

MESSAGE FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Announcements for July/ August 2025



Church New Look

We have had the carpeting in the offices and Payton Room removed and new laminated flooring installed. During the process of removing the carpet, mold was found in the carpets and walls of the rooms, so the walls were cut open and the drywall and insulation replaced. Since the walls in these three areas had to be painted, it was decided to re-paint the rest of the “office wing”, including the lobby, hallways, narthex and bathrooms. After 23 years (when these areas were last fully painted) we thought it was time for a refresh!

Renovation to Parish Hall

The church will be undertaking renovations to the Parish Hall in the fall. This will be done in stages starting with the kitchen, washrooms and upper floor of the Parish Hall. The renovation will be paid for out of Cemetery funds and will be done under their supervision with consultation from Fr. Daniel and the Churchwardens.

We are hoping with the new accommodation we will have a more modern feel and be a more inviting environment to offer to the community for rental and our own congregations use. We are hoping to have this first stage completed by the spring of 2026 but we cannot give a hard date for completion as one never knows how renovations will progress.

Prior to starting the renovation in mid-October, we will require a few volunteers to clean out the existing kitchen of all dishes and items currently stored in the area.

The Garden Project

We have made extensive changes to the front gardens. The amount of weeding and watering to maintain them in good condition was proving too much for the congregation. Therefore, the Corporation made the decision to sod over a portion of the garden, leaving the bushes and a smaller section of garden, outside the Parish Hall windows. This section is a memorial garden and contains a small vegetable garden. The garden around the church sign was also replaced with stones, with the holly bushes remaining. The planters have been filled with flowers again for

the summer. This gives the church a much neater appearance and is much easier to maintain. Thank you to all the parishioners who have committed to watering the garden over the summer.



Music Director Update

Our Director of Music, Surinder Mundra, had heart surgery on May 29th and has been recovering at home. He is planning on returning, late July/ early August depending on his condition. The church would like to extend a thank you to all the musicians that filled in for Surinder in his absence: Sherri Collins, Jeff McLeod and James Wevers. We also thank our choir members for their flexibility in working with all these different musicians.

Door Replacement

The doors near the office have been replaced with new, more secure doors. There has also been a new automatic opener installed. This will make access easier for those with walkers, wheelchairs and strollers. These doors (and the Parish Hall doors) are unlocked on Sundays. To open, simply push handle downward and pull. You should not have to tug on the handle forcefully to open.

During the week, the doors generally remain **locked for security reasons**, so we can keep track of who is in the building. Use the buzzer next to the door to alert the office to your presence and someone will come to open the door for you.

The Silence of the Bells

In the early spring, we discovered that the speakers for the Carillon (newly installed in 2021) were not working. After investigating, we discovered that vermin had chewed through the wires, meaning power was not getting to the speakers. The bell tower was cleaned out of vermin and other refuse that had accumulated over the years. During this work, it was discovered that a litter of baby squirrels were nesting in the tower. Work had to cease until the babies had grown enough to leave the nest with their mother. Once they did, the work of sealing up openings with wire mesh (that vermin can't chew through) was completed.

The speakers of the Carillon are the original ones, installed in 1953 to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's coronation. Not surprisingly, they now have to be replaced. New speakers have been ordered and will be installed as soon as they arrive. It was also discovered that the metal frame holding the actual bell has become warped over time, making the bell dangerously unstable. This will be reinforced during the installation of the new speakers. We hope that the bell and the carillon will be back in use by September.

Church Programs

The Tuesday Night Zoom Bible Study of the Book of Acts concluded July 8th. The group will resume meeting on Tues. Sept. 9th with a new study of the Book of Daniel.

There will be no Wednesday Eucharist, Wednesday Bible Study or Thursday Prayer Group during the month of August due to staff holidays. Wednesday Eucharist and Bible Study will resume Wed. Sept 10th at 10am and the Thursday Prayer group resumes Thurs Sept 11th, at 10am.

The Way discipleship group will begin meeting again on Thurs. Sept 11th at 7pm. This will be a four-week study on the practice of "Sabbath", concluding before Thanksgiving.

Staff Holidays

Our Church Administrator, Lori Corbett will be taking three weeks holidays in August. She will be off from August 5th to August 24th. Returning to regular hours on Monday, August 25th.

Fr. Daniel will be on holidays August 17th to August 29th.

Rev. Jim Leatch will be presiding on Sunday August 17th and August 24th during Fr. Daniel's absence with Holy Communion being given at both services.

Budget Barometer

The church has installed two budget barometers. One is located at the back of the church on the wall and one is in the Parish Hall on the bulletin board. This indicates where the offerings are in relation to the budgeted amount for the year. We are below the amount budgeted for this point in the year. We encourage you to think about what you are putting into the collection plate on a weekly basis. If you are on PAR, consider increasing the amount. If we all give a bit more, it will make a great difference.

Discretionary Fund

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 Canada, a donation to us through e-transfer means that we receive all your donation. If you donate through Canada Helps, 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 all donations however they are sent to us.

SERVICE INFORMATION:

Retired Clergy Luncheon

On June 5th we hosted the annual Retired Clergy luncheon. We had approximately 30 individuals in attendance and 8 volunteers that hosted them: Lynette, Patricia and George Lee Ting, Chris Marks, Patty Bartlett, Penny Oliver, Carol and Susan Finlay. Also in attendance were Bishop Kevin and Fr. Daniel. Everyone in attendance very much appreciated the hospitality shown by St. John's.

St. John The Baptist Day

On June 22nd we held our annual patronal fest of St. John's Day. We paid tribute to six parishioners for their extraordinary work at St. John's over the years. Congratulations and thanks to Chris Marks, Patricia and Lynette Lee Ting, Carol and Susan Finlay, and Maureen Rabjohn. We returned to our previous tradition of providing the food ourselves. Thank you to Bobby Briones for organizing and to all who volunteered bbq'ing, selling tickets, shopping, setting out food and putting up and taking down tables. Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed food and drinks and those that BBQ. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and fun.

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, **July 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.

Mississauga Food Bank



In **August** we will be taking donations for the **Mississauga Food Bank**.

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

Church Office

The church office will also be closed for the Civic Holiday on Monday August 4th. Lori will be starting her holidays after this so will not be back into the office until August 25th. Please feel free to leave a message and if it is something that Fr. Daniel can assist with, he will return your call. If not, Lori will return your call upon her return.

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=UGljbnZ2WUIMaVgzNlRtU0Q5SmxxZz09>

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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