

MESSAGE FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Announcements for January/ February 2026



Thank you

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the Discretionary Fund over this past year and during the Christmas season. Through your generosity we were able to help several families and individuals in our congregation and in the wider community. Many have expressed their desire to say “thank you” to the congregation and to let you know that “St. John’s made my Christmas”. We are truly grateful to all who have made this possible.

Christmas Decorations - Thank you



We extend our sincere thanks to **Janet Vanier** for obtaining and putting up much of our Christmas greenery this year – including keeping our Advent Wreath fresh and lovely through four weeks of Advent! Thank you, Janet for helping Fr. Daniel to decorate the church so beautifully for Christmas and for taking it all down again after Epiphany.

Tuesday Night Bible Study on Zoom – NEW LINK

Our popular online bible study is now entering its 5th year! About 30 people each week from various churches, cities and countries join Fr. Daniel each Tuesday at 7pm as we slowly make our way through a different book of the Bible, one chapter at a time. For the next six months we'll be studying the fascinating Book of Revelation. All are welcome to join in – and while some love to make comments, others simply like to listen in. No one is put on the spot to speak, but everyone has an opportunity to ask questions and to learn from one another. You do not need to have your video camera on to participate.

Those who have participated before – please note that we have set up a new link. The old link will no longer be in use. Please see the Online Links provided at the end of the newsletter.



Tax Receipts



Tax receipts will be mailed out at the end of January. They will not be available for pick up – since this results in too many receipts remaining unclaimed each year. If you require a detailed summary of your donations, please call the office to have one provided. **Fr. Daniel will not be providing tax receipts on Sunday mornings.** If you have questions or concerns about yours, please contact Lori in the office.

Updated information

Please ensure that the church has your current information such as address, email and phone number. If you are contributing to the church and sending only e-transfers, it is possible that we have not received all your details from you for mailing out the tax receipts. If you are a member and have moved recently, please make sure that you have updated the church.

Winter Senior Luncheon

The next Senior's Luncheon is taking place on Wednesday January 14, from **12-2 pm**. (Please note the change in time) in the parish hall. Our Guest speaker will be Allan McCracken, LLB, who will be speaking to us about Wills and Estates. Sign-up sheets for volunteers to help with setup and cleanup, as well as for those who wish to attend, are located on the table outside Lori's office. All Seniors Welcome!



Palm Crosses

Please bring in the palm crosses you received last Palm Sunday (or in previous years) to be burned for the upcoming Ash Wednesday service. There is a basket provided at the back of the church to put them in. **We need them no later than February 15th.** We need them prior to Ash Wednesday – NOT on Palm Sunday!!! (this is when new ones are given out).



Family Day

The church office will be closed for this statutory holiday, Feb 16th. Phone messages will be monitored. If it's an emergency, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

E-Transfer / Canada Helps

If you are local or live within Canada, please consider making donations by e-transfer, as the church receives the full amount. Donations made through Canada Helps are subject to a 4% admin fee. When donating by e-transfer, you will receive an acknowledgment and a year-end tax receipt.

Supporting Our Ministry

You can send your support to us by e-transfer to church@stjohnsdixie.com, through Canada Helps, or by mailing offerings to:

**St. John's Anglican Church
719 Dundas Street East
Mississauga, ON L4Y 2B5**

PAR Program

If you are not already enrolled, please consider the PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) Program. Forms are available by email or in the office. The amount is deducted on the 20th of each month and can be changed anytime with a simple phone call or email to the church office. This allows the church to depend on regular income and greatly stabilizes our financial situation over the course of the year.

SERVICE INFORMATION:



Ash Wednesday: Feb 18

We will be holding two services to observe Ash Wednesday, Feb 18th: one in the morning at 10:00 a.m. and one in the evening at 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Vespers: Feb 25- Mar 25

Lenten Vespers will be held again this year beginning on Wednesday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the church. They will continue each Wednesday until March 25th. The theme this year will be "*Christ's Last Words from the Cross*". These services will be livestreamed and recorded as well.

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, **January 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

February will be **Mississauga Food Bank** collection. Please ensure that you check all expiry dates on products as the Food Bank cannot accept expired products.

The Way Program

This program will begin again on Thursday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. This will continue for 4 weeks on Thursdays – both in person and online. The focus will be “Community”. You may participate even if you didn’t have an opportunity to participate in the previous sessions. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know more of your fellow church members in a small group setting, while we learn together how to live out our Christian faith as disciples of Jesus.

Upcoming Events

Vestry Sunday - March 8th after 10:00 a.m. service
Palm Sunday service - March 29th at 8 & 10 a.m.

LINKS TO PROGRAMMING ABOVE:

St. Johns Church website

www.stjohnsdixie.org

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83962667012?pwd=UGljbnZ2WUlMaVkzNlRtU0Q5SmxxZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 6266 7012

Passcode: 112233

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

NEW VIDEO LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82183560553>

To Call In:

Phone # to call in: 647-558-0588

Meeting ID: 821 8356 0553

Online Prayer Group – Thursday at 10 a.m.

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

The Way Program – Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. (beginning January 15th for 4 weeks.)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88196767531>

To Call In:

Phone # 647-374-4685

Meeting I.D: 881 9676 7531



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