



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the week of Sunday 23 February 2025

PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME

*The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the repose of the soul of Susan Johnson.
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.*

FATHER HANNAM is currently away, returning Tuesday, 25 February. In case of pastoral emergency, please contact the office of S. Peter & S. Simon (416-923-8714).

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR following the 11 o'clock service! We meet in the Parish Hall, down the front stairs and to the right.

FATHER HANNAM *requests that all cases of sorrow or suffering be reported to him.*

REPERTOIRE WORKSHOPS AT S. PAUL'S, BLOOR STREET: *All are welcome to attend a monthly Sunday afternoon choral workshop at S. Paul's Bloor Street (227 Bloor Street East, between Yonge and Sherbourne). Hear a 16-voice professional choir singing music on a theme, with Robert Busiakiewicz sharing insights, opportunities for the audience to sing snippets, with a Q&A at the end. There is no cost, and no registration required – just show up! Next Workshop: Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. 'Credo – The Unsung Treasures,' including rarely heard choral Creeds from across the centuries.*

THE VICAR will be available during the 'gesimas' for spiritual direction in advance of Lent. Please consider taking the time to discuss your Lenten discipline in advance of the Great Forty Days.

HELP US HELP OUR NEIGHBOURS! Can you afford a donation, small or large, to the Vicar's Discretionary Fund? Examples of assistance given include emergency food purchases, emergency rent payments, emergency travel assistance, and the purchase of prescription medication and eyeglasses.

2024 PALMS AND PALM CROSSES will be collected between now and Quinquagesima (Sunday, 2 March) to be burned to make Ash Wednesday ashes. Please leave them in the basket provided at the back of the church.

ADULT LENTEN CATECHESIS: Father Hannam will be holding classes on Saturdays at 12:00 p.m., beginning 1 March, on the basics of the Christian Faith—a sort of Christianity 101. Topics to be covered include: Baptism, the Christian Life, Trinity, and the Incarnation. All who wish to be baptized at the Easter Vigil must take this course, and any who are considering Confirmation should strongly consider doing so. All are welcome, however, and the more the merrier!

THE ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER will be hosted by our Acolytes' Guild on Tuesday, 4 March, at 6:30 p.m. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. All proceeds go to the Vestments Fund.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Wednesday, 5 March: Ash Wednesday

Low Masses at 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m., and Sung Mass at 6 :30 p.m.

Imposition of ashes will be available at all three Masses

REGULAR GIVERS are encouraged to take tithing envelopes for the coming year. Envelopes not only simplify our Sunday counting, but are the only means by which we can report numbers of 'identified donors' to the diocese, which is a major means of monitoring our growth as a parish. For more information, please speak to Sandy Dawkins or Father Hannam.

THE BREAKFAST PROGRAMME is open each Thursday. Doors open at 5:30 a.m. until 8:00 a.m., and hot food is served beginning at 6:00 a.m.

THE S. BART'S FOOD BANK is open Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

✠ INTERCESSIONS ✠

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

- **TODAY: Sunday, 23 February:** *Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil*
- **Monday, 24 February:** *The Diocese of Madras – The Church of South India (United)*
- **Tuesday, 25 February:** *The Diocese of Madurai-Ramnad – The Church of South India (United)*
- **Wednesday, 26 February:** *The Diocese of Magwi – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*
- **Thursday, 27 February:** *The Diocese of Mahajanga – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean*
- **Friday, 28 February:** *The Diocese of Maiduguri – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*
- **Saturday, 1 March:** *The Diocese of Maine – The Episcopal Church*

INDIGENOUS CHURCH: For +Chris, National Indigenous Archbishop: for our shared Indigenous ministries and leadership. Particularly, for retiring Indigenous Clergy and Bishops: for rest and rebuilding of life and relationships; for Reconciliation, that it be a shared verb and not just a noun; for open ears and hearts, and for the willingness to humble ourselves enough truly to hear the lament of the other voice before us, and to acknowledge that pain and brokenness can be deeper than ever delved or perceived; and +Adam, Bishop of Missinippi: for a fair and equitable financial remuneration for the Bishop of Missinippi and his clergy, and for financial resources to support the ministry of the Church in Northern Saskatchewan.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

- **TODAY: Sunday, 23 February:** *Black Anglicans of Canada*
- **Monday, 24 February:** *S. George, Allandale*
- **Tuesday, 25 February:** *The Clergy of the Diocese*

- **Wednesday, 26 February:** *S. George, Utopia*
- **Thursday, 27 February:** *S. John, Craighurst*
- **Friday, 28 February:** *S. Luke, Creemore*
- **Saturday, 1 March:** *S. Margaret, Barrie*

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED: WED: Alison, Amanda, Andy, Angela, Antonio, George Barkhouse, Ronald Bentley, Beth; | **FRI:** The Carlén Family, Kimberley Curtis, Demetra, Robert Hegele, Scott Hunter, Isabel, James; | **SAT:** Jenni, Catherine LaFond, Laura, Marlyn, Patrick, Patricia Ritacca, Tina, Todd, Trish

DAILY INTERCESSIONS: Clifton Aaron, Alan, Andrea, Andrea, Marjorie Austin, Sr Barbara SLSM, Trevon Beckford, Ben, Judy Brake, Bruce, Carl, Ralph Carter, Charlene, Sr Christine SLG, Christopher, David Conatser, David, Keastner Dawkins, Douglas, Georgia, Grace, Guillaume, Debbie Hartley, Sydney Hegele, Lorna Heron, Lisa Hufana, Jakob, Jane, John, Katherine, Pat Kennedy, Paul Kent, Audrey Kern, Samantha Lanz, Larry, Margaret McQuillan, Michael, Norma Miller, Harold Nahabedian (*priest*), Nickson; Peter; Rebecca; Heekyung Song, Stephen, Stuart, Tegan, Katherine Walmsley, Mark Weymouth, John Whittall (*priest*), Jun Wu

DEPARTED: Mark Stephen Vukovich, Maureen Elizabeth Buckingham, Katherine Graham Nickerson, Lynn Hayes

THOSE WHO MOURN: Jane Porter; John Crandal, Amy, Aaron, Lorne and family, Mike, Jill, Tavish, Eamonn

✠ POETRY CORNER ✠

SEXAGESIMA

by Christina Rossetti (1830-94)

Yet earth was very good in days of old,
And earth is lovely still:
Still for the sacred flock she spreads the fold,
For Sion rears the hill.

Mother she is, and cradle of our race,
A depth where treasures lie,
The broad foundation of a holy place,
Man's step to scale the sky.

She spreads the harvest-field which Angels reap,
And lo! the crop is white;
She spreads God's Acre where the happy sleep
All night that is not night.

Earth may not pass till heaven shall pass away,
Nor heaven may be renewed
Except with earth: and once more in that day
Earth shall be very good.

ARTWORK NOTES:

"Jesus Preaches the Parable of the Sower" William Brassey Hole (1846-1917);

"The Church Gathering," Edmund Franklin Ward (1892-1990).

✠ DEVOTIONAL VIGNETTE ✠

THE SEED IS THE WORD OF GOD. Jesus Christ, the Word Incarnate, eternal Utterance of the Father, came to sow this word in the hearts of men; it is, as it were, a reflection of Himself. The divine word is not a sound which strikes the air and disappears rapidly like the word of men; it is a supernatural light which reveals the true value of things; it is grace, the source of power and strength to help us live according to the light of God. Thus it is a seed of supernatural life, of sanctity, of eternal life. This seed is never sterile in itself; it always has a vital, powerful strength, capable of producing not only some fruits of Christian life, but abundant fruits of sanctity. This seed is not entrusted to an inexperienced husbandman who, because of his ignorance, might ruin the finest sowing. It is Jesus Himself, the Son of God, who is the sower.



Then why does the seed not always bring forth of the desired fruit? Because very often the ground which receives it does not have the requisite qualities. God never stops sowing the seeds in the hearts of men; He invites them, He calls them continually by His light and his appeals; he never ceases giving his grace by means of the Sacraments; but all this is vain and fruitless unless man offers God a good ground, that is, a heart, well prepared and disposed. God wills our salvation and sanctification, but He never forces us; He respects our liberty.

- Adapted from Father Gabriel
of S. Mary Magdalene, O.C.D.,
*Divine Intimacy: Meditations on the Interior
Life for Every Day of the Liturgical Year*

✠ THROUGH THE WEEK ✠

*Please check the website and subscribe to our enews list
to stay informed of scheduling changes.*

Sunday, 23 February	<i>THE SUNDAY CALLED SEXAGESIMA</i>	
	9:00 a.m. Low Mass	11:00 a.m. Sung Mass
Monday, 24 February	<i>S. MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE</i>	
	10:00 a.m. Food Bank (until 11:30 a.m.)	
	11:00 a.m. Low Mass (Rite of Trent) †	
Tuesday, 25 February	<i>Feria</i>	
	11:00 a.m. Low Mass (Rite of Trent) †	
Wednesday, 26 February	<i>Feria</i>	
	7:30 a.m. Low Mass	
	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer	
	11:00 a.m. Requiem Mass (<i>RIP Maureen Buckingham</i>)	
Thursday, 27 February	<i>Feria</i>	
	6:00 a.m. Breakfast Ministry (Doors open at 5:30 a.m., till 8:00 a.m.)	
	7:30 a.m. Low Mass	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m. Food Bank (until 11:30 a.m.)	
	11:00 a.m. Low Mass (Rite of Trent) †	
Friday, 28 February	<i>Feria</i>	
	7:30 a.m. Low Mass	8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
	11:00 a.m. Low Mass (Rite of Trent) †	
Saturday, 1 March	<i>S. David of Wales, Bishop & Confessor</i>	
	11:00 a.m. Low Mass	
	12:00 p.m. Adult Lenten Catechesis begins	
Sunday, 2 March	<i>THE SUNDAY CALLED QUINQUAGESIMA (com. S. Chad, Bishop & Confessor)</i>	
	9:00 a.m. Low Mass	11:00 a.m. Sung Mass

† indicates Eucharistic celebrations of the Anglocatholic Church,
a worldwide church within the Old Catholic succession.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF VESTRY

OUR ANNUAL VESTRY will be held on Sunday, 9 March following the morning service via Zoom. Please plan to attend.

ARE YOU ON THE LIST? Please take a moment to stop by the sidespersons' table to confirm that you're on the Vestry List. *Persons sixteen years of age and over who [are members of the Anglican Church of Canada and] have been members of and worshippers with the congregation for at least three months prior to the meeting of the vestry, who are listed on the Vestry List and who sign the declaration set out in Section 1 and Section 2 of this Canon 14. Unavoidable absence from worship with the congregation through illness or absence from home, shall not prevent a person from being entitled to vote (Canon 14.6). If you have any questions, please speak with Father Hannam.*

ADVISORY BOARD will meet in the weeks leading up to Vestry to approve in advance the proposed parish budget (exact date TBA). This meeting will also take place via Zoom. Please plan to attend.

VESTRY REPORTS are **due today**. If you have not already sent yours in, please send it to Fr. Hannam as soon as possible!

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH OFFICERS & MINISTRY LEADS are now open. Please speak with Fr Hannam or Kevin Forrest if you have a nomination to pass on.

