



ST. JAMES' JOURNEY MAY 2025

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*Welcome to the Church of St. James', Orillia
Whether you are a follower of Christ, or on a spiritual
journey, all are welcome to this Holy and Sacred place.*



FROM THE DESK OF ARCHDEACON JOHN

Dear Friends in Christ,

"Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some."

The gospel reading for the third Sunday of Easter is John 21:1-19. To remind you, this is the gospel reading that forms the basis for the Diocese of Toronto's *Cast the Net* visioning. I encourage you to take the time to read this passage as part of your devotional time.

During the recent *Cast the Net* listening and visioning process, we heard that, as a Diocese, we're hungry to know and love God more deeply. To that end, Bishop Andrew has called us to begin a two-year Season of Spiritual Renewal, lasting until Epiphany 2026. This is Call to Action #1 emerging from *Cast the Net*.

"My hope is that this will lead us to a deep and profound joy in the gospel of Jesus Christ and a sense of communities, large and small, feeling a part of a rekindling of the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Toronto." -Bishop Andrew Asbil

Please check out the Season of Spiritual Renewal on the Diocesan website <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal> for more information.

What is on offer?

First and foremost, several excellent online and Zoom workshops are offered from April through the end of June. They are free and only about 45 minutes long, and you must register. The topics vary from leading a Bible study to children's ministry to the art of journaling. I am taking a workshop in May to learn more about running an Alpha program.

Thy Kingdom Come is also the name of a prayer movement that over the last decade has spread to over 90% of the countries of the world and to 85 denominations. From Ascension Day to Pentecost Day, you can join with people from around the globe to pray the Lord's Prayer in anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit to inspire and empower us for mission.



An exciting event is the **Lift Up Our Hearts** Eucharist. These are five distinct eucharistic services throughout the Diocese. Each service will include wonderful music, inspirational preaching, a joyful lay witness talk, and the opportunity for prayer and anointing, followed by a reception that will offer delicious food and plenty of time to reconnect with friends from other parishes.

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Our Vision - A strong faith community, reflecting God's Love to those around us
Our Mission - To serve and share Jesus Christ
Our Values - Faith, Compassion, Integrity, Respect

I would ask that you mark your calendar to be at our very own St. James' on Saturday, September 27th at 2:00 p.m. We are lucky to have the very gifted preacher Rev. Robert Hurkmans, Trinity Streetsville, to be with us. I am very excited by this service, and I hope we can encourage friends and family members from our area to join us in our parish.

Just remember, Jesus asks us to cast the net on the other side of the boat as a reminder that new possibilities await all of us in our churches. Come and see what new possibilities await you.

Peace, John

THE WARDENS' CORNER



Greetings from your Wardens!

It's been a rough spring for many of us, surviving the ice storm. A lot of progress has been made to get back "to normal", although some are still dealing with the after-effects of flooded basements and yard cleanup. We give thanks that the city of Orillia did not have any fatalities, even though many suffered through some very cold days and nights.

Easter was late on the calendar this year, but right on time for our souls. A busy Holy Week had a somber Maundy Thursday service, a contemplative Good Friday service, followed by a concert of penitential music by the Quire group, and then an uplifting Easter Sunday service with glorious musical accompaniment. If you were unable to attend in person on Sunday, 20 April, please go to YouTube or Facebook to watch the service.

As the sun gets stronger and the days get longer, we look forward to the summer season. Here at St James', that will include a baptism service; the ACW Spring Sale, which will include artwork, baked goods, sewing products, and books; a Parish picnic/BBQ (in late July); as well as looking forward to summer lunchtime musical events, amongst others.

Our Community Breakfast program will take a break for July and August to give our teams a holiday break, including our custodian's workload. Also, there is a need for new volunteers to step forward and fill in, or create entirely new teams, to share the workload on Sunday mornings. Please give this opportunity some deep thought and prayer over the coming months

All of these upcoming events will also require the hard work of many volunteers and the support of our entire parish. Please consider where your time, talents, and treasures will be best suited, and join in the fun, the fellowship, and the faith here at St James'.

This is our parish family life. We are growing by teaching, learning, sharing and working together to show forth God's love through our service at work.

Blessings,

Your Church Wardens, Julia, Dean, Sue and Leslie

"A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society, for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication, and moral strength. ...Pope Frances

LENTEN CHALLENGE THANK YOU

The Social Justice committee thanks everyone who contributed to our 2025 Lenten Challenge in support of our Kenyan Medical Mission. It is a vital international mission that is thriving, growing in need, and ever appreciative of the ongoing support of St. James' Church. Exact donation figures are not available yet; if you missed donating to this mission, you can still contribute. Simply submit your cash or cheque (made out to St. James', noted Kenya mission) to the office or place it in the Sunday collection plate. You have made a difference to this medical clinic!

Rosemarie Freeman



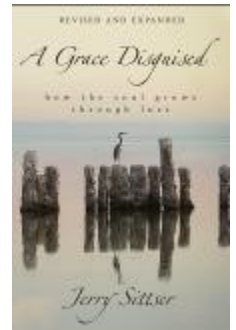
Once again, the library is looking forward to the Annual Used Book Sale to raise funds for the library. Through our book sales, we've been able to purchase several new books to update our collection. If you have relatively new books that you would like to donate to 'our cause', please bring them to the office. The 'Book Sale' is a small part of the Annual ACW Plant Sale on May 10. Thank you for your help.

Sue Glowa

ST. JAMES' BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

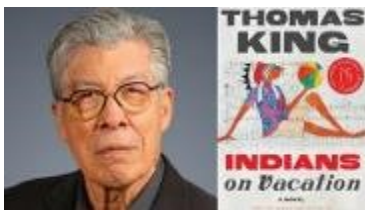
St. James' Book Discussion group: An open invitation to anyone interested in reading and/or discussing May's book.

Come and join the St. James' Book Discussion group on May 14th in the Church Parlour at 10 a.m., when we will be discussing the book 'A Grace Disguised' by Jerry Sittser. The book stems from a catastrophic loss suffered by the author, who finds that what we do in circumstances of loss can also lead to a journey of spiritual and personal growth and renewal. This book should generate some interesting discussion as individuals also consider their own experiences and beliefs. Feel free to come and join us for some coffee, fellowship, and discussion.



Linda Davidson

LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW



Indians on Vacation by Thomas King

Winner of the 2021 Stephen Leacock Award for Humour, Indigenous author Thomas King is well known for his dry humour and weaving of Indigenous history into his novels. "Indians on Vacation" is about Bird and Mimi as they track the 100-year-old postcard trail left by her Uncle Leroy Bull Shield when he disappeared with the family Crow Bun-

Departing from their home in Guelph Ontario, Bird and Mimi travel to Prague in the Czech Republic. Mimi, an artist, embraces the role of tourist while Bird, a photojournalist, does his best to avoid Mimi's guidebook. He joins another hotel guest name OZ for the daily breakfast and they become friends.

There are a multitude of subplots that King deftly intertwine: the examination of their personal relationship, Bird's mental challenges, Indigenous family an history, previous searches for the bundle. King also includes social justice viewpoints, such as refugee migration between Prague and Budapest, Hungary.

This book is available in the church Social Justice section and is highly recommended. Very entertaining and poignant.

Christine Hager



A.C.W. SPRING SALE

May 10, will be ACW Spring Sale from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. We will be having plant for sale, as well as baked goods, books, sewing and art. **If any parishioners have extra garden plants that they would like to include that would be appreciated. Plants must be in pots.**

A MEMORABLE CONCERT

Saturday, May 24, 3 p.m. at St. James,' Cellar Singers present a concert entitled **"Selections from the Cellar"** in memory of **Albert Greer**, artistic director of Cellar Singers for over 35 years and music director, here at St. James', for 35 years as well. You will be enchanted by the beautiful variety of selections, which include some of Albert's favourites from our own music library! Join us for this trip down a musical lane. Tickets are \$35 from members, at the door, or via Eventbrite – visit www.thecellarsingers.com. Hope to meet you there!




CHOIR FUNDRAISER POSTPONED



Due to a variety of factors, the Choir's event, "SIP, SING AND SOCIAL", advertised for the evening of Saturday, May 31st, has been postponed until the Fall. Please stay tuned for further updates: we'd still love to spend an evening with you!

The Season of Spiritual Renewal



Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church. Join Rev. Carol for a Lectio reading, prayer, and meditation every Wednesday morning.

Sign up on email.
All are welcome


My email address is ammacar12@gmail.com

CENTERING PRAYER AND MEDITATION
TUESDAY AT 12 NOON in person in Choir Room



George Sanders leads the group. For more info contact office@stjamesorillia.com or 705-325-2742

WEDNESDAY BIBLE IN-PERSON STUDY



Please join
Archdeacon John Anderson at 10 a.m.



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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES and WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday May 4, 11, 18, 25

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist
8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Community Breakfast

Tuesday May 6, 13, 20, 27

12 noon Centering Prayer
12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Wednesday May 7, 14, 21, 28

10 a.m. Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10: 30 a.m. to 12 noon Loonie Lunch
12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Thursday May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

12 - 3 p.m. Pennywise Shop
7 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

11:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group

Thursday May 1

6 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg.

Sunday May 4

Food Bank Sunday
FundScrip Sunday

Saturday May 10

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. ACW Spring Sale

Monday May 12

10 a.m. Book Discussion

Monday May 19

Victoria Day - Office is Closed

Saturday May 25

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pennywise Shop

Tuesday May 27

2:15 p.m. Pastoral Care Mtg.



Faithful Volunteers - Palm Cross making Thursday April 10



Riscylla Walsh Shaw - Lovely music & a warm welcome in this Parish of St James', Orillia - where vibrant hospitality is at the core of their mission and ministry in the community, led faithfully by Archdeacon John Anderson



Congratulations to our very own Wendy Slattery who is to be inducted into the Orillia Sports Hall of Fame on May 10!



Audrey in Birchmere, showing her Easter Cheer pen from Pastoral Care



Easter Sunday; Dave and his grandson Miles Allen age 10



Your Ministry Council

Anyone interested in reading the current Ministry Council minutes may contact the Church office for a copy. A copy is also posted on the Bulletin Board in the Hall.

Are you ill? In the Hospital? Now in a nursing home?

If you or someone you know from our congregation is ill, in the hospital or has moved to a nursing home, please let us know by calling the church office. **We have no other way of knowing**, as the hospital and nursing homes are no longer permitted to give this information out due to the Privacy Act.

Hospital Pastoral Care

Beth Morum is a Pastoral Care Visitor for OSMH now as well as Mae Cox. If you know anyone from our Parish Family who is in Soldiers, please notify the Church Office so a visit can be arranged.

Greeting Cards for Parishioners

Lay-Pastoral Team and ACW have had an important ministry of sending out greeting cards for birth-days, anniversaries, sympathy, or get-well cards. If there is a parishioner that you wish a greeting card to be sent to, please let us know! Contact the Church office to connect with Christine Blair for Birthday or Anniversary Cards or Lynda Harris for Thinking of You, Sympathy, Get Well or Congratulations.

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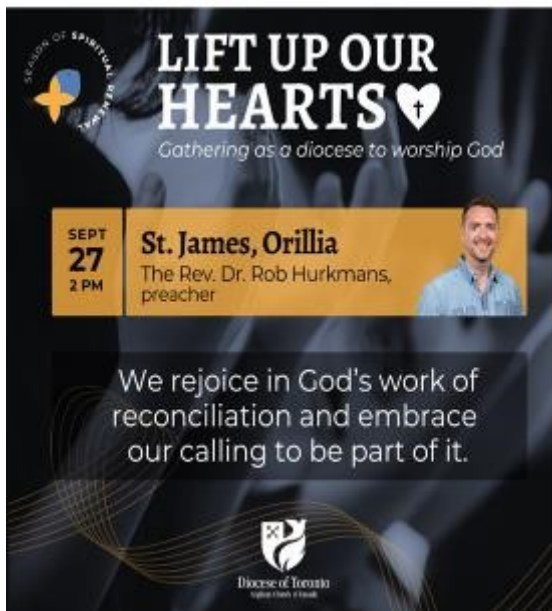
Each month we ask for a sponsor to support the publication of our parish newsletter. Many of our family receive it via the internet but many still enjoy receiving the paper copy and/or they might not have access to a computer. The donation of \$100.00 each month pays to produce our internet copies, the paper copies and their mailing. Please contact Shannon in the office at 705-325-2742 if you would like to sponsor a month.

The Next Newsletter

If you wish to place a submission, announcement, prayer, pictures etc. into any future newsletter, please contact Nancy at nancynoakesmorrison@gmail.com. Please provide any submissions for the **June Newsletter** by **Wednesday May 21, 2025.**

FundScrip

The FundScrip deadline is **Sunday May 4**. Orders and cheques (payable to St James' church) can be dropped off at the Church office. Pick up will be **Sunday May 11**. Thank you for your continued support of this beneficial project.



May Birthdays

Gail Ward, Martin Ward, Audrey Bell, Margaret Casebow, Bill Manley, Anne Murphy, Joan Gordon



May Anniversaries

Christine and Fred Blair

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