The Collect of the Day
O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Feast of the Epiphany
Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany, which marks the end of the twelve days of Christmas each year on January 6.

Epiphany is a Greek word meaning “manifestation” or “appearing.” At the Feast of the Epiphany we celebrate Jesus being made manifest or appearing as Christ. Traditionally, there are three manifestations celebrated on this feast day.

The most widely celebrated manifestation of Christ on this feast day, and the one that has been historically celebrated by Christian churches in the West, is Jesus revealed as Christ to the three wise men, or Magi, from the East, who followed the Star of Bethlehem at Jesus’ birth.

The second manifestation celebrated today is the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan. Although this was part of the original Epiphany celebrations in second-century Christian churches in the East, by the fourth century Western churches had largely stopped observing the Holy Baptism in Epiphany celebrations. The 1979 Book of Common Prayer began to reintroduce Jesus’ baptism into this celebration by revising the lectionary readings for the First Sunday After the Epiphany to include gospel passages each year about Christ’s baptism. The First Sunday After the Epiphany is now also known as the Baptism of Our Lord.

The third manifestation of Jesus as Christ that is traditionally celebrated on this day is the miracle of turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana in Galilee, Christ’s first recorded miracle.

The Adoration of the Magi, tapestry, wool and silk on cotton warp. Manchester Metropolitan University

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HELP NEEDED!

Today after Mass we will begin the DE-greening of our church as the season of Christmas comes to a close. Please feel free to take home as many of the plants as you wish. The balance will be disposed of this week. We will also need help to cover and store the trees in the chancel area. Thanks in advance for the help!

SAVE THE DATE!
The All Souls’ Church Annual Meeting will be held after ONE Mass only at 10:30am on January 26th, 2020. Please place this on your calendar now.

VESTRY NOMINATIONS
Maria Mena, as a retiring member of the vestry is the chair of the nominating committee for the vestry. If you are a pledging member and would like your name on the ballot, please see Maria or Fr. Tim.

VESTRY MEETING
The All Souls’ Church Vestry will meet this Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30pm in Taylor Hall.

HOSPITALITY
If your First Name begins with E – J, a reminder that there is an opportunity for you to provide a much-needed food item for our hospitality next Sunday, January 12th. Thank you for your continuing support and participation.

WE HOLD IN PRAYER †

Hear my prayer, O Lord. In time of trouble I call You, for You will answer me. When pain and illness are my companions, let there be room in my heart for strength. When the days and nights are filled with darkness, let the light of courage find its place. Help me endure the suffering and dissolve the fear; renew within me the calm spirit of trust and peace. Hear my prayer, O Lord. Amen †


For the dying and those who watch and care for them and mourn for their loss.

For all our Loved ones, our Friends & our Neighbors.

PRAYER LIST UPDATE
Next Sunday begins the new prayer list cycle. Please remember to send an email to parishoffice@allsoulsmb.org with prayer intentions. Thanks!

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