



# ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

January 13, 2022

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## SUNDAY SERVICES 8:00 and 10:00 am

To live-stream - go to [AllAngelsLBK.org](https://www.AllAngelsLBK.org), click on the "All Angels Enter Here" picture and you will be routed to our YouTube channel.

Zoom - go to <https://zoom.us/j/5955701807> and watch and listen live. Be sure to stick around after the service for our coffee hour chat-with-your-neighbor time.

The 10am service will begin with the lighting of the altar candles. If you are participating at home, you are invited to light a candle with us to create a sacred space of worship at home.

The bulletin can be found on the All Angels Website:

[AllAngelsLBK.org](https://www.AllAngelsLBK.org)

or at the following link: [Bulletin for Sunday January 16](#)



Altar Flowers for Sunday, January 16  
are given by Steve Cheng  
in loving memory of his mom, Melvia Cheng  
who passed away December 4th in Louisville, KY.  
She was a devoted member of All Angels from 1999-2015.



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## Scripture Readings, January 16

Isaiah 62:1-5  
Psalm 36:5-10  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
John 2:1-11

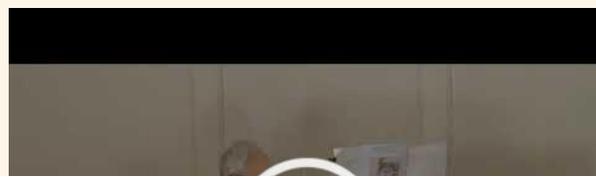
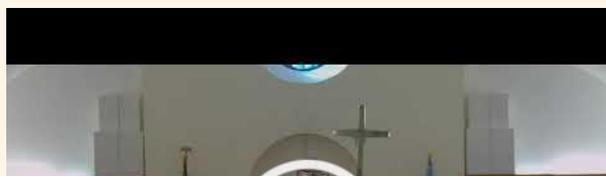
*[Click Here for this Sunday's Readings](#)*

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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Last Sunday's Service

Organ Concert  
Hymns of Comfort





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## PRAYERS

### Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer invites you to pray with them, every day, at 8 am, wherever you are. When you enter into prayer at 8 am (Eastern), you will know that others are praying at the same time.

### We Pray for our People

We pray on behalf of all whose needs of body, soul and mind are great. We pray especially for Downs IV, Holden, Brian and Nora. Grant healing and recovery for Beverly and Bill and a speedy recovery for BJ's recent knee surgery. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially Jane, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie and Douglas. Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy and Barbara. Be near to all who are in hospice care.

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## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

One of the most important things we do is gather after the service for coffee hour. If you are interested in hosting, the sign up sheet is on the Gallery table. If you would like help, sign up and we will find someone to show you how it is done.

### Choir Rehearsals and Music in the Park

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10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

11 a.m. Music in the Park

New members are always welcome in the choir. Contact Dale for more information: 941 896 5541, or [dhooey@verizon.net](mailto:dhooey@verizon.net).

## New to You Art Sale

Mark your calendars: the first look at our New to You Art Sale for All Angels' parishioners is Sunday, January 30th, and the Opening Gala is on Thursday, February 3rd from 4:00 - 5:30. The representative from Habitat for Humanity will be with us at our opening gala event.

## Our Artist for January is Chris Connors

Please stop by and enjoy the work of this talented artist. Checks should be written to All Angels by the Sea.



## Discussion Groups

The New York Times Magazine has a column where readers send in questions to the resident ethicist, Kwame Anthony Appiah. Two questions posed to Appiah are our discussion starting point for next week - *Must I Donate a Kidney to My Awful Brother* and *What Should I do with my Schizophrenic Brother When I Retire*.

These questions raise consideration to the Greatest Commandment, part II, to love one's neighbor as oneself. Does that include difficult family

members, and, if so, how does one go about loving them in a Christian sense.

I look forward to talking with you about this.

For those in person, I'll have the coffee ready and for those on-line, I look forward to interacting with you virtually. ... but you'll have to make your own java.

<https://zoom.us/j/5955701807>

*Must I Donate a Kidney to My Awful Brother*

### **Bible Discussion Group**

Every Wednesday through Easter, at 10 am, we will have a Bible Discussion Group. You may join in person or virtually:

<https://zoom.us/j/5955701807>

Our primary focus will be on the four lessons for the upcoming Sunday. Lessons for discussion on Wednesday, January 19:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

### **Online Giving**

If you would like to give to the offering plate electronically, you can find the online giving link on our All Angels website by clicking the link below:

[AllAngelsLBK.org](http://AllAngelsLBK.org)

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Masks are highly recommended for indoor events.

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## **REFLECTION**

*Needlepoint and John's Gospel*

Something I learned this week is that needlepoint and cross-stitch are not interchangeable terms; they are, in fact, two different methods of creating art. This all started when Cynthia, a supporter of our New to You Art Sale, dropped off some art that included needlepoint piece created by her mother in 1979. I showed the piece to someone and said something like, "Look at this great cross-stitch." I was gently taught that the piece is in fact needlepoint.

Needlepoint is a surface embroidery technique that covers the top of the fabric or canvas. It's an art that's reemerging with a younger generation.

Designs are created on a fine canvas, though you can use a woven canvas. When done well, the end result is a piece of art that has uniformity and beauty that can last generations. It also takes time to create. Many artists consider needlepoint as form of meditation and prayer.



The reverse side, or backside, of the piece pictured above looks much different than what we see on the front side. Needlepoint makes it so the reverse side has knots, hanging thread or yarn, and it looks confusing – certainly not art. I have heard from needlecrafters that they spend a lot of time on the reverse side so the front side looks perfect.

You might wonder what this has to do with John's Gospel. This Sunday, we are hearing a story about Jesus turning water into wine at a wedding banquet. Reading this story is like looking at a beautiful needlepoint. It is uniform, tells a story, and has held up for generations. But, if you look on

the proverbial backside of this story, it certainly is anything but uniform. First, John mentions Mary first, then Jesus, then the unnamed disciples, then the unnamed chief steward and there is absolutely no mention of the bride and groom. This is a strange way of telling the story in John's day, as well as our own. Second, there is no mention of why the wine ran out – did the table fall over and the wine spilled out on the ground, were there more people than expected, were the guests thirstier than what they had hoped, did they have a supply chain problem, or, was it normal to run out of wine at a wedding in the first century. Third, Mary ignores Jesus's response (*What does the wine running out have to do with you and me; my hour has not yet arrived*), she orders the servants to listen to Jesus, which they did. Lastly, there is no mention of the water actually turning into wine. The chief steward tastes it and declares that they have kept the best wine until the end. Looking at this well-known story and asking questions about it is like looking at the reverse side of needlepoint. It was not the side that was meant to be shown but it certainly shows that there is more to the picture, if you will.

For me, I like to look at the reverse side of needlepoint pieces; maybe that's why I like to take a deep dive into Scripture too. Nevertheless, Cynthia's mother, and Jesus' mother, have left us with a beautiful image that will last from generation to generation.

-Rev. Dave

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