

City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

NEWSLETTER

November 23, 2020

From your Rector

Christ's peace be with you,

As you might have well imagined, it is very unlikely for us to resume worshipping together in our in person services during Advent. Therefore in anticipation of this, we will continue with our Church liturgies, bible studies, and upcoming advent series online. I strongly encourage everyone to remain connected with each other and especially during the times we feel upset, alone and fearful.

This year, we will be offering an Advent series. This will be a joint venture with St. Timothy's Anglican Church and their rector The Rev. Canon Lorne Manweiler. There will be music, scripture readings and reflections on the meaning advent.

In addition, this Sunday we will be welcoming The Rev. Canon Chelsy Stevens to preach at our online service. In the past, she was the Canon for Rural Ministries, but her title has changed and she is now the Canon Pastor for Rural Ministries. Therefore, we will pray for her new role and we will give her a hearty welcome into our parish.

With advent on the horizon, it is a time, whereby, we consider how God is incarnated in our lives on the one hand, and on the other, we consider the future fulfillment of God's kingdom not only in the present age but in the coming age. I encourage all of you to be kind to one another, to take time to read the Holy Scriptures and to pray with your family, and if you are alone, to consider praying for others. So as we get ready to decorate our houses (some of you already have), think of advent as a time of preparation for the renewal of our souls and faith life.

In Christ,

The Reverend William Isenor, OSF+

Winter Online Auction

The ACW are hosting another online auction this November and are seeking donations!

Did you know, a tax receipt is available for donations of new purchases with a receipt?

Donations for the auction can be dropped off at the Church on Wednesday mornings, beginning October 15. Alternately, please call the church at 780 962 5131 or email at presidentacw@gmail.com to arrange for them to be picked up.

We are accepting new and gently used donations until November 15. Thank you for your generosity!

Here is a list of the most popular items from our last auction:

Face masks

Dinner/Dining

Musical instruments

Electronics

Crafts (quilts, handicrafts, wooden crafts)

Gift baskets (coffee, chocolate, wine etc)

Kitchen sets (wash cloths, pot holders, trivets)

Books

Gift cards

Auction Website

<https://www.32auctions.com/acwwinterauction>

Auction Dates:

November 20-27 2020

Upcoming Parish Events

A Midweek Online Advent Series offered by the parishes of St. Augustine's Parkland and St. Timothy's Anglican Church.

Save the dates: Dec. 2, Dec. 9, Dec. 16, Dec. 23.

This series will be uploaded to our YouTube channel for access anytime after the set date and time.

Bible Study/Faith based on the theme of Resiliency: Faith practices in Tough Times:

November 18	Faith Practices in Tough Times: Others
November 24	Faith Practices in Tough Times: Hope
December 1	Faith Practices in Tough Times: Finding Meaning and Making a Plan
December 8	Setting Free Our Lament: Lament of Now
December 15	Setting Free Our Lament: Lament of COVID-19
December 22	Resiliency in Families and Households
Details and times	Online studies every Tuesday at 7pm

To join our Bible Study please access it through Zoom found here:

Topic: Bible Study/Faith Practices online

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91681411019?pwd=S1NnN1FRL2NqVFdpUmxjU3I5ZXVIUT09>

Meeting ID: 916 8141 1019

Passcode: 376949

Dial by your location

+1 587 328 1099 Canada

Meeting ID: 916 8141 1019

Passcode: 376949

The course material can be downloaded here:

[https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Resiliency Faith Practices in Tough Times.pdf](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Resiliency_Faith_Practices_in_Tough_Times.pdf)

Bible Readings for Advent I

ISAIAH 64:1-9; PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18; 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9; MARK 13:24-37

Link for the full text can be found here:

<https://lectionary.anglican.ca/nrsv/?date=2020-11-29>

Getting in touch with Rev. Billy

Rev. Billy is available for prayer and pastoral care via phone 780-699-6480 or online via Zoom. Refer to the [Pandemic Page](#) on the church website for more information.

Also check out his YouTube channel where he has been posting various services, devotions, children's talks and so much more

@https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL0-88TkSINLsAEeJgOCT6g?view_as=subscriber

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