

## MESSAGE FROM ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

### Announcements for July/August 2024



#### **St. John' s Day**

Thank you to all that came out to join us for the St. John's Day B.B.Q. We thank Sandra Aguilar, our Cemetery Manager, for sponsoring the catering. Thank you also to all who bought tickets for themselves or for others, helping to defray the overall cost. We had an opportunity to celebrate the ministries of four members of our congregation: Sebastien Fryfogel, Parveen Mehta, Joseph Nugent and Ethel Reid, and to thank each of them with a small gift of a cross. The children had an opportunity to thank Fr. Daniel for his leadership throughout the year and participate in some fun activities and games. It was a day to give thanks for many blessings!

#### **Choir Hiatus**

The choir will be on hiatus until Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be having one Cantor each Sunday to assist with the hymns, psalms and musical leadership. Our bass and alto section leads, Derrell Woods and Marianne Derow, will be with us as well as a few new faces. Laurel and Anthony (our soprano and tenor section leads) will be taking the summer off but returning in the fall.

#### **The Quarterly**

The church is now publishing a Newsletter called the Quarterly. As the name suggests it will be released four times a year: During Lent, late June, Thanksgiving and just before Christmas. We will continue to send out regular announcements from the office, including upcoming events, links to online activities and notices of funeral services for parishioners. If you are not on our email listing and would like to be included, please let the office know at [church@stjohnsdixie.com](mailto:church@stjohnsdixie.com) or (905- 277 -0462). You will receive both announcements and our newsletter unless you ask to be removed from one or both lists.

## Sunday School

During the month of July, we are looking for individuals to volunteer to supervise the children in the Parish Hall during the first half of the 10 a.m. Kate Bastarache has completed her contract with us and will not be returning until September. There is no set curriculum during the summer. The kids simply need supervision in the Parish Hall while they play games, read, or draw until it's time for Communion. If you are able to help with any of the Sundays in July, please speak with Fr. Daniel or call the office. There will be no children's programming in August.

## Toys and Games

The church is looking to develop a small box or two of items that the children could entertain themselves with before the Sunday school program starts on Sundays. If you have items that you think would be of interest. Please bring them to the church and put them into the boxes under the table in front of the office. We will go through and divide them up by age groups. Please don't bring in large items as we don't have storage space for the larger items.

## Livestreaming

We are aware of issues with our audio during livestreaming. Past attempts to fix the situation have not worked and we require an entire new sound system. The Churchwardens are looking into Diocesan grants that may assist us with this expensive project. While this will be costly, we understand the importance of our online ministry and want to make the experience as high quality as possible for those who continue to worship and support us online. If you are able to donate to help with this project, it would be deeply appreciated. You may make donations through envelopes or e-transfers, or (if outside Canada) through Canada Helps. Please indicate on envelopes or in transfer / Canada Help messages that the money is designated for "AUDIO".

Email transfers can be sent to [church@stjohnsdixie.com](mailto:church@stjohnsdixie.com)  
(No password is needed. It is a direct deposit)

Link to Canada Helps:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-john-the-baptist-anglican-church/>

## Fr. Daniel's Holidays

Fr. Daniel will be on holidays for four Sundays starting July 28 and will be back to preside on August 25<sup>th</sup>. During this time, we will be holding Morning Prayer services at 10am in place of the Eucharist. Parishioners will lead and offer reflections. **We will not be holding 8:00 a.m. services during this time.** If there is a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact the office and Lori will assist you to connect with the right resources.

## Office Hours

The office will be closed on the following dates over the summer:

Monday July 1 for Canada Day

Monday August 5 for Civic Day

Monday September 9 for Labour Day

During the month of August, **please call before coming to the church** as Lori will be working on organizing items in the different areas of the church and may not hear the buzzer. A phone call before coming would alert her to your coming.

## 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.**

As we start another season, the Open Door would be looking for clothing for their clients of children, men, and women for the Summer now. The Open Door doesn't have storage room so the warmer clothes should be donated to Goodwill or other charitable organization now. The Open Door also looks for paper products and cleaning products for their clients.

## Mississauga Food Bank

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

The Food Bank is looking for non- perishable food items. We request that you **check the expire date** on items to ensure that the items are good for the next month. The Food Bank can not accept expired items.

**LINKS TO PROGRAMING ABOVE:**

**St. Johns Church website**

[www.stjohnsdixie.org](http://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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