus' whole ministry was not like that.

As you well know, the Jesus' ministry was not all feasts and wine. There was real trial and temptation, doubt and sorrow. And before there was a resurrection, there was a cross. But the whole ministry of Jesus, whether it is accepted joyfully or scorned in anger, is an invitation to the kingdom of God. And that kingdom is joyful, and it is good. This story offers a glimpse of what is to come when all sufferings have been redeemed and the kingdom of God has been perfected here on earth, as it already is in heaven. The story of a redeemed wedding feast in Cana, so many years ago invites you and I to rejoice in the unbound joy of the love of God, and to the wedding feast that awaits all who are found in Christ. Whatever else we see, let's not lose sight of what is good, true, and full of everlasting joy.

Prayers of the people from Mary Field

Heavenly Father thank you for this day; we are honored & grateful you are here with us.

We offer the following prayers in the name of Your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ-

We pray for our church, our church family, our ministries and all who serve with true hearts and honesty of spirit

We pray for the Queen and all leaders in positions of authority guide them that they may lead with humility, justice and honour

We pray for this troubled world and all of its inhabitants.

We pray for our local community. A community we cherish and love for its safety and richness. Lord, we thank you for placing us here to serve you.

We give many thanks for this community, for our safety here, for its bounty & for our Christian community

We pray for those in need of the basic necessities of life and pray Lord that in your compassion you will guide the rest of us to correct this harsh reality both locally and around the world Lord we pray for your intervention in our fight against coronavirus.

We earnestly petition for your guidance, strength and courage for all those treating the sick. We also earnestly pray for your guidance in helping citizens of the world act responsibly.

We pray medical treatments will be made available to everyone in the world.

We pray you take into your arms those who have succumbed to the disease.

We pray Lord for our Loved Ones whom we still hold in our love and have placed in your care, may they rest in peace.

Finally, Lord in looking for inspiration you lead me to something to guide and inspire me. Thank you! So, I offer an excerpt from an article written by Jennifer Rothschild- \*H.E.L. P acronym

**God Help Me!**" Psalms to Pray When you don't know what to pray, Scripture provides the words for you! Use these prayers from Psalms to guide your request for help from God.

H - "Hear me Lord and answer me for I am poor and needy." [Psalm 86:1](#). The first step is to let God know that you need him and want His help.

E - "Establish my steps in your word." [Psalm 119:133](#). Second, ask God for His direction and for strength to stand firm in His promises.

L - "Let your compassion quickly meet our needs because we are on the brink of despair." [Psalm 79:8](#). We often need help because of our past choices and sin. Ask God to help you focus on his compassion and grace to lift you out of your despair and heart ache.

P - "Protect me God because I take refuge in You. I say to the Lord, You are my Lord, apart from You I have nothing good." [Psalm 16:1](#)

Whether it's spiritual protection from Satan's attacks or physical protection, we can come to God and ask Him to be our protector and provider. Seek refuge and lean on God, not your own strength or abilities. God promises to be your refuge if you will let Him! Amen

We now pray for Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mark National Indigenous Archbishop, Martinez Bishop of Amazonia. AD Rick Jones, Rev. Enrique Martinez, Rev. Jack Cox

For the week beginning Sunday 16 January 2022, we will be praying for **Fr. Mario Hryniewicz** (interim) and the people of **Holy Trinity**, St. George.

Remembering our shut-ins at home, hospital and in local nursing homes.  
June, Shirley, Iris, Julie, John, Sheila, Sylvia, Anna and Jack B.

We pray for the ones who have asked for your healing touch upon their lives: Betty F., Don G., Franz and Elaine Z., Steven K., Rebecca M., Trista P., Bill MC., Dwayne M. and Andrea B., Susan A., Olivia H., Karen M., Delores B., Dale F, Rose G, Julie, Carol M., George F., Carol H., Bud W. Juanita K. Mary B. and anyone known to you, silently or aloud

It is important that we keep the prayer list and shut-in list up to date. If you know of any changes to these lists, can you please email Anne at [lpbparishsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:lpbparishsecretary@gmail.com) or Enrique at [enrique6921@gmail.com](mailto:enrique6921@gmail.com)

If you know of anyone that has asked you to pray for them let us know and we will add to the list



### **Prayer of Confession**

Search us O God and know our hearts today  
Try us and know our anxious thoughts,  
see if there are any hurtful ways in us  
and lead us in your loving and life-giving Way

### **Words of Assurance**

God knows our secret fears, ignorance & selfish ways.  
God forgives, forgive yourself, forgive others  
Amen

### **Closing Prayer**

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you today, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord, Amen

### **Doxology**

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**Please click on the link to watch this week's Parish Video**

<https://youtu.be/9NOcgPnqGo0>

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This year's vestry meetings will be online this year and are as follows:

St. John's Port Rowan - Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am

Memorial - Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

St John's Woodhouse – Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm

There will be no in person church services during the month of January due to the rising cases of COVID-19. We will update as soon as there are any changes.

If you have anything you would like to contribute or comment on. Any good movies you've seen or books you have read. Do you have memories you want to share? Please send them to Rev. Enrique and he can include in the newspaper.

Any birthdays/anniversaries/special occasions in January – Let me know for the newspaper. We can celebrate you and add some facts that happened on that day in history. I don't need your year of birth, just the month and date. Of course, if you have a special age birthday and want to celebrate it just let me know. If you are interested in this special occasion section, please send me details.

## Sing along to this mornings Hymns

### Hymn Texts – Sunday, January 16, 2022

#### 460 – Lord, the light of Your Love Is Shining

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining,  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me.  
Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.
2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance;  
By the blood I many enter your brightness; search me, try me, consume all my darkness,  
Shine on me, shine on me.  
Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.
3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness so our faces display your likeness;  
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story,  
Shine on me, shine on me.  
Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow: flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

#### 564 – Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee;  
Yet possessing every blessing if our God our Father be.
2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us; all our weakness thou dost know;  
Thou didst tread this earth before us, thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
Lone and dreary, faint and weary, through the desert thou didst go.
3. Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
Love with every passion blending, pleasure that can never cloy;  
Thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy

## **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**At this extraordinary time if you wish a telephone visit, please call Enrique. If you have any other announcements or news contact Anne Halls at the contacts below.**

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