

City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

# NEWSLETTER

May 21st, 2024



The next MOSA breakfast will be at the Fresh Grill on Main Street in Stony Plain at 9:00 am on Saturday June 8th. Note: we have set this back one week in order to avoid conflict with Farmers' Days events on the weekend of June 1st. All men of the parish are welcome and encouraged to join!



If you or an immediate family member have a birthday between May 19th - June 1st, please do add to our birthday list found near the front door of the church!

## ***Tabernacle Candle:***

The candle was sponsored this week by David Dunbar remembering Paula'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.

May 26th	· Elizabeth Rushton in celebration of twin grandchildren Hayley & Josh's birthday on the 28th and Hayley's husband Cory's birthday on the 27th
June 2nd	· Bill Steinburg in loving memory of his mother, Mabel
June 9th	· Winnie Kennair remembering her father, John Eve.
June 16th	· Bev Myers in loving memory of her dad, John Hampson
June 23rd	· open

# Listening in Spirit



## Shaping Our Future Together

**Sunday June 9th from 3-5pm**

**As the Diocese of Edmonton embarks on a strategic planning process to thoughtfully consider our current state and position in the community and the broader world, we know that the strongest starting point is the parishes and the people who fill them. Each of your individual perspectives, experiences, and reflections hold great value as a part of our collective story.**

**This Parish Engagement Session, led by Anna Bubel of Another Way consulting, is an opportunity to look at the pieces of the story we have gathered thus far, from quantitative data to your individual responses to the Parishioner Survey, and more. During this 2h session, we will provide details around the Listening in Spirit project, including key milestones and deliverables; we will validate the findings to date, focusing on the strengths within each parish; and we will explore the opportunities facing each parish. We will provide a summary report of findings that includes various data collected, as well as an overview of the survey responses.**

**All attendees will have the opportunity to expand on the findings, ask questions, provide clarifications, and further build out the story of your parish and its place in the Diocese. You are the most important element of this conversation, and we are pleased and excited to hear from you.**



### Summary History of Bench and Tree

**A REMINDER ABOUT THE OUTDOOR BENCH and THANK YOU TO BILL KESANKO FOR RECENT FRESHENING UP OF THE BENCH**

The idea for an outdoor bench in the shady nook beside the office door of the church came about in the year 2005 at the time Rev. Jane Alexander was the incumbent. The family of Ivy Hagen and Allan Hagen offered to finance the bench in memory of Cathy Baptie, Ivy's daughter and Allan's sister.

It was hoped that the bench dedicated to "Come, Rest Awhile" would offer people walking by a place to rest as well as a space to place memorial plaques in memory of loved ones.

Spanning the years 2005 -2017 thirty-eight Memorial plaques have been placed on the bench until there was no more usable space remaining. Over the years the bench has been maintained by Bruce Hyde, Bev Orioux, and now Bill Kesanko who has just finished sanding and painting it.

In 2020 in order to facilitate another space to place memorials an indoor Memorial Tree was painted and placed on the wall of St. Monica's chapel. To date there have been 53 memorial leaves placed on it with 3 leaves waiting to be placed when the families are ready.

For a more complete history of either the outdoor Bench or indoor Memorial Tree and for a list of the names on both the Bench and Memorial Tree please consult the Memorial book kept in a box under the Memorial tree.



***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 Ottawa, for the retired clergy of the Diocese of Edmonton, for the Ruyenzi (St. Emmanuel) Parish in Buyé, for the Kehewin Cree Nation, and for the Anglican Church of Canada.
- We pray for those who are ill, injured, or bereaved; and for all who need God's healing presence, especially remembering Bill, Iain, Barbara, Ann, Joan, Robin, Isabel.
- In our own parish this week, we pray for Val, Jean, Tracey & Laurie, Bob & Janice, Kathy; and their families.

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

## ***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, May 29<sup>th</sup>: Auggie's Board Meeting*

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

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 26th - 10am Sunday service and Sunday School

Wednesday, May 29th - 9am Auggie's Cafe board meeting

Saturday, June 8th - 9am MOSA breakfast

Sunday, June 9th - 11:30am Vestry Meeting

Sunday, June 9th - 3pm 'Listening in Spirit' engagement session

Wednesday, June 12th - 1pm ACW Meeting

