MESSAGE FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Announcements for November/ December 2026



November and December are filled with wonderful opportunities to celebrate our faith and grow closer as a community. We are especially thrilled to welcome back our regional bishop, Bishop Kevin Robertson, to St. John's on December 6th! We hope to see a full church on that Sunday to welcome him warmly to St. John's.



Clock Fall Back: Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 a.m. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night so you can enjoy that extra hour of sleep! While Fr. Daniel always loves it when we are early for church, arriving a full hour ahead of time isn't quite necessary.

Administrator's Vacation: Lori will be taking some well-deserved holiday time from November 9th to November 20th. If you call the office during this time, please leave a message. Fr. Daniel will check messages regularly and return urgent calls; otherwise, Lori will get back to you as soon as she returns.

Church Office Holiday Closure: The office will be closed during the week between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day, reopening on Monday, January 4th. Staff will check voicemail lines periodically. If you experience a pastoral emergency, please leave a detailed message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

SERVICE INFORMATION & SPECIAL EVENTS

All Souls Day Service - Sunday, November 1st at 4:00 p.m. | The Cemetery (Magnolia Room)

Please R.S.V.P. directly to the cemetery office at 905-566-9403 so we can track attendance numbers. If you would like to attend this memorial service commemorating loved ones, you are welcome to do so.

Remembrance Sunday - Sunday, November 8th

During our 10:00 a.m. service, Fr. Daniel will be joining the local Legion Branch 584 at the cenotaph in the cemetery for their annual ceremony starting at 10:30 a.m. The event will include local dignitaries, emergency personnel, Scouts, and Guides. Please plan to arrive a little early for our church service, as parking may be tight depending on the Legion's marching route.



The Reign of Christ (Farewell to Fr. Jim) - Sunday, November 22nd

Join us as we celebrate Christ as King and bid a fond farewell to Fr. Jim during his final service as our Curate. Fr. Jim has shared two wonderful years with the St. John's family since being ordained here last fall. Please join us in the Reid Room downstairs during coffee hour to share your well-wishes and thank him for his ministry.

Advent One: All-Ages Service - Sunday, November 29th

This lively service will feature active participation from our Sunday School children and reflections from our Confirmation candidates. It's a wonderful, joyous atmosphere—the perfect opportunity to invite a friend or family member to share in our worship!

Adult Renewal of Baptismal Vows - Preparation Meeting – Wed. December 2nd, 6:30 pm

Any baptized adults interested in renewing their baptismal vows before Bishop Kevin on Dec 6th are warmly invited to attend this brief informational meeting before our evening service. We will meet in the Peyton Room.



Advent Vespers Series: Come Lord Jesus – the Hymns of Advent
Wednesdays in December (Dec 2, 9, 16, 23) at 7:00 p.m.

Take a break from the holiday rush and join us in the church for these quiet, meditative mid-week services, featuring beautiful music and a reflection on one of our four most beloved Advent Hymns. Prepare your hearts for Christ's coming. These services will also be livestreamed.

Bishop's Visit & Youth Confirmation - Sunday, December 6th (Second Sunday of Advent)

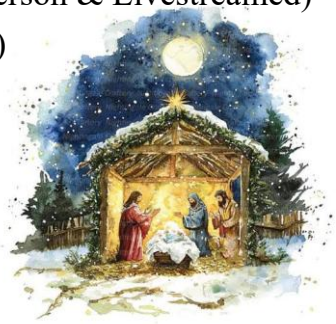
Throughout the fall, Fr. Daniel has been leading some of our young people through confirmation classes. This journey culminates today as Bishop Kevin joins us to perform their confirmations. Please join us to show our newly confirmed youth your love and faithful support!

Christmas Lessons and Carols (with Pageant) - Sunday, December 20th at 10:00 a.m.

A cherished St. John's tradition! Although this will be livestreamed, as all our services are, we encourage you to join us in person if possible to support our children as they present the Christmas story and add your voice to the joyful singing of beloved carols.

Christmas Eve (Dec 24) — 7:00 p.m. | Candlelight Holy Eucharist (In-Person & Livestreamed)
Christmas Day (Dec 25) — 10:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist (In-Person Only)
Sunday, December 27th — First Sunday after Christmas

- 8:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist (Said Service)
- 10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist



Monthly Food & Supply Drives

We alternate our collections monthly to maximize our local impact. Please bring your donations to the church:

November – The Open Door: Currently requesting winter clothing, children's books, and personal hygiene products (deodorant, body wash, pads, baby/adult diapers, toilet paper, paper towels, and cleaning supplies).

December – Food Banks Mississauga: We wrap up our food drive early so items can be distributed before Christmas. Final drop-off day is Sunday, December 20th. Please check expiry dates carefully; the food bank cannot accept expired, open, or damaged packaging.

Discretionary Fund & Holiday Gift Cards

To assist families in need this Christmas, please consider donating to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Gift cards are also highly valued as they allow individuals to purchase food, toiletries, and fresh winter gear (warm socks/gloves). Recommended cards: *Walmart, Shoppers Drug Mart, and Dollarama.*

Financial Giving Options

Thank you for your faithful stewardship and generous support.
People may give via the following channels:

- E-Transfer (Preferred): Send to church@stjohnsdixie.com. Auto-deposit is enabled (no password required). The church receives 100% of the funds and provides a standard year-end tax receipt.

- PAR Program (Pre-Authorized Remittance): Set up worry-free monthly automatic deductions on the 20th of the month. Forms can be requested via email or picked up at the office, and amounts can be modified anytime with a simple call.

- Canada Helps: Donate securely online at www.canadahelps.org. Note that Canada Helps retains a 4% administrative fee from your transaction.

- By Mail: Envelopes can be mailed directly to the parish office at: St. John's Anglican Church, 719 Dundas Street East, Mississauga, ON L4Y 2B5.



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ADVENT SERVICES: *offered in Church and online*

Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026 – Advent One - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 9th, 2026 – Advent Two - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 16th, 2026 – Advent Three - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 23rd, 2026– Advent Four - 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS
(with pageant)

Sunday, December 20th, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. – Church
(offered online and in church)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

December 24 -7:00 p.m. - Candlelight Holy Eucharist
(offered online and in church)
December 25 - 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
(only in church)

SERVICES THE NEXT SUNDAY:

December 27th, 2026 – First Sunday after Christmas
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said service)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (with music)
Sunday School is offered at 10:00 a.m. services.

All services are available on Livestreaming on our website: www.stjohnsdixie.org.

LINKS TO PROGRAMING ABOVE:

St. John's Church website

www.stjohnsdixie.org

Online Coffee Hour Zoom Link: Zoom Meeting at 11:30 a.m. on alternating Sundays (September 6th, 20th; Oct 4th, 18th)

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

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/82183560553

To Call In:

Phone # 647-558-0588

Meeting ID: 821 8356 0553

Online Prayer Group – Thursday at 10 a.m.

NEW LINK: **https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88638859835**

To Call in: # 204-272-7920

Meeting I.D. 886 3885 9835

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