

MESSAGE FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Announcements for March/April 2026



Vestry Sunday

Our Annual Vestry will be held this Sunday, March 8th after the 10 a.m. service. We will be holding a potluck luncheon just before the meeting. If you are able to contribute finger foods, drinks and deserts, this would be greatly appreciated. The vestry report is posted on our website and if you are interested in having one sent directly to your email, please contact the church office at church@stjohnsdixie.com to request one. There are hard copies available for those that wish one. Please remember to bring it with you to the meeting.



Clocks Forward



Please remember that our clocks “spring ahead” one hour on Saturday evening (March 7th).

Palm Cross Making

Those interested in making palm crosses for our Palm Sunday Service are welcome to gather on Wednesday, March 25th at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Maggy Farnell will be hand again to instruct us in the fun activity.

Please bring scissors with you, as we don't have enough to supply everyone.



Interim Music Director

The Corporation is pleased that Edward Cockerton has agreed to be our Interim Music Director. We plan to have someone permanently in this position by the beginning of May and are currently negotiating this. Many of you have commented favourably on Edward's playing and musical choices, during his time with us. Edward is also employed at St. John's, Norway Anglican Church in Toronto, as the parish administrator and also assists with their music program. As Edward had a previous commitment to St. John's Norway, Sherri Collins will be playing for us throughout Holy Week and Easter Sunday.



Fr. Daniel and the Churchwardens have committed funds in our 2026 budget to ensure all four choir leads are with us most Sundays (Sept – June) to better support the choir and our congregation's worship.

Programs:

The Way Program

This program will begin again on Thursday, April 17th. This will continue for 4 weeks on Thursdays – (Apr 17 – May 14) both in person and online. The focus will be "Service." 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.

"The Chosen" - Viewing and Discussion



A group of parishioners will be gathering to watch episodes of the hit Christian TV series "The Chosen", which tells the story of Jesus ministry and relationship with his disciples, giving a fleshed-out background to the diverse men and women who first followed Jesus.

This will be a great opportunity for members of the congregation to learn more about the beginnings of our faith in a fun, accessible way as well as get to know one another and share their own faith journeys in an easy, comfortable way.

To begin, we plan to meet for six weeks on Thursday evenings at 7pm from May 21st until June 25th

New Youth Group – Coming in April

A new youth group for youth ages 12 and up is being planned with our former Church School Minister, Kate Bastarache. While Sharon Ochawa continues to focus on our Sunday School program each week, Kate will be leading a monthly gathering of fun, fellowship, and learning for teens and pre-teens.

We hope to begin this in late April. Stay tuned for more information as we continue to make plans!!!!

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:

Holy Week services

The Holy Week Service will be as follows:

Palm Sunday – March 29th at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Wednesday Eucharist – April 1 at 10:00 a.m. (followed by Bible Study)

Maundy Thursday – April 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Garden Watch– April 2 at 8:30 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. (Church is open for quiet prayer)

Compline – 11:45 p.m. (The Garden Watch ends with a brief service of Compline)

Good Friday Service – 10:00 a.m.

Easter Day – Sunday April 5, at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.



All services (except the 8am Eucharists) will be livestreamed. The livestream will continue through the end of the Maundy Thursday service to the end of Compline, so people at home are welcome to connect online for a period of silent prayer and also join us for Compline, if able to do so.

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 Spring clothing. They also accept children's books and personal hygiene items like deodorant, body wash, pads, baby and adult diapers. Cleaning supplies, paper products such as toilet paper, paper towels, and diapers for both children and adults.

Mississauga Food Bank

April will be **Mississauga Food Bank** collection.

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

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.)

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>



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