

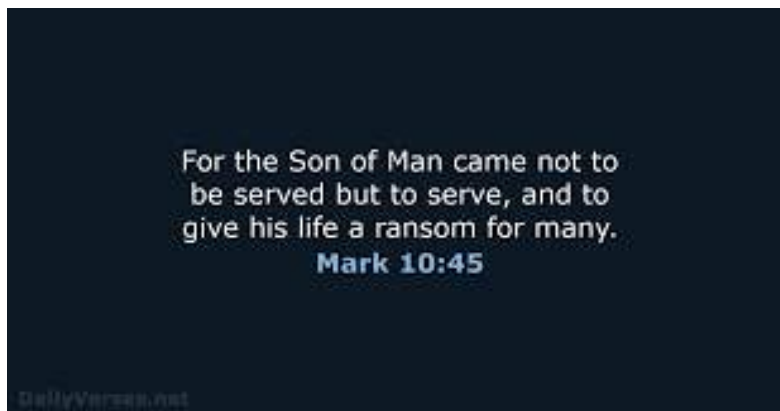
City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

NEWSLETTER

September 11th, 2023



Just a quick reminder that for the next few weeks after our Sunday services we'll be having our ministry fair.. We hope you've had a chance to prayerfully review each ministry that was described in a few recent newsletters and are ready to go where your heart is leading you by signing up for any you feel called to do. If you want to refresh, there are always the most recent 4 newsletters on the home page of our church website. If you are already on the roster, please do still sign up so we know you're still able to continue sharing your gifts with us all!



Save the date: Saturday, October 14th

We've had a few people asking about a fall car boot sale. With the unpredictable weather we've opted to switch it up and host an indoor rummage sale open to all! Simply sign up, bring your wares to the church that morning, grab a table in the hall and sell your treasures! Additional info to come.

Rev. Kev's Agenda!

Aside from the many regular recurring things that he does, this is what's coming up in his calendar. Friday's will be a regularly scheduled (& needed!) day off with the exception of pastoral emergencies and other important functions

- Wednesday, September 13th - ACW Meeting
- Thursday, September 14th - Ordination Service at All Saints' Cathedral
- Saturday, September 16th - ACW Regional at St. Augustine's
- Sunday, September 17th - Vestry Meeting
- Tuesday, September 19th - Rev. John Rushton's Internment
- Wednesday, September 20th - Copper Sky Memorial Service
- Thursday, September 21st - Clergy Day
- Sunday, September 24th - Confirmation Class
- Wednesday, September 27th - Local Pastors Luncheon
- Wednesday, September 27th - Corporation Meeting
- Saturday, September 30th - Elvis Night
- Sunday, October 1st - Confirmation Class

Rev. Kevin can be contacted by calling the church at 780-962-5131 or by email at parklandpriest@gmail.com. In pastoral emergencies he can be reached at 780-993-9985



Please remember in your prayers this week:

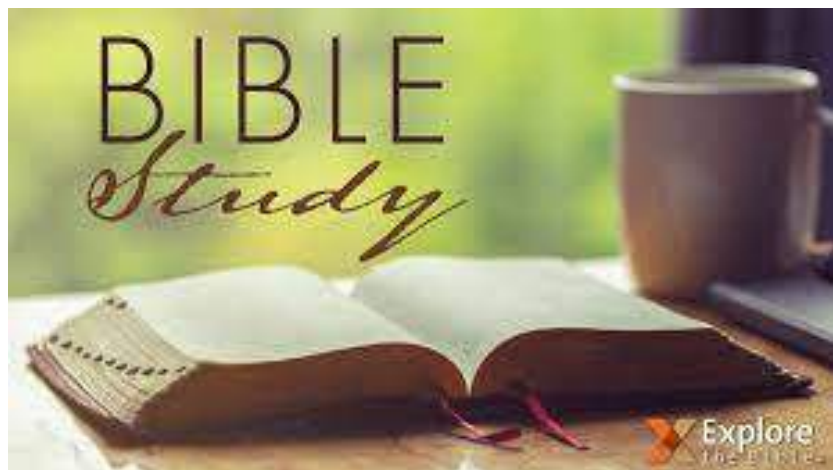
- We pray for Metropolitan Greg, Primate Linda, and Bishop Stephen. We also pray for our clergy, Rev. Kevin and Rev. Lesley.
- We pray for the Diocese of Niagara, for St. George, Fort Saskatchewan, for the Buyé Diocese Youth Coordinator, for Alexander First Nation, and for the Church of Ireland.
- We pray for those who are ill, injured, or bereaved; and for all who need God's healing presence, especially remembering Bill, Stewart, Eileen, Paula, Lenora, Iain, and Sylvia.
- In our own parish this week, we pray for Jean, Tracey & Laurie, Bob & Janice, Kathy, Jack & Sue, and their families.
- We pray for our confirmands on their journey to confirmation.

Please note: Submitted names will be kept on the prayer list for a period of two weeks unless intentionally renewed.



Award winning Elvis impersonator, Robin Kelly is coming back!

That's right! Robin is returning Saturday, September 30th at 7pm to perform for us! Tickets will be \$25 each and will be available on Sunday.



Bible Study!

Every Monday at 10:00 a.m. our weekly bible study will continue in the church hall. Each Monday the focus will be on the readings scheduled for the following Sunday. Upcoming readings that will be focussed on are:

- September 18th - Exodus 16: 2-15, Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45, Philippians 1: 23-30, Matthew 20: 1-16
- September 25th - Exodus 17: 1-7, Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16, Philippians 2: 1-13, Matthew 21: 23-32
- October 2nd - Deuteronomy 8: 7-18, Psalm 65, 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15, Luke 17: 11-19



If you or an immediate family member have a birthday between September 11th - 23rd, please do add to our birthday list found near the front door of the church!

Season of Creation

As part of our Environmental Stewardship, we are encouraged to share the Season of Creation resources. Yesterday's theme was Soil.

The scripture reading is Luke 13:6-9

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the man working the vineyard, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.' "

The Rev. Dr. Scott Sharman shares his thoughts on the reading here:

<https://youtu.be/Zw7JM4O8RZ8>

- Challenge Ideas:
 - Celebration: How do you care for soil at home and church already? What gifts does the soil give you?
 - Discussion: What chemicals are being used in church/home landscaping. Are there any that you could easily do without? What would be the effect to you of doing without them alltogether?
 - Review: In 2012, as a diocese, we committed to moving away from single-use plastics, how is that going in your parish?
 - How many beings that live in the soil can you name as a parish?
- Prayer:
 - We join with the earth and with each other. To bring new life to the land. To restore the waters. To refresh the air. We join with the earth and with each other. To renew the forests. To care for the plants. To protect the creatures. We join with the earth and each other. To celebrate the seas. To rejoice in the sunlight. To sing the song of the stars. We join with the earth and each other. To recreate the human community. To promote justice and peace. To remember our children. We join with the earth and each other. We join together as many and diverse expressions of one loving mystery: for the healing of the earth and the renewal of all life. Amen.

Additional resources can be found here:

<https://edmonton.anglican.ca/what-we-do/environmental-stewardship/pages/season-of-creation-2023-resources>

God created humans in His image, and gave us the responsibility to care for creation as He would. What an overwhelming task! The Truth is that changing light bulbs, while a good start, simply is not enough to restore balance to the creation. We must work in concert – group by group, congregation by congregation, community by community, and nation by nation to restore the creation. After all, the Bible calls us to communal action in the matter of stewardship. We must work together on a large scale. (Rebekah Simon-Peter, *Green Church*, 2010).

Tabernacle Candle:

The candle was sponsored this week by Kathy Budd in loving memory of her mom, Marion; by Greg Hanna in loving memory of his mom, Nelda; and by Betty Squance remembering Glen's birthday.



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.

Sept 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Greg Hanna in loving memory of his dad, Casey· Fran Peacock in loving memory of Jack on his birthday· Helen Steinburg in memory of her brother, Gerald
Sept 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· The Rushton family remembering the Great New England Hurricane of 85 years ago.... and Elizabeth Rushton was also born that year.
Oct. 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· open
Oct. 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Elizabeth Rushton remembering John on his birthdayHelen & Bill Steinburg celebrating their 57th Wedding Anniversary
Oct. 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· open

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 11th - Bible Study at 10 am

Sunday, September 17th - Vestry meeting at 11:30 am

Sunday, September 17th - 10am Sunday service with Rev. Kevin

Sunday, September 17th - Sunday school starts at 10 am

Monday, September 18th - Bible Study at 10 am

Sunday, September 24th - 10am Sunday service with Rev. Kevin

Sunday, September 24th - Sunday school starts at 10 am

Sunday, September 24th - Confirmation class

Monday, September 25th - Bible Study at 10 am

Sunday, September 30th - Elvis show!

Funnies.... But first a real life event!

Max Fosh really hit legendary referee Mark Clattenburg with the Uno reverse card during the Sidemen charity match 🤪👉👎📺

