

City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

NEWSLETTER

March 22, 2021

Christ's peace be with you,

The big news of the week is that we are again having in-person services! We do have strict protocols in place and it is mandatory that seats are reserved in advance for each service, there are a couple of options for making your reservation.

Online booking: You can use the link on our website to access the online booking system. Once you select the service you are booking for, you will need to provide your name, how many seats you need, your email address and phone number. You will receive an email confirmation which is strictly for your information - you do not have to bring it, we will have your name on a list.

Calling in: You can call in to the church and leave a message stating which service you are booking for, how many seats you need, your name and phone number. You will receive a call back confirming your reservation.

Please note the following regulations:

- we can have a total of 60 people attending, this includes clergy and those assisting with the service.
- social distance measures must be adhered to (6 feet/2 meters between you/your household and all others).
- enter through the main (front) doors.
- masks are mandatory for all, no exceptions will be considered. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided to you.
- all are expected to use hand sanitizer upon entry (there are several bottles available to use).

- contact tracing forms must be completed.
- you will be ushered to your assigned seating.
- envelopes/offerings are to be left in the collection plate on your way to your seat (it is on a table in the middle of the aisle as you enter the church).
- unfortunately we can not sing as a collective at this time, we can have 1 singer only.
- all are to follow the directional arrows on the floor.
- those on the left side of the church will exit through the office doors, those on the right will exit through the hall doors all while maintaining social distancing protocols.

The links are now open to reserve for all of our upcoming services.

Again, a tremendous thank you to our fabulous volunteers who help with our services every week, we cannot thank you enough for sharing your gifts with us so consistently. We truly appreciate your efforts! If you are interested in assisting with our services, please do contact Michelle in the office.

Services will also continue to be streamed online for those who would prefer to join us online from the comforts of their own homes.

A Message from your People's Warden

We are sad to share the news that our rector Rev. Billy and his family will soon be leaving our parish of St. Augustine's Parkland to take up their calling in British Columbia.

We have been blessed this past few years to have Rev. Billy as our rector. He has brought to us lots of energy, faith & a strong leadership in a difficult time.

Rev. Billy brought some fresh and new ideas to the parish introducing us to St. Francis. We saw some exciting new ministries begin such as food, faith & food. He helped us bring to life again Messy Church.

Rev. Billy led our parish and community in reconciliation with our indigenous community by offering the Standing Stone service and Messy Church reconciliation.

He introduced us to some fun events too with Dana and Ian playing at our first Ceilidh.

More recently we need to give thanks to Rev. Billy for showing leadership in keeping our parish safe through this pandemic and introducing us to new ways of worship and ministering to our parishioners and community.

We have watched with joy as Rev. Billy & Dana's family grew to two lovely little girls and before they leave we will be able to celebrate with them the arrival of the new little one.

We have been blessed to have Dana to share her gifts of faith and music too.

We wish Rev Billy Dana & family all the very best as they take on new challenges of welcoming the new baby, move house and take on a new parish in a new province.

Your peoples warden,

Winnie

Reminder

Rev. Billy is still very much available for those in need of pastoral care, he can be contacted using any of the following methods:

Email: brotherbilly@orderofstfrancis.org

Church phone: 780-962-5131

Cell phone: 780-699-6480

Please do not hesitate to reach out.

ACW Spring Plant Sale



FLOWERS A MOTHER WILL LOVE

Saturday, May 8, 2021
10am - 1pm

St. Augustine's Parkland Anglican Church
131 Church Road, Spruce Grove

Hanging Baskets. A variety of planters.
Individual geraniums, dahlias, and begonias.

Please wear a mask and practice safe distancing.
Acceptable methods of payment:
Cash, e-Transfer or Cheque



Easter Flowers

Although the flowers are starting to show in our flower beds (see the picture), we would also love to have beautiful flowers for our Easter Sunday service. Instead of donating flowers this year we are asking for anyone who would like to contribute, do so financially to help cover the cost of Easter Lilies.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 23rd - Bible Study will be a self-lead study. Anyone wishing to receive the material for it is asked to contact Michelle in the office at 780-962-5131 or staugustinesparkland@gmail.com

Wednesday, March 24th - Midweek Lenten Series will be available on YouTube at 7pm

Sunday, March 28th - 9am L'il Disciples video

Sunday, March 28th - 10am Passion Sunday service in person and via Youtube at

<https://youtu.be/8JBJAVpos24>

Thursday, April 1st - Maundy Thursday service at 7pm (in person & online)

Friday, April 2nd - Good Friday service at 12pm (in person & online)

Saturday, April 3rd - Easter Vigil at 9pm (in person & online)

Sunday, April 4th - Easter Sunday service at 10am (in person & online)

A touch of humor.....

