

St Hilary's Weekly Email Updates, Announcements and Bulletins

Hello St Hilary's Parishioners,

In this week's email you will find news, important announcements, and the bulletins for Sunday.

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- **Black History Service at St James Cathedral**

The first service celebrating the Black heritage of the Church in the Diocese of Toronto was held on Feb. 25, 1996, at St. James Cathedral. To mark the 30th anniversary of this event, the cathedral is inviting Anglicans across the Diocese to a Eucharistic celebration celebrating the life and ministry of Black Anglicans in the Diocese on Feb. 23 at 4:30 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields.

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EVENT DETAILS

- Date: Feb 23, 2025
- Time: 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
- Church: St. James Cathedral
- Parish: 1054

- **Walking with Jesus - A Lenten Study**



Walking with Jesus A Lenten Study

Easter is at the heart of the Christian faith and its most important festival, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus on the third day after his death – three days that changed the world.

The days leading up to and beyond the Cross are busy ones for Jesus and his followers. There is a potentially dangerous journey to make it to Jerusalem for the Passover celebrations and a waiting Cross and later, following the Resurrection, another from Jerusalem to Emmaus. In-between are several incidents and opportunities for Jesus to teach that are maybe not so well known but important in the bigger picture. On our own journey through Lent it is a good time to see how these stories, big and small, shared by the writers of the gospels, feed into our understanding of who Jesus is and what Easter means for us.

Join us for our Lenten Study “Walking with Jesus” as we explore this moment from the perspectives of

Mark: who wrote the shortest Gospel and with a Roman audience in mind,

Matthew: who wrote for a Jewish audience and referenced the Old Testament over 100 times, emphasizing Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah,

Luke: a doctor, historian and non-Jew, and who wrote mainly to a Gentile audience, with an emphasis on the marginalise,

John: who took a different approach, beginning with echoes of Genesis and introducing Jesus as one who will bring a new creation.

Where: St. Hilary’s Church, the McCauley Room

When: Wednesday, 12th March
Wednesday, 19th March
Wednesday, 26th March
Wednesday, 2nd April
Wednesday, 9th April

Time: 11:00 am

For further information please contact Rev. Adrienne at 905-279-2304 .

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- [Letter to the Diocese from Bishop Andrew – February 14th, 2025](#)



Dear Friends,

As we start this long weekend, I am taking a break from shovelling snow (my favourite chore!) to say a short word about Family Day, and about one significant part of our own diocesan family.

As you know, I am blessed with my wonderful wife Mary, five amazing children, and a wide, weird and wonderful set of relatives that I love. And I am also grateful to God for my diocesan family, the family of our Church – including you.

Whether your own family circle is large or small, whether your family is by birth or choice, whether you have a “Valentine” on this day or not – I hope that you know that through baptism you are a member of God’s family, and you are deeply, wholly, perfectly loved. As an Anglican Christian in this part of the world, I thank God for you and your participation in our Diocese, and I want to express my appreciation for you, for your contributions to the Church, for your life of prayer and service, and for your desire to follow Christ and make Him known in a troubled and turbulent world. You are a gift, and I am grateful.

Today, I also want to give a particular shout-out to one community in our family that we honour each February, which is the Black community. Our siblings in Christ who are part of the African diaspora enrich our common life with their vibrant faith, worship, and powerful voices for God’s reign of justice and inclusion. Black history rightfully receives attention each and every February; it is a long and powerful story of oppression and dehumanization, but it also teaches us about resilience, tenacity, community and leadership. It is a necessary annual reminder of humanity’s innate sinfulness, our need for the amazing Grace of God and Christ’s redemptive acts, and the power of righteous and prophetic voices to speak into a fallen world and enact change.

The 30th Anniversary Black History Celebration will take place at St. James Cathedral on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 4:30 p.m. My letter to the Black community gathered on that occasion is available for reading [here](#), but better still, I encourage the entire diocesan family to come out that day to celebrate Black Anglicans and their presence in our

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Church. I can promise you an amazing worship experience. It will be a great opportunity to gather as God's beloved children and to rejoice in our life together in Christ.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Toronto".

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil

Bishop of Toronto

- **Eucharistic Services – Season of Spiritual Renewal**

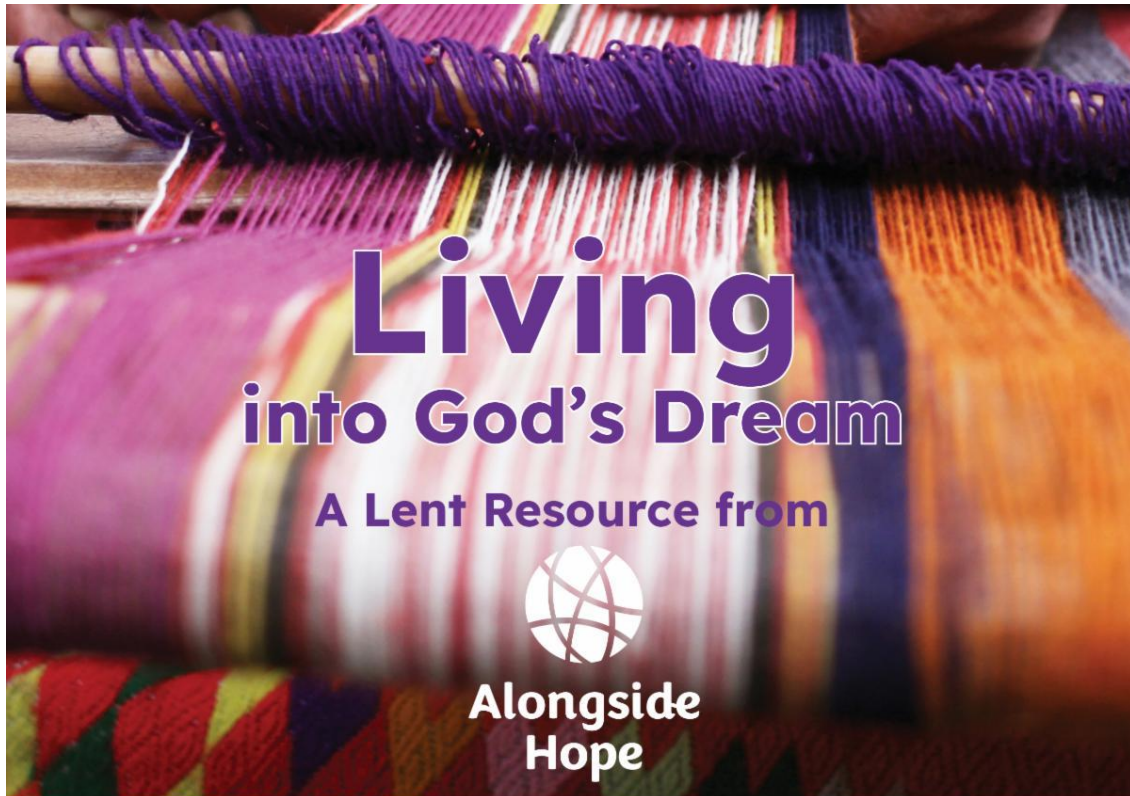
The Diocese of Toronto will be holding five Eucharistic services in 2025 as part of the Season of Spiritual Renewal. Each service will include wonderful music, inspirational preaching, a joyful lay witness talk, and the opportunity for prayer and anointing, followed by a reception that will offer delicious food and time to reconnect with friends from other parishes. Please consider joining us."

On Saturday, March 29th, at 2pm, one of these services will be held in our neighbourhood: at Trinity Streetsville Anglican Church. 69 Queen St. S., Mississauga.

Please consider joining in.

Blessings

- **Daily Lenten Readings from 'Alongside Hope' (formerly PWRDF)**



Dear Adrienne,

This Lent, Alongside Hope invites you to explore the intersections of faith and international development.

Weaving scripture, reflection and prayer together with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Anglican Marks of Mission, the Rev. Jonathan Rowe of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador presents a rich tapestry. Titled "Living into God's Dream," the resource also offers the reader opportunity to reflect on questions, both personal and corporate and to learn more about Alongside Hope's partners.

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Subscribe to receive a daily message in your inbox, including a Bible reading, a reflection and a prayer. On Saturdays during Lent, you'll receive an Alongside Hope story that relates to the theme of the week to come. Your introductory email will arrive March 4, the day before Ash Wednesday.

[Learn more about the resource.](#)

[Subscribe to Living Into God's Dream](#)

- **Read the Bible in One Year**

The Bible is alive.

The Bible gives us wisdom. Written over a period of centuries, the inspired scrolls provide solutions for every situation we can face.

The Bible tells us of the Savior who loves us.

The Bible feeds us. Jesus is God's Word in the flesh, and He is the bread of life for our souls.

6 Benefits of Reading the Bible from Beginning to End Each Year

1. Reading through the Bible every year can instill discipline in making time with the Lord a priority. We develop the habit which becomes a part of everyday life.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ([Matthew 6:33](#) NIV)

2. We can gain new insight. When we approach our reading with an open heart we can read the same passages over and over and receive a different revelation.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. ([2 Timothy 2:15](#) NIV)

3. We learn how each part of the Bible relates to itself.

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. ([Luke 24:27](#))

4. We can glean insight from the sacred writings into all aspects of life.

The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. ([Psalm 119:130](#))

5. Reading chronologically helps us put the historical record into perspective. When we see the order of events the whole picture of the Creator's purpose can become clearer. We can learn more about the progression of Israel's formation.

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. ([Romans 15:4](#))

6. We learn the order of the books of the Bible. This is not a prerequisite for spiritual enlightenment but learning the sequence of the writings can help us when searching for a particular book.

But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul. ([Deuteronomy 4:29](#))

(Adapted from Crosswalks.com)

Please join us over the next year as we read the bible together. Follow the daily readings and join us every three months at St Hilary's as we come together to both celebrate and explore what we've been reading.

Pick up a list of readings and add your name to the sign-up list at the church. We will keep you updated on all the planned gatherings and activities.

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The Bible in One Year: Daily Readings Month Two				
Day	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms Proverbs	Proverbs
21-Feb-25	Leviticus 11: 1 - 12: 8	Mark 5: 21 - 43	33:1-22	10:8 -9
22-Feb-25	Leviticus 13: 1 - 59	Mark 6: 1 - 29	39:1-13	10:10
23-Feb-25	Leviticus 14:1 - 57	Mark 6:30-56	40:1-10	10:11-12
24-Feb-25	Leviticus 15:1 - 16: 28	Mark 7: 1 - 23	40:11-17	10:13-14
25-Feb-25	Leviticus 16:29 - 18:30	Mark 7:24-8:10	41:1-13	10:15-16
26-Feb-25	Leviticus 19:1-20:21	Mark 8:11-38	42:1-11	10:17
27-Feb-25	Leviticus 20:22-22:16	Mark 9:1-29	43:1-5	10:18
28-Feb-25	Leviticus 22:17 - 23:44	Mark 9:30-10:12	44:1-8	10:19
1-Mar-25	Leviticus 24: 1 - 25:46	Mark 10:13 - 31	44:9 - 26	10:20-21
2-Mar-25	Leviticus 25:47-27:13	Mark 10:32-52	45:1-17	10:22
3-Mar-25	Leviticus 27:14 - Numbers 1:54	Mark 11: 1 - 25	46:1-11	10:23
4-Mar-25	Numbers 2: 1 - 3:51	Mark 11:27-12:17	47:1-9	10:24-25
5-Mar-25	Numbers 4:1-5:31	Mark 12:18 - 37	48:1-14	10:26
6-Mar-25	Numbers 6:1 - 7:89	Mark 12:38 - 13:13	49:1-20	10:27-28
7-Mar-25	Numbers 8:1 - 9:23	Mark 13:14 - 37	50:1-23	10:29-30
8-Mar-25	Numbers 10:1 - 11:23	Mark 14:1-21	51:1-19	10:31-32
9-Mar-25	Numbers 11:24-13:33	Mark 14:22-52	52:1-9	11:1-3
10-Mar-25	numbers 14:1-15:16	Mark 14:53-72	53:1-6	11:04
11-Mar-25	Numbers 15:17-16:40	Mark 15:1-47	54:1-7	11:5-6
12-Mar-25	Numbers 16:41-18:32	Mark 16:1-20	55:1-23	11:07
13-Mar-25	Numbers 19:1 - 20:29	Luke 1:1-25	56:1-13	11:08
14-Mar-25	Numbers 21:1-22:20	Luke 1:26-56	57:1-11	11:9-11
15-Mar-25	Numbers 22:21-23:30	Luke 1:57-80	58:1-11	11:12-13
16-Mar-25	Numbers 24:1-25:18	Luke 2:1-35	59:1-17	11:14
17-Mar-25	Numbers 26: 1-51	Luke 2:36-52	60:1-12	11:15
18-Mar-25	Numbers 26:52-28:15	Luke 3:1-22	61:1-8	11:16-17
19-Mar-25	Numbers 28:16-29:40	Luke 3:23-38	62:1-12	11:18-19
20-Mar-25	Numbers 30:1-31:54	Luke 4:1-30	63:1-11	11:20-21
21-Mar-25	Numbers 32:1-33:39	Luke 4:31-5:11	64:1-10	11:22

- Youth Corner

Luke 6:27 - 38

“Gracious God, thank you for sending Jesus to teach us, guide us, and impart your wisdom to us. May we love, bless, and give to the world as you have shown us. Amen. “

Have you ever played tag with just ONE other person? Is that a fun game of tag? Or is it better when a number of people play? I like it better when a bunch of people play together.

Let’s remember this idea of tag being more fun when there’s more people playing it as we talk about today’s scripture story. In today’s story, we hear Jesus teach his disciples how to respond to their enemies. The lessons he gives them are very difficult things to do and even think about. He tells them to love their enemies. He tells them to not judge their enemies. He tells them to give away their things to the people who are stealing from them.

The idea of tag is helpful in understanding what Jesus is saying. In a game of tag with two people, what does the IT person want to do to the other person? She wants to tag them. And then what does the new IT person want to do to the other person. Again, tag them. Right! It just goes back and forth, back and forth.

When people do things to us that we think are unfair or mean, we often want to “get back” at them. But Jesus offers a different option. Jesus invites us to follow him. And when we choose to follow him, we learn from him how to receive God’s love, healing, and mercy. And how to share this love, healing, and mercy we have with others – even those who are being unfair or mean to us. Which then stops the back-n-forth tagging and helps to make God’s kingdom on earth a reality.

“God Our Teacher and Redeemer, thank you for all you have given us. Help us to leave this place, remembering your words, honoring what you have asked us to do, and living how you have instructed us. Help us to love and be loved, to bless and receive blessings, to give and receive that we may know you through each other. Amen.”

(Adapted from: rfour.org and Episcopal Church Lessons that Work)

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- **Upcoming at St Hilary's**

Sunday, February 23

8.30am Said Eucharist

10.30am Sung Eucharist | Vestry Service

Sunday, March 2nd

8.30am Said Eucharist

10.30am Sung Eucharist and Black History Celebration

Friday, March 28th

7pm Join Us for an Evening of Beauty and Art for the Love of God

Wednesdays

10am Bible Study

11am Prayer Group



Beauty and Art for the Love of God

Creative Touch
2025



An Arts Night celebrating creativity in photography, music, drama and cinema, with wine and cheese, and conversation.
St. Hilary's Church 2055 Hurontario St. Friday March 28th, 2025 7 - 9 pm \$10 adults \$5 children

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- **Reading The Bulletin on Your Smart Phone**

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

1. Go to sthilarys.com
2. Click on the menu icon
3. Click on Worship
4. Click on Worship Services
5. Scroll down to 'Download This Week's Bulletin'
6. Click on 'Click Here'
7. The bulletin will appear in PDF format for you to peruse

OR

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 click here](#) to view the livestreaming of this Sunday's 10.30am service.

- **Memorial Flowers & Aumbry Candle**

There are several open spots for the remainder of 2025 for Memorial Flowers and the 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 sthilaryscooksville@toronto.anglican.ca or 905 279 2304. A \$5 donation fee is requested.

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- **Giving to St Hilary's**

If you would like to donate you can do so by:

- Sending an e-transfer to sthilarycooksville@toronto.anglican.ca (please email us the password)
- Signing up to PAR (Pre-authorized Remittance). PAR is automatically withdrawn on a monthly basis and will go toward the area of your choosing

We thank you for any contribution you are able to make.

For more information on giving, please call the church office at 905-279-2304.

- **Good News from Around the World**

Please [click here](#) to enjoy good news stories from around the world.

Thank you for reading and have a great day!