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St. Thomas's Episcopal Parish  
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weekly newsletter

# The Carpenter's Helper

*This Week..we celebrate Epiphany!*

20 + C + M + B + 21



May Christ bless our homes  
and remain with us  
throughout the new year.



## Drive Through/Walk Up Communion and Prayers

continues every Sunday  
10-11am

**ALL are Welcome!**



Thank you for wearing a mask in the church building.  
It protects those who are worshiping, and communing.  
Your mask protects the clergy, staff,  
faith family members, and community.  
Let's keep our church building safe, healthy, open,  
and a respectful place for all.

### **During the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Thomas's is alive and well.**

We are worshiping via live streaming on YouTube (See our YouTube Channel and hit Subscribe!). The full-text bulletins for our services can be found on our website, and by email request.

We also continue to respond to the needs of the Newark community through our collaboration with the Newark Empowerment Center and others. Those who would like to support our work may do so by going to our "Giving to St Thomas's" page.

Our prayers are with all those who are ill, all who are caring for them, and all who are striving to hear the voice of God in these challenging times. May God bless you and keep you, now and always. For more, see the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware COVID-19 site.

# ORDINARY VIRTUES: Spirituality in the Lord of the Rings

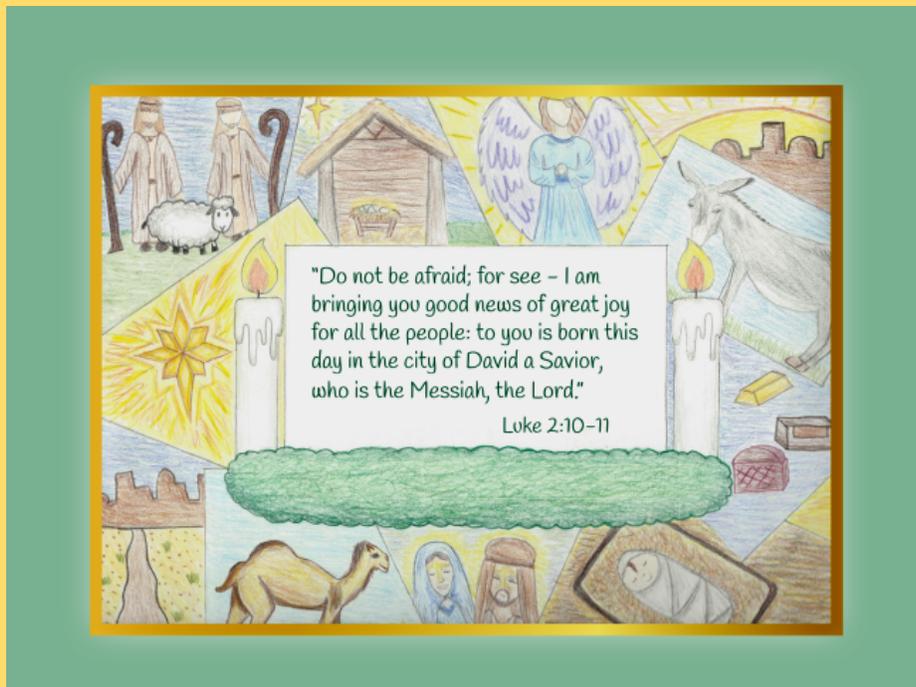
**3 WEEK SERIES**  
VIA ZOOM  
1/10, 1/17, AND 1/31 AT 10:30AM



## A SHORT COURSE EXPLORING THE RELIGIOUS LANDSCAPE OF MIDDLE EARTH

Nearly everyone knows something about Middle Earth, the rich fantasy world that emerged from the imagination of JRR Tolkien. Fewer people know that Tolkien was a devout Catholic, and that his stories and characters have much to say about his view of the faithful life.

Referencing Mark Eddy Smith's book "Tolkien's Ordinary Virtues", come along for some clips from Peter Jackson's LOTR movie, and stay for some spirited discussion of what Frodo and Gandalf and even Sauron (the villain of the stories) teach us about living and moving and having our being in God.



BISHOP BROWN'S CHRISTMAS CARD 2020  
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