

The Spirit of Saint Nicholas



**MARCH
2026**

Worship in March

- March 1** **WONDER CHURCH!**
The 2nd Sunday in Lent
- March 8** **Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Confirmation**
The 3rd Sunday in Lent
Bishop's Forum: 9:00 a.m.
- March 15** **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
The 4th Sunday in Lent
- March 22** **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
The 5th Sunday in Lent
- March 29** **Palm Sunday**



Evening Prayer

Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

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March in our Parish

- MAR 8: Bishop's Forum at 9:00 a.m. – please join us!
- MAR 15: Vestry meets after the service
- MAR 18: Cookies, Crafts, & Conversation 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
- MAR 21: Afternoon Tea at St. Nicholas – see our website for tickets
- MAR 22: Training for Eucharistic Visitors and Virtual Ministers after the service
- MAR 27: Making palm crosses 10:00 a.m.
- MAR 29: Adult Forum: True Hospitality – after the service

IN OUR PARISH

The Bishop's Visit is March 8. Our Bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta, the Rt. Rev. Rob Wright, will be joining us on Sunday, March 8.

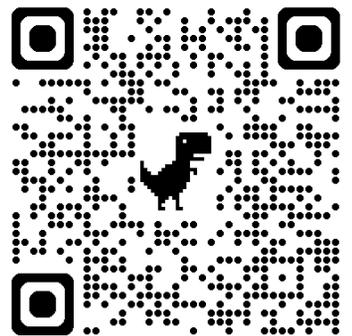
We'll be welcoming new Episcopalians! During that service, we will present several people for confirmation and reception into the Episcopal Church. [Join us to support them in this new step on their journey with Christ.](#)

Before the service at 9:00, the Bishop requests a forum with the congregation and Vestry, and we strongly urge everyone to attend.

Hunger Walk is coming! And we're joining the Chattahoochee Valley Convocation Team! Please donate to Hunger Walk either by check in the collection plate; donating directly using the link in this message; or by letting Sheri make a donation using your credit card. She will have her computer this week and the week after, following the service.

Walkers: We'll meet in front of Banks Food Court at 2:30 on the 15th to walk a short walk in the Riverwalk together with St Thomas and Trinity. To register, use this QR code or this link:

<https://www.stthomascolumbus.org/events/hunger-walk-chattahoochee-valley-edition/>



Two Training Classes on March 22 after the Service

Eucharistic Visitors – lay people who minister to their fellow congregants by bringing prayer and communion to the homebound – will be trained after the service on March 22. This position is licensed by the Diocese.

Virtual Ministers – who handle our service audio and streaming – will also be trained on March 22 after the service.

Please join us if you feel called to these ministries, or see Erin or Father Bob if you'd like more information.

Adult Forum March 29 after the service: True Hospitality. For some time we have been in the process of forming a Hospitality Team to coordinate coffee hour and other tasks associated with keeping us all sociable and well-fed; but "hospitality" in a church means far more than that. How can all members of our congregation participate in every stage of making visitors and newcomers to St. Nicholas feel truly welcome?



IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Stafford Long, Michelle Moody, Edward Martin, Katherine Johnson, April Moore, and Christine Risdon. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for those who have ongoing needs and struggles : Mike Sawyer, Liz Dixon, Hudson Garrett, and Kenny Hall and his family.

We pray for wisdom for those in authority, for guidance for those who feel called to action, and for safety and peace for those who feel fear in these times. We continue to pray for all those in need within our community and those in the world who have suffered due to war and natural disaster.

Jose Rodriguez is one **St. Nicholas' BackSnacks'** high school volunteers. Jose received a Good Citizens Award from the Kings Gap Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Plus: He was awarded First Place in the Essay Contest focused on the 250th Anniversary of our Country and what it means to be a good American Citizen. Both awards come with a monetary gift. Jose is in the top of his Senior Class and will be going to Georgia Tech next year.

Kathy adds: He was also STAR student for HCHS, meaning he had the highest SAT score in the school and packs for us around his work schedule at Ivy Park Grill. He's an impressive and genuinely nice young man.



March Birthdays

Ansley Butzon
Shelley Butzon
Ryder Hughes
Beth Brown
Carleen Frokjer
Dave Halmrast
Ella Hughes

Have you considered making a donation to the Rector's Discretionary Fund in honor of your birthday or other special occasion?

The Fund is how we share the love of Christ with our neighbors who need small amounts of assistance with their rent or utility bills.

The demand on this fund has been particularly high this winter - We have helped **17** households since January 1.

Super-Duper gold stars to **Beth & Kin Brown, Sheri & Jeff Cody, Erin & Jeff Renfro**, and **Margaret Zachry** for celebrating their occasions with a contribution to the Fund. Please consider using one of the envelopes in the narthex to make your celebratory donation.

NEWS FROM THE WIDER CHURCH

- **News from the Diocese:** [Click here](#) to catch up on what's happening in our own Diocese of Atlanta, including an Events calendar for the few months.
 - **News from The Episcopal Church:** [Click here](#) to read The Episcopal Church Weekly.
 - **News from the Episcopal Community Foundation:** [Click here](#) to read the latest news.
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Immigration: Dignity, Solidarity, and Support

To be read at all services in congregations March 8, 2026, the Third Sunday in Lent.

Beloved in Christ,

I pray this finds you certain that our ultimate allegiance belongs to Jesus the Christ.

The bible cries out that God's people are to love and care for "foreigners," "immigrants," "strangers," and the "least." Scripture submits this as directive without condition. The Baptismal Covenant is clear that we are to be the people who "Seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves," as we "...strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." The call to attention, prayer, and advocacy on behalf of the most vulnerable flows seamlessly from Jesus' example, our tradition, and the words we use in worship each Sunday.

We have all seen the news of ICE activity in other cities. Families in our own church communities, especially those from Hispanic backgrounds and other immigrants, are being battered by confusion, fear and despair with the changes in immigration enforcement. Concern continues to grow at the possibility of increased ICE activity among us.

I continue to believe that a great nation can uphold the integrity of its borders; remove dangerous criminals from its midst and expect excellence in law enforcement— all while providing asylum to the fleeing and creating safety and a path to citizenship for those who live and labor among us. My faith in God and in people of good faith assures me that we can work together for a more just immigration policy without diminishing the dignity of anyone.

We invite you to join us in continued prayer and faithful action for a more just immigration policy, for those adults and children in detention and those who live in fear, and for our deeper alignment with the biblical mandate to "Love our neighbors as ourselves."

We will continue to make available specific resources to support immigrants in our communities, including the opportunity to pray by name for those members of our communities known to us who are now living in detention and their families.

Please know I make this offering from my heart to your heart, that some hearts would be strengthened, some would be softened, and all hearts would increase in their devotion to God in Christ for the benefit of all God's beloved children.

Your brother,



The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright
Bishop



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