Hello St Hilary's Parishioners,

In this week's email you will find news, important announcements, and the bulletin for Sunday, May 5th, 2024:

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#### • Rev. Adrienne - Week Off

Rev Adrienne is away this week. On Sunday, May 5th there will not be an 8.30am service. There will be a Morning Prayer and Anointing at 10.30am.

#### Wanted - Daylilies

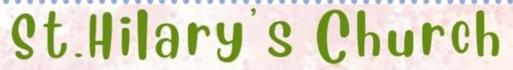
Charlie had a vision for the garden on the east side of the driveway to be full of daylilies. There is one big thriving clump but I need more! Lots more!

If you have any in your garden you would like to share please let me know and I can arrange to get them from you and plant them.

Thanks, Lynda Dundas ( 905-279-3321)

# Volunteers Needed

St Hilary's Food Cupboard is calling for volunteers to help out this growing season in their garden. Help make a difference in the community! If you or anyone you know would like to learn valuable skills, meet new people, and earn community service hours by helping out with garden maintenance, please send Joanne an email on <a href="mailto:sthfoodcupboard@gmail.com">sthfoodcupboard@gmail.com</a>!



Welcomes you to our garden clean up



# In memory of Charlie Brown

Join us to make our church garden sparkle.
Together we can make this place a little more
beautiful with your help and in honor of
Charlie.



When: 4th May 2024

Start: 9.30am









# • Letter to the Diocese from Bishop Andrew



APR 26, 2024

Dear Friends,

Last week I wrote to you about call and vocation in anticipation of Vocations Sunday, and specifically drew to your attention to the ministry of all the baptized and our current emphasis on the Church's need for more priests and deacons. But today my thoughts are with a very distinct vocation: to the religious life.

On Sunday afternoon at St. James Cathedral, we will have a special service of Evensong in recognition and celebration of the Order of the Holy Cross. This will be a poignant gathering, as the OHC Brothers prepare to sell their priory in the west end of Toronto after almost 50 years. The prior, the Rev. Canon David Bryan Hoopes, will be moving back to the OHC Mother House in West Park, NY, while Brother Reginald Crenshaw and Brother Leonard Abbah will be moving to St. Hilda's Towers. The Order of the Holy Cross was founded in 1884, but it's had a presence in Canada since the 1890s, so we are grateful that Brother Brian Youngward, Brother Reg and Brother Leonard will continue to live here in our Diocese.

But the closing of the Toronto priory is a loss to all of us who visited and loved it, and of course to the community itself who called it home. Since 1975, the priory has been an oasis of prayer, spiritual direction and retreat, and offered to many of us pastoral care, quiet space, delicious meals, cozy guestrooms and a gracious verandah overlooking a lovingly tended garden. Their neighbours, including the hundreds of teenagers flooding past each morning to Humberside Collegiate, became well acquainted with the sight of the Brothers celebrating the Eucharist and praying the daily offices, clearly visible through the large bay windows that face onto High Park Avenue. Their community has offered a ministry of witness and worship, counsel and engagement, small group leadership, and some deeply appreciated Sunday coverage and interim ministry in our Diocese.

We remember with thanksgiving before God all of the Brothers who have lived in the priory and been a part of the life of the Diocese of Toronto: Brothers Lincoln Taylor; Harold Payne; Nicholas; David Khan; Robert Dean Keirsey; Brian McHugh; Damian Williams; William R.D. Turkington; Jay Launt; Paul Lauer; John Emerson; Glendon Romuald Brant; Jack Harbert; Ian Meadowcroft; James Robert Hagler; Boanerges Rosa Romaro; William Gatewood Sibley; Leonard

Abbah; Richard Paul Vaggione; Thomas Fogah; Brian Youngward; Orlando Flores; Michael G. Stonebraker; Samuel B DeMerell, Genesis Samuel Odum; Christian Swayne; G.S. Odu; Lary Pearce; Cletus Saanibour; David Bryan Hoopes; Randall Greve; Bernard Delcourt; Reginald Martin Crenshaw; Adrian R. Gill. This list is likely missing some names, but we hope the Order knows how grateful we are for all of the Brothers and associates of the Order who have shared their gifts with us.

We take heart that the other residential religious community in the Diocese of Toronto – our other oasis of prayer and retreat, the convent of the Sisters of St. John the Divine – has begun an ambitious financial campaign to improve its facilities and ensure an ongoing presence in our midst for years to come. The "Home for the Heart" campaign is so close to its goal of \$4 million, which includes the Diocese of Toronto's gift of more than \$600,000 – a demonstration of our investment in the Sisters' ongoing presence in our midst. If you have enjoyed their hospitality and ministry at St. John's Convent and wish to support the religious life, I invite you to make your own personal gift to the Sisters' campaign. You can read more about it on their website.

Speaking of vocation, maybe you yourself have felt a gentle call to the religious life, making sacred vows to live out your baptismal promises in community. This is an increasingly rare vocation, but throughout Christian history God has called individuals to this way of living, and there may be people today who are exploring such a call. It's worth praying about!

I'm looking forward to the service for the Order of the Holy Cross on Sunday, and I invite you to join us – in person, online or in prayer – in giving thanks for the ministry and witness of our Brothers.

Yours in Christ.

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil

**Bishop of Toronto** 

# Good News from Around the World

Click here to check out good news stories from around the world.

# Reading The Bulletin on Your Smart Phone

If you would like to read the bulletin on your Smart Phone, please follow these steps:

- Go to sthilarys.com
- Click on the menu icon
- Click on Worship
- Click on Worship Services
- Scroll down to 'Download This Week's Bulletin'
- Click on 'Click Here'

The bulletin will appear in PDF format for you to peruse.

Open Weekly Email and then click on the bulletin attachment.

Viewing on your phone is beneficial as you can zoom in on text to make it larger and easier to read and it saves paper!

#### YouTube Link to Livestreaming

Please <u>click here</u> to watch a livestreaming of this Sunday's service.

# Bible Study & Morning Prayer

Join in the conversation each Wednesday at St Hilary's! **Bible Study at 10am, followed by Morning Prayer at 11am.** 

#### Memorial Flowers & Aumbry Candle

Should you wish to kindly donate flowers in memory of a loved one, please contact Molly on 416 253 6443 / mollymangalathu@gmail.com. Please include who the memorial is for, who the memorial is from, the short message that you would like to have in the bulletin and the date you would like it to appear in the bulletin. An example of a bulletin message is: 'To the Glory of God and in Loving memory of Jane Doe, Grandmother of Anne Doe, and Great-Grandmother of Mary Doe, from her family.' Please note there is a \$40 fee for this request.

To light the Aumbry Candle in memory of a loved one, please contact <a href="mailto:sthilaryscooksville@toronto.anglican.ca">sthilaryscooksville@toronto.anglican.ca</a> or 905 279 2304. A \$5 donation fee is requested.

#### Giving to St Hilary's

If you would like to make a donation, either once, weekly or monthly, you can now do so by sending an e-transfer to <a href="mailto:sthilarycooksville@toronto.anglican.ca">sthilarycooksville@toronto.anglican.ca</a>.

For more info, please call the church office at 905-279-2304.

#### A Weekly Prayer Devotional

We pray for our brothers and sisters at St. Hilary's, for the Churches and people of Nigeria, Gloria, Roy, John, Marian, Vernon, Yunnis, Nora, Colin, David, Jane, Sheila, Arnim and Kathleen, Rawle and Jeannette, Pearl and Len, Hilary.

# • This Week at St Hilary's

**Sunday** 8.30am Said Eucharist

10:30am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 10:00am Bible Study

11:00am Morning Prayer

**Thursday** 10:00am Food Cupboard

Thank you for reading and have a great weekend!