

City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

NEWSLETTER

January 2nd, 2023



We hope everyone has enjoyed a safe & happy holiday season! Just a few reminders as we begin this new year together:

- Bible Study reconvenes on Monday, January 9th at 10am in the church hall, all are welcome!
- Information about Confirmation Classes will be coming out soon!
- There is never a bad time to volunteer to help with some of our many ministries! Do a reading, be a server, help in Sunday School, advance the service slides, etc. The possibilities are almost endless!
- Please try to remember to be patient with us. Every single thing that happens in our church is done by volunteers and 2 part time staff. Every single thing. Please know your suggestions, requests, and concerns are noted even if we can't get to them right away.
- If you put someone on our prayer list, please do remember to update us when they can be taken off.
- If you are ill or injured or needing prayers for any reason - please contact us! Your parish family and our prayer teams are here for you. You are not alone. You are loved. Help us love you by letting us know what's happening in your life. The power of prayer is a mighty thing.
- Come to church when you can! Your parish family always wants to see you and misses your face when you aren't around - yes, YOU!



Please remember in your prayers this week:

- We pray for Metropolitan Greg, Primate Linda, and Bishop Stephen. We also pray for our clergy, Father Neil and Rev. Lesley. We pray for the new Rector that God is guiding to us now.
- We pray for the Diocese of Moosonee: the Most Rev. Anne Germond, Archbishop (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario); the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Assisting Bishop. The retired clergy of the Diocese of Edmonton: Michael Lawson; Joyce Mellor; Elizabeth Metcalfe; Charles Mortimer; Ann Marie Nicklin; Helen Northcott, Susan Ormsbee; William Patterson; Bob Peel; Jim Plambeck; David Prowse; Paul Robinson. Buyé Synod Office: Simion Kinono, Christian Education Coordinator and Bible College Director; Nehemie Mbonyimpano, Diocesan Typist; Amos Mutezimana, Evangelism Officer; Noel Ntamavukiro, GenderBased Violence and Peace and Reconciliation Officer. Paul First Nation.
- in the world Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico.
- We pray for those who are ill, injured, or bereaved; and for all who need God's healing presence, especially remembering Bill, Margaret, Bud, Vicki, Stella, Marjorie, Amiee, Liza, Karen, Lois, Sarah, Stephen & Ashton, Patricia, Lincoln, Chris, Charlie, Lisa, Donna, Mildred, Anne-Marie, and Stewart.
- We pray for the repose of the soul of Larry and for Tina & family as they mourn him.
- In our own parish this week, we pray for Cliff & Ellen, Beauty, Bernadette, Margaret & Keith, George & Doreen; and their families.

During yesterday's service Elizabeth shared the following prayers which were written by Mary Stewart in 1904 when she was principal of a girl's school in Colorado. Many organizations adopted it to use at the start of their meetings. It has been altered from the original 'us/we' to 'me/I' to make it more challenging and personal.

Keep me O Lord from pettiness, let me be large in thought, word, and deed. Let me be done with fault finding and leave off self seeking. May I put away all pretense and meet others face to face without self pity and without prejudice.

May I never be hasty in judgment and always generous. Let me take time for all things, make me grow calm, serene, gentle. Teach me to put into action my better impulses, straight forward and unafraid.

Grant that I may realize that it is the little things that create differences, that in the big things of life we are one. And may I strive to touch and know the great human heart common to us all, and, O Lord God, let me not forget to be kind.

Tabernacle Candle:

The candle was sponsored on December 25th by Barb Ford in loving memory of Bob and by Winnie Kennair in loving memory of her mother, Frances Eve. On January 1st it was anonymously sponsored wishing everyone a blessed new year filled with love, happiness, and good health!



If you would like to sponsor the candle for \$10 in memory of a loved one (perhaps on a birthday, anniversary or other important date), please do let us know! We are not limited to one sponsor per week.

Jan. 8th	· Winnie Kennair in loving memory of Ted.
Jan. 15th	· open
Jan. 22nd	· open
Jan. 29th	· open
Feb. 5th	·
Feb. 12th	·

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 8th - 10am Sunday service (In person or online) & Sunday School.

Sunday, January 8th - Vestry meeting after church.

