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Third Sunday of Advent



**REFLECTING ON 150 YEARS IN
THE DIOCESE OF UTAH**

As we observe our heritage in this, our 151st year of the Episcopal Church in Utah, we continue to reflect on our history through photos. This photo was taken 104 years ago in what appears to be winter. Although The Rev. H.E. Henriques is pictured shoveling mounds of snow at what was then St. Luke's Park City, this photo was actually taken in June of 1914!

As we all make our way to church throughout this winter, we can be grateful that our first snow fall arrived only a few weeks ago.

Bishop's Message for Advent



Bishop Scott B. Hayashi offers a message to the diocese for Advent. He reminds us that even though Sunday readings get darker and there are fewer hours of light with the changing season, Advent is a time of hope as we prepare for the birth of Christ.

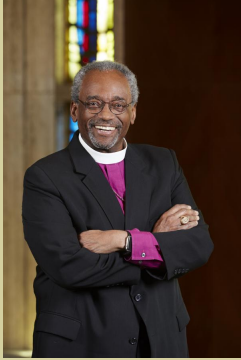
Christmas Eve Services to be Live Streamed from St. Mark's Cathedral



In keeping with tradition, the Festive Christmas Eucharist from the historic Cathedral Church of Saint Mark will be live streamed by the diocesan communications department.

The Rev. Tyler Doherty will preach and Bishop Scott B. Hayashi will celebrate. The live stream player will be available on the diocesan website at 10:45PM on Christmas

The Presiding Bishop's Christmas Message to be Released Soon



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Christmas Message, which was filmed in Bryant Park, NY, will be released by The Episcopal Church Communications Office early next week.

The video message will be posted to the [diocesan Facebook page](#) as soon as it becomes available.

The Diocese of Utah is Starting a Podcast!

The Diocesan Communications Office is excited to announce that a podcast is in the works. The podcast studio will be in a re-purposed office at the ECCU.

The debut episode is slated for the last week in December. We encourage all congregations to reach out to either [Craig Wirth](#) or [Halee Oliver](#) with suggestions for topics and guests.



Newly Designed Diocesan Website Planned



The website for the Episcopal Diocese of Utah is going to be refreshed and renewed. The newly designed site, located at the same web address as the current site, will be more updated, streamlined and user-friendly.

The planned release date is in December. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

Vigil to End Gun Violence at All Saints Streamed to Facebook Live



All Saints Salt Lake City's Taizé service on Sunday, December 9th was held in conjunction with The Vigil to End Gun Violence in cooperation with the [Gun Violence Prevention Center of Utah](#). Every year, a nationwide vigil is held to bring awareness to gun violence and support all those affected by it. The vigil is held on or near the anniversary of the tragic Sandy Hook shooting of 2012. The service was beautiful and well-attended.

Gun violence prevention is a hallmark of Bishop Scott B. Hayashi's ministry and

the diocese was honored to help stream this event to Facebook live so that those who couldn't be there could participate from home.

It was the first successful stream to Facebook Live using only a camera, laptop and streaming software. Success with this portable setup means the diocesan communications office will be able to stream more services and events throughout the diocese going forward.

The livestream of the service, which is available to view [on All Saint's Facebook page](#), has garnered 315 views.

Donate to Help Make St. Mark's Tower's Christmas Merry

The St. Mark's Tower Christmas Party will be held on Monday, December 17th. The Rev. Susan Toone says, "This event shares in giving warmth to our residents both physically and soulfully as they are reminded they are not alone in a sometimes dark and challenging world. This Spirit has given them new life and hope at this holiday season."

Please give to help make this year's Christmas Event a successful one. The following items are needed:

Clothing Items: Mittens/gloves of all kinds, socks, scarves, hats, small blankets.

Money Donations: Susan+ will use money donations to purchase \$25 Smith gift cards for residents.

Christmas Cards: Susan+ can use help preparing Christmas Cards.

Your Time: Join at the Tower on Monday, December 17th at 10:00 a.m. to assemble the "gift tree", share breakfast and visit with the residents.

Today, December 14th, is the last day for donations. There is a donation receptacle at the ECCU.





St. Nicholas of Myra Visits Congregations Throughout the Diocese

In honor of the feast of St. Nicholas, many of our congregations had a special visitor on Sunday, December 9th.

As a part of a longtime tradition, St. Nicholas of Myra visited the children and filled their shoes with small treats.

Top left photo: Barry Wirth as St. Nicholas at St. James, Midvale



Bottom left photo: Sam Huntington as St. Nicholas at All Saints, SLC

Announcing "GO" Mondays Monthly Youth Gatherings

This is a collaborative ministry that brings youth together from the Diocese of Utah and Camp Tuttle for games, music, food, sharing, teaching, fellowship and prayer.

On the second Monday of each month, a different church will host the event, with the Priest leading the discussion for that gathering. There will be a break out session with the Jr. and Sr. High youth, then closing with music and prayer.

The first "GO" Monday will be January 14th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at St. Mark's Cathedral, 100 South 231 East, SLC. Future dates and discussion topics will be added in the calendar part of this newsletter. For questions, please contact the Priest or Youth Leader for your church or [Karen Gleeson](#).

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“Now is our time to go. To go into the world, let the world know that there is a God who loves us, a God who will not let us go and that that love can set us all free.”

**PRESIDING BISHOP
MICHAEL BRUCE CURRY**

Diocesan Book Club

The Diocesan Book Group invites you to join them each Monday. They are currently reading *The Experience of God* by David

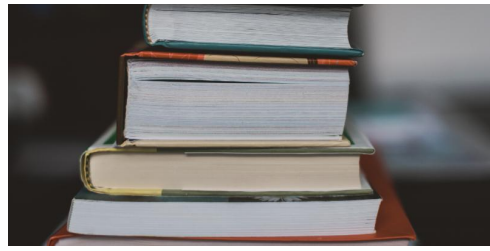


reading *The Experience of God*, by David Bentley Hart. They welcome anyone to come for lively discussions on the book and many other topics.

DATE: Every Monday

TIME: 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

PLACE: Episcopal Church Center of Utah
75 S, 200 E in Salt Lake City, 84111



For more information please contact
Ernie Hale, 801-532-6406 or erniehale@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE - Diocesan Book Group will not meet on Dec. 24th or 31st

2019 Youth Event, Camp Tuttle Schedule

It's almost 2019 and so it's time for a new schedule of Youth and Camp Tuttle Events. To download the 2019 schedule, click [here](#).

For any questions or help with registration, please contact [Karen Gleeson](#). Updates or additions to this schedule will be posted to this newsletter's calendar.



CALENDAR

Diocesan Youth Ice Skating and Pizza!



All youth are invited to go ice skating at The Gallivan Center this Sunday. You are

Lessons and Carols at St. Mary's in Provo



Join St. Mary's for an evening service that includes scriptural readings interspersed with church presentations and

welcome to email camptuttle@episcopal-ut.org with any questions. Please look for Melanie (Mama Java) or Ingrid (Frets) who will be there with the ice skaters. If you need to get a hold of Melanie, please call 801-597-9840 or Ingrid at 435-890-8312.

DATE: Sunday, December 16th

TIME: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

PLACE: Gallivan Center Ice Rink
239 Main St, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

with choral presentations and congregational hymns, all of which recall humankind's longing for liberation from sin and death and the hope and expectation for the coming of Christ the Lord.

DATE: Sunday, December 16th

TIME: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

PLACE: St. Mary's Episcopal Church,
50 W 200 N, Provo, UT 84655

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