

MESSAGE FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Announcements for March/ April 2025



Vestry

On behalf of the Corporation of St. John's, thank you to everyone who attended the vestry meeting on Sunday February 23rd and who supplied food for the potluck before the meeting. It was enjoyed and greatly appreciated. Vestry and "special vestry" meetings (which are occasionally called when a decision needs to be made by the whole body of the church) are vitally important for the running of the church. They are opportunities for church members to offer feedback and ask questions. We encourage all members of the parish to attend these annual meetings, either in person or online.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The church will be holding our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper on Tuesday, March 4th between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at church or at the door. The cost is \$10.00 per person or \$25.00 per family. Please purchase your tickets ahead of time, so that we have a count to purchase food by. We have people selling tickets at both services and you may call the church office to have tickets put aside for you to pick up. It is helpful to know how many to prepare for, so if you can please purchase tickets in advance.



Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday which falls on March 5th this year. We will be holding a service at our usual time of 10 a.m. service with a small bible study following the service for those who wish to participate. There will also be an evening service at 7:00 p.m. (with music). Ashes will be available at both services. Both services will be livestreamed. **Ash Wednesday is considered a day of obligation for Anglicans.**



Leaflets to say Morning and Evening Prayer at home will be available again for those who wish to make the Daily Office a part of their Lenten discipline. These will also be available on our website under both the Wednesday services and Sunday service bulletins.

Lenten Vespers

Vespers will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the church each Wednesday in Lent until April 16th. This year, the focus of the Lenten Vespers will be the Seven Deadly Sins. (We begin Ash Wednesday, Mar 5th with Pride, the first sin, and finish with Tenebrae, on Wednesday of Holy Week, Apr16.) We will be livestreaming these services each week.

Discretionary Funds

Our neighbourhood includes many people who are without permanent shelter. Many of these people come to us for support, seeking help with food, clothing and other needed items. One of the best ways to help is through gift cards which can be used for various items. No-Frills (grocery), Walmart and Shoppers Drug Mart are all places where people can most easily purchase needed items. Donation of gift cards, as well as any monetary donations, are added to your offering for the year, for which you will receive a tax receipt.

Donating to the church

We have many options in order to ensure your contributions get to the church when you can't. We do accept e-transfers now. You just have to use the email address of church@stjohnsdixie.com There is no need for a password as we have auto deposit. You can also donate through Canada Helps there is charge for administrative fees taken off your donation. Their website is www.canadahelps.org or you can use the QR code provided. Of course, you can always mail in the offering at St. John's Anglican Church, 719 Dundas Street East, Mississauga, ON L4Y 2B5.



Par Program

Another option for people in Canada, would be to enroll in the PAR (preauthorized receipts) Program, there is a one – time sign up form available through email or picked up from the office. We deduct the amount you specify on the 20th of the month. The amount can be changed or cancelled at any point with just a phone call or email to the office. We are happy to assist you in setting this up.

E-Transfer/ Canada Help

Please keep in mind that if you are in the locate area a donation to us through e-transfer means that we receive all your donation. If you donate through Canada Help, they apply 4% of your donation to administration fees. When you donate by e-transfer you will receive from the church an acknowledgement of receipt of the transfer, and we will provide a tax receipt at the end of the year as well. We appreciate some people may not be comfortable with e-transfers, but we wanted you to be aware of the charge. We appreciate all donations however they are sent to us.



UPCOMING SERVICE INFORMATION:

Lenten Messy Church

For parents and the young at heart, we will be holding Messy Church on Sunday, March 9th at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The focus will be on Lent and our journey to Holy Week. Fr. Daniel and Kate would like to hold a meeting to discuss the direction the church will be taking with the children's program. We are encouraging as many parents/guardians to attend as possible. If you are planning on attending, please let Kate know so that she will have an idea for craft supplies and food.

Palm Sunday

We will be holding a special Palm Sunday Service in the Magnolia Room (Cemetery Chapel) for the 10 a.m. service. A youth choir from the UK, which is touring Ontario that week, will be joining us for their final stop before departing for home on Sunday evening. We will be holding a potluck luncheon following the service to thank them and to begin Holy Week with a celebratory time of fellowship. Please plan on attending to be part of this wonderful start to the most important week in our church calendar.

Holy Week / Easter Services

Palm Sunday – April 13th, 8am (church)

10 am (Cemetery Chapel with youth choir and potluck luncheon to follow)

Wednesday, April 16th – 10 a.m. – Holy Wednesday Eucharist in the church with optional bible study

Wednesday, April 16th – 7 p.m. Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday April 17th – 7:30 p.m (with foot washing and stripping of the altar)

Stations of the Cross and Garden Watch - April 17th – following the Maundy Thursday eucharist, Fr. Daniel will lead people through the Stations of the Cross while the sanctuary remains open for quiet prayer and meditation until 11:45pm.

Compline will be prayed just before midnight.

Good Friday April 18th – 10 a.m. – Service with Communion from Reserved Sacrament

Easter Day Sunday April 20th – 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Traditional Rite)

Easter Day Sunday April 20th – 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with choir (Contemporary Rite)



PROGRAM INFORMATION:



Open Door

Each month, we are collecting for either the Open Door or the Food Bank Mississauga. Each month we alternate between the two, **March is Open Door.**

The **Open Door** services clients who are women, men and children. The Open Door is currently look for winter coats of every size, warm mittens, gloves and boots. They also are in need of warm sweaters, sleeping bags, blankets, hoodies, pants and thermal wear like long johns. We can use all sizes and especially large, extra-large and above. All undamaged clothing items are accepted; t-shirts, pajamas and casual clothes, prom dresses, work clothes, belts, purses and footwear are also appreciated. They also accept children's books and personal hygiene items like deodorant, body wash, pads, baby and adult diapers.

Daylight Savings Time

Our clocks will be springing forward Sunday, March 8th, so please remember to put your clock **forward one hour before bed on the Saturday**, so you are not late for church on Sunday.



Palm Cross Making

The church will be making Palm Crosses on Friday, April 11th at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. If you would like to come and join in on the fun and fellowship you are encouraged to. There will be instructions on how to make them, so you don't have to have previous knowledge. We do however ask that you bring your own scissors as we don't supply them.



Mississauga Food Bank

April will be Mississauga Food Bank collection.

Please ensure that you check all the expiry dates on products as the Food bank can not accept expired food products.



Layette Program

The church will be collecting for the Layette Program for delivery to the Trillium Health Centre by the end of April. Items include baby jackets, bonnets, blankets, sleepers, receiving blankets, bath towels, facecloths, baby wipes, milk/juice bottles, Q-tips and Vaseline. You may also pick up a list of these items on the table outside the office. Cash donations are also welcome. If you would like to e-transfer to the church for layettes at church@stjohnsdixie.com, please indicate it is for the layettes. Ethel Reid who has been collecting and distributing the Layettes for quite a number of years now was looking for not only assistance but someone willing to take over for her. We have had someone step forward to take this on and it is Janet Vanier. Whom we are very confident will do a wonderful job. She will be shadowing Ethel through the Spring drive and will take it over for the Fall drive. On behalf of Ethel and the Corporation of St. John's we wish to thank Janet for her willingness to take on this important ministry.



Church Office

The church office will be closed for Good Friday April 18th and Easter Monday, April 21st. Resuming regular business hours on Tuesday, April 22nd. Voicemails will be monitored during this period of time in case of emergencies.

LINKS TO PROGRAMING ABOVE:

St. Johns Church website

www.stjohnsdixie.org

YouTube Sunday School link:

<https://bit.ly/3ah5XpW>

Online Coffee Hour Zoom Link: Zoom Meeting at 11:30 a.m.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83962667012?pwd=UGljbnZ2WUIMaVlzNlRtU0Q5SmxxZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 6266 7012

Passcode: 112233

Online Bible Study Zoom Link: (Zoom Meeting only Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82570649568>

Online Prayer Group – Thursday at 10 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86710167010>



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