



## Worship in February

### February 1      **WONDER CHURCH!**

*The 4th Sunday After the Epiphany*

### February 8      **Holy Eucharist, Rite II – Scouting Sunday**

*The 5th Sunday After the Epiphany*

### February 15      **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

*The Last Sunday After the Epiphany*

### February 22      **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

*The 1st Sunday in Lent*

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### Evening Prayer

Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

### Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18 at noon

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## February in our Parish

- FEB 2:      Office closed
- FEB 4:      St. Nicholas Book Club meets after Evening Prayer
- FEB 8:      Scouting Sunday – invite current and former Scouts/ and leaders!
- FEB 15:      Vestry meets after the service
- FEB 17:      St. Nicholas Mardi Gras celebration 5:30 p.m.
- FEB 18:      Ash Wednesday service at noon
- FEB 22:      Pancakes with the Priest after the service

## IN OUR PARISH

### WONDER CHURCH is a contemporary, Gospel-focused liturgy accessible to all ages.

Join us for a service that includes thoughtful discussion and a renewal of what you give to – and take away from – Sunday morning worship.

Wonder Church will be held on the 1st Sunday of each month – the inaugural service will be February 1, 2026.



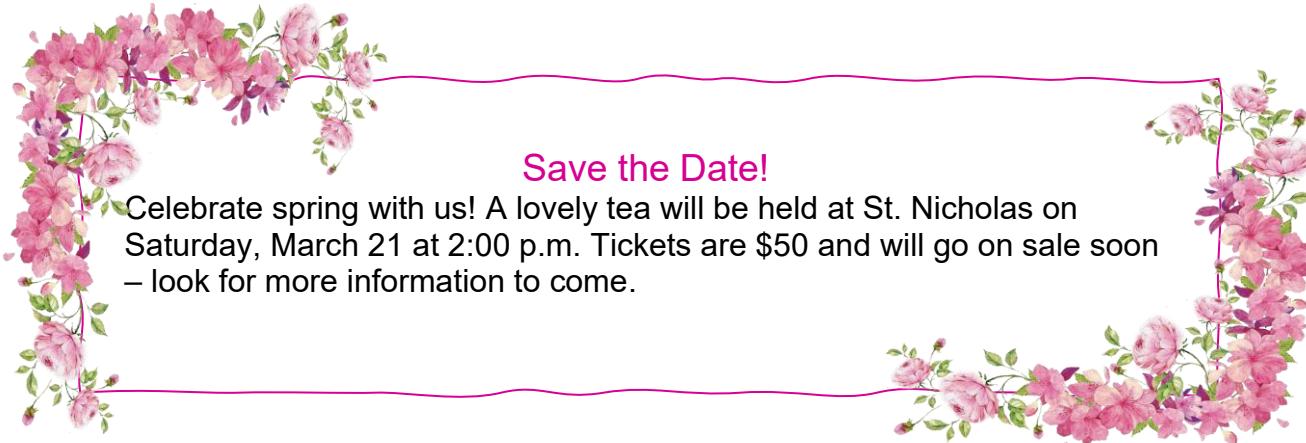
**Book Club News:** At its January meeting, the St. Nicholas Book Club selected *Theo of Golden* by local author Allen Levi. From GoodReads: *Questions linger about Theo, a pleasant but mysterious stranger, after his arrival in the southern city of Golden.... He arrives early one spring and by chance - or is it? - he visits a coffee shop where 92 framed pencil portraits are on display. Inspired, Theo sets out on a mission of purchasing all the portraits one at a time and quietly bestowing them on their 'rightful owners.'* Stories are told; friendships are born; and lives are changed. **The St. Nicholas Book Club next meets on February 4, after Evening Prayer** (sorry for the mistake last week!)

**Scouting Sunday is February 8** If you have any Scouts or Scout leaders in your family – current and former - that would like to join us for recognition and small reception after the service, please invite them!

**Laissez les bons temps rouler!** St. Nicholas' world-famous **Mardi Gras party** is February 17 at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy the music and food of New Orleans! Please sign up in the narthex to bring a Cajun or Creole dish to contribute to the covered-dish dinner. Ideas include gumbo, dirty rice, red beans and rice, jambalaya, or shrimp. BYOB. Tea and lemonade will be provided, and special king cake from New Orleans has been ordered! Invite your friends and family to join us for this evening of fun, food, and fellowship.

Do you feel called to serve your church at a deeper, more spiritual level? **Lay Eucharistic Ministry** may be what you're looking for. Eucharistic Ministers minister to their fellow congregants by assisting the priest with Eucharist on Sunday morning. Eucharistic Visitors bring communion to homebound members of our church family. See Father Bob if you would like to explore this ministry.

**The 2026 Hunger Walk** is Sunday, March 15th. The Episcopal Community Foundation (who gave BackSnacks a \$30,000 grant for capital improvements) is one of the five partners in this annual event. Monies the Foundation receives from the event are then distributed throughout the Diocese in the form of grants to be used for programs to alleviate hunger. So the money does come back to our area. Sheri Cody is willing to register you after church services in February, just like she did last year. You do not have to walk. You can register or give a donation without walking. Those who would like to walk will take a walk in our area versus going to Atlanta for the walk. **Our goal is to raise \$500 to fight hunger.**



## Save the Date!

Celebrate spring with us! A lovely tea will be held at St. Nicholas on Saturday, March 21 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and will go on sale soon – look for more information to come.

## IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for April Moore, Cynthia Fest and the family of Jay and Riley-Anne Johnson, Emmie Brand, Dianne Abernethy, Christine Risdon, Emily Minton, Hudson Garrett, the grieving family and friends of Peggy Gjertsen, and Kenny Hall and his family. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for our beloved homebound congregants: Mike Sawyer and Liz Dixon.

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.

### January Birthdays

Alice Taylor  
Sue Halmrast  
Kenny Hall  
Kevin Anderson  
Bob McCracken

### January Anniversaries

Bobo & Barbara Morgan

### 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 14 households since January 1.**

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.

## IN OUR GREATER COMMUNITY



The Krewe of Mask is LaGrange's own family friendly Mardi Gras parade.

The 2026 parade will take place **Saturday, February 7 at 7 p.m.**

Many of our St. Nicholas members participate in this fun, family-friendly event each year. Come out and join the revelry!

You're sure to catch some beads, doubloons, and other valuable trinkets!

Visit [www.kreweofmask.com](http://www.kreweofmask.com) for details.

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In the coming years, our church will continue to be tested in every conceivable way as we insist that death and despair do not have the last word, and as we stand with immigrants and the most vulnerable among us who reside at the heart of God.

*Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe*