The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

The Collect of the Day
Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Catechism of the Episcopal Church: An Outline of the Faith
Offered in a question-and-answer format, the Catechism found in the back of The Book of Common Prayer (pp. 845-862), helps teach the essential truths of the Christian faith and how Episcopalians live those truths.

The Catechism is intentionally organized so as to “provide a brief summary of the Church’s teaching for an inquiring stranger who picks up a Prayer Book,” with headings such as Human Nature, God the Father, The Old Covenant, The Ten Commandments, Sin and Redemption, God the Son, The New Covenant, The Creeds, The Holy Spirit, The Holy Scriptures, The Church, The Ministry, Prayer and Worship, The Sacraments, Holy Baptism, The Holy Eucharist, Other Sacramental Rites, and The Christian Hope. It is a commentary on the creeds but is not meant to be a complete statement of belief and practice; rather, it is a point of departure for the teacher, and is cast in the traditional question and answer form for ease of reference.

Today we present the first two sections of the Catechism. We encourage you to take a few moments to read the catechism in its entirety, learn, reflect and feel free to ask questions about the beliefs and traditions of the Episcopal Church.

Human Nature
Q. What are we by nature?
A. We are part of God’s creation, made in the image of God.

Q. What does it mean to be created in the image of God?
A. It means that we are free to make choices: to love, to create, to reason, and to live in harmony with creation and with God.

Q. Why then do we live apart from God and out of harmony with creation?
A. From the beginning, human beings have misused their freedom and made wrong choices.

Q. Why do we not use our freedom as we should?
A. Because we rebel against God, and we put ourselves in the place of God.

Q. What help is there for us?
A. Our help is in God.

Q. How did God first help us?
A. God first helped us by revealing himself and his will, through nature and history, through many seers and saints, and especially through the prophets of Israel.

God the Father
Q. What do we learn about God as creator from the revelation to Israel?
A. We learn that there is one God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

Q. What does this mean?
A. This means that the universe is good, that it is the work of a single loving God who creates, sustains, and directs it.

Q. What does this mean about our place in the universe?
A. It means that the world belongs to its creator; and that we are called to enjoy it and to care for it in accordance with God’s purposes.

Q. What does this mean about human life?
A. It means that all people are worthy of respect and honor, because all are created in the image of God, and all can respond to the love of God.

Q. How was this revelation handed down to us?
A. This revelation was handed down to us through a community created by a covenant with God.
ANNUAL MEETING TODAY!
The All Souls' Church Annual Meeting will be held today after the 10:30am mass. Please join us!

WOW!
Worship on Wednesdays!
You are invited to join us for worship each Wednesday at 12 noon in the All Souls’ Chapel.

THE FEAST OF CANDLEMAS @ ALL SOULS
Next Week, Sunday, February 2nd.
Candlemas is a Christian holiday occurring annually on February 2 which commemorates the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple when he was a baby. It takes place 40 days (inclusively) after Christmas Day. The term "Candlemas" (meaning Candle Mass) refers to the practice of the blessing of candles by the priest during a church service ("mass") for use during the year in church and in the homes of the faithful. This year Fr. Tim will bless candles which you may take home with you for use during prayer. There will also be a signup sheet for home blessings. Please make a point of being in church on this important feast!

HOSPITALITY
If your First Name begins with A – D, a reminder that there is an opportunity for you to provide a much-needed food item for our hospitality next Sunday, February 2nd. Thank you for your continuing support and participation.

Stay Connected! Visit our website: www.allsoulsmb.org and sign up to receive our Weekly Newsletter by email

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES
All Souls’ Girl Scout Troop will be in our church hall after 10:30 Mass on Sunday February 9th. Plan ahead and get your Girl Scout Cookies from one of our own scouts! There will be a full selection of the assortment and both cash and credit cards will be joyfully accepted. If you cannot be at church on the 9th please place your order with another congregant who will purchase for you. Thanks for taking care of our scout troop!

WE HOLD IN PRAYER †
Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen †

We pray for the dying and those who watch and care for them and mourn for their loss.
We pray for the Faithful Departed and the Repose of Ms. Celia Triana.

We pray for all our Loved ones, our Friends & our Neighbors.
We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

PRAYER LIST UPDATE
This quarter we begin a new prayer list cycle. Please remember to send an email to parishoffice@allsoulsmb.org with prayer intentions. Thanks!