

City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

# NEWSLETTER

February 23, 2026

**The Anglican Church of Canada**  
**The Diocese of Edmonton**  
The Parish of  
St. Augustine's Parkland Anglican Church  
131 Church Road  
Spruce Grove AB T7X 2K4



Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Parishioners will be held on **the fifteenth day of March, 2026** following the 10 o'clock a.m. Sunday worship service. All baptized persons regularly attending services of worship in this Parish or otherwise regularly receiving the administrations of the clergy of this parish are entitled to attend.

Rev. Kevin Kraglund

***Please note: The final deadline for submission of all AGM reports is February 28th***

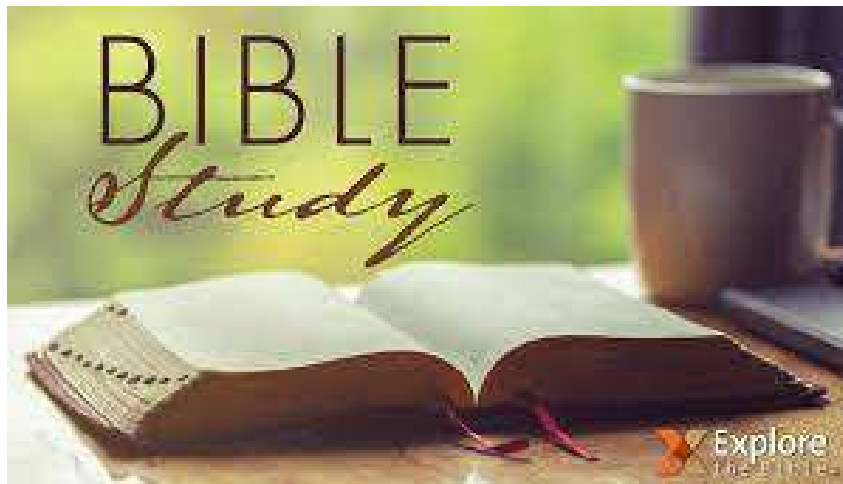
***Thank you!***



**Yes, it's THIS WEEK!**

If you haven't had a chance to sponsor the team yet (or join them!), simply use the link below to go to the website to support team 'St. Augustine's-Parkland Anglican Church'. You can sponsor the team online or in person!

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1039204>



### ***Monday Morning Bible Study***

Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the church hall. Each Monday the focus will be on the readings scheduled for the following Sunday. **(fun fact: this is often when Rev. Kevin & Aglaia come up with hymn selections for the service!)** All are welcome to attend! Upcoming readings are:

*March 1st:* Genesis 12: 1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4: 1-4, 13-17, John 3: 1-17

*March 8th:* Exodus 17: 1-17, Psalm 95, Romans 5: 1-11, John 4: 5-42

*March 15th:* 1 Samuel 16: 1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5: 8-14, John 9:1-41



Our AGM is coming up quickly on March 15th following the service.

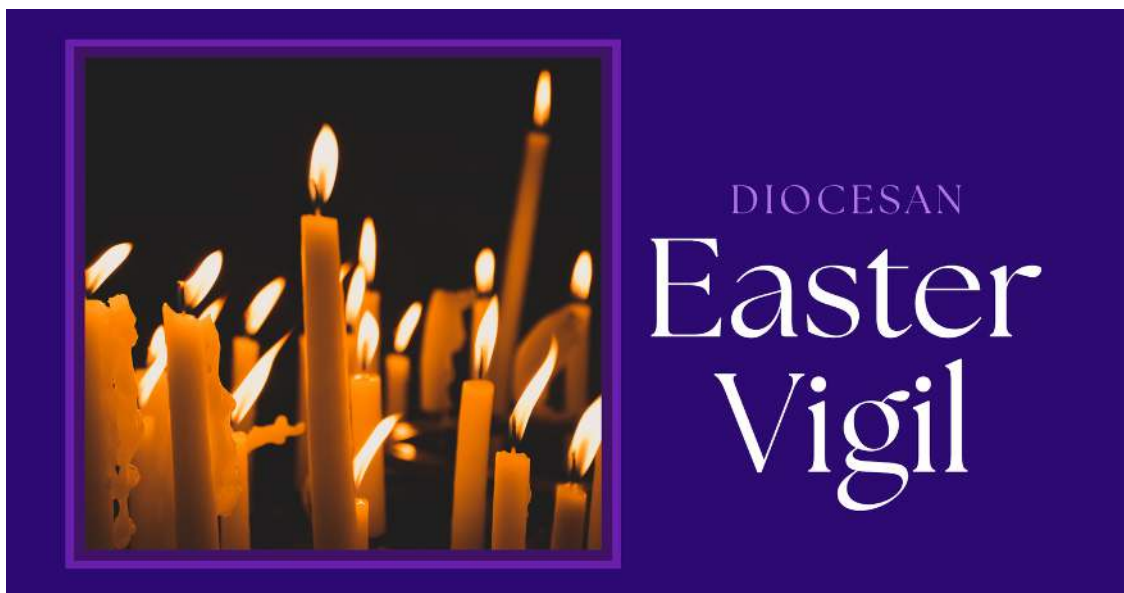
We currently have the following roles to be filled at the AGM:

2 - vestry members

3 - synod delegates

1 - alternate synod delegate

Please prayerfully consider who you would like to represent you on vestry. If you have someone in mind, please ask them if they are interested before contacting Hazel with your nomination. Self nominating is permitted too if this is something that interests you. We are hoping to have as many nominations done in advance as possible to help expedite the AGM.



*All Saints' Cathedral is once again planning a Diocesan Easter Vigil for the evening of Saturday, April 4. They would love to have folks from many parishes participate! If you can help, please [contact RJ](#) at the Cathedral.*



## **A reminder about Safe Church Policy regarding Sunday School and interactions with Children**

We heartily thank and appreciate our Sunday School teachers and helpers. Very occasionally, we encounter situations where no screened Sunday School teacher is available. At such times, we urge congregants to keep in mind the Safe Church policies that we adhere to in order to protect our children and youth as well as our volunteers.

Volunteers and staff working with children and youth belong to the “Extremely High Risk” category and, therefore, are required to comply to the following screening policies and procedures: • Be known to the parish for at least twelve (12) months or have a reference from another parish which they regularly attended for a minimum of twelve (12) months.

- Be trained for the area of ministry.
- Must complete a criminal record check (CRC) with vulnerable sector check (VSC) search (and at least every three years thereafter).
- Must complete the Diocesan Safe Church video training module.
- Work in teams of 2 or more screened volunteers/staff/clergy.
- No one should be alone with a child who is not their own child.
- Children who need assistance in the restroom outside of the children’s ministry must be helped by their own parent or guardian.
- Within the children’s ministry, all diapering or assistance must be observable by two screened adults if not done by a parent or guardian.
- Familiarize yourself with the full safe Church policy. It can be found on Diocese of Edmonton website at <https://edmonton.anglican.ca/pages/safe-church>.

When a Sunday School program is not being offered, activity packs are available for children to use in the pews.



### **A Saucey Lenten Project!**

We are doing a Lenten Pasta Sauce Drive! It will run from March 1st through to March 29th inclusive. Any pasta sauce, white or red, would be graciously received and appreciated. Donations can be brought to the front corner of the church near the baptismal font.



## Wheels of Grace Ride Sharing

*Do you have a car and like to drive? Do you like to meet new people and help others in your spare time? VOLUNTEER WITH US! By providing transportation to others in need. This service is specific for transportation to and from Sunday worship and other St. Augustine Parish related events.*

*If you are interested and or able to assist please contact Tracy Shanmugam for more details.*

[ta\\_bruneau@yahoo.com](mailto:ta_bruneau@yahoo.com) or 780-446-6035



*As submitted by you...*

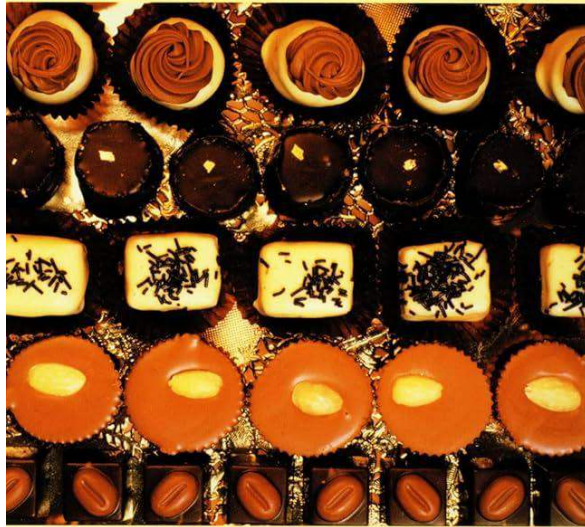
**Question:** Can I donate my bottles to the church? If so, how?

**Answer:** Yes! You absolutely can! We do have a black garbage can labelled recycling in the hall for bottles but one can is only able to hold so many. At the vestry meeting yesterday it was decided that within the next 2 weeks there will be church accounts set up at both the Spruce Grove and the Stony Plain bottle depots. You will be able to take your bottles in and just let them know to put it on the St. Augustine's Parkland account!

**Contact the office to submit YOUR questions!**

# *Christ and the Chocolaterie*

A Lent Course



HILARY BRAND

*Explore issues about God, the world, and what it means to be human.*

**This 6 week Lenten Bible Study will run from 7-9pm  
on Wednesday's in Rev. Kevin's office.**

*We will be using the office door to the west of the main doors for entry.*

*Due to space, we have to limit it to 20 participants so registration is required.*

**February 25th**

**Chocolat**

**March 4th**

**Giving up - the prelude to change**

**March 11th**

**Giving out - the power of a gift**

**March 18th**

**Getting wise - the possibility of change**

**March 25th**

**Getting real - the power of acceptance**

**April 1st**

**Growing up - the process of change**

***Contact the office to pre-register and secure your spot!***



Hello Everyone,

Is anyone thinking we have been very blessed with so many days of above average temperatures so far this year? I am!

I'm also feeling blessed with caring family members looking out for this old girl. My group of friends are a true blessing. That's just the tip of the iceberg of blessings.

Please remember to acknowledge your blessings with a special donation to the church. This can be done along with your regular offering or by a special donation in May. Please mark this offering "Hippo" as the idea began with us adopting ceramic hippos in May, 2013. Hippos because our saint is St. Augustine of Hippo.

May each of us strive to be a blessing to our parish and to God.

Betty Squance

***World Day of Prayer  
Friday, March 6, 2026  
4:00 p.m. here at the church***



**Please join us for the World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience through the life events of Christians from other countries and cultures, and to bring hope to women touched by injustice. The 2026 service was written by the Nigerian World Day of Prayer committee.**

***“I will give you rest: Come” ~ Matthew 11: 28-30***



**What the Bishop had to say on his Facebook post:**

*"It was a great celebration this last Sunday at St Augustine's, Parkland. I had the joy of confirming five young people. The celebration was the Transfiguration of the Lord. My reflection to the confirmands was on the the words of the Gospel when God says to the disciples, "Listen to Him (Jesus)." I reflected that this is important because who we listen to on a regular basis shapes both how we act in the world and who we become. Listening to Jesus invites us to put the God of love and mercy at the center of our lives and everything we do.*

*The great surprise of the service was listening to the rector (Kevin Kraglund) have the opportunity to play the drums with the band as I was preaching and presiding. He is amazing! I am grateful for the hospitality of the community."*



Did somebody say Mimosa?

No, it's March MOSA

Hash the Browns

9:00 am Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March/26

## ***Tabernacle Candle:***

The candle was sponsored this week by Barb Ford in loving memory of her brother Roy; by Barb Ford in loving memory of her great niece Mullein; and by Karen Adlem in loving memory of her sister Jaclyn



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.

Mar. 1st	- open
Mar. 8th	- open
Mar. 15th	- Judy Kesanko in celebration of Bill's birthday - Elizabeth Rushton in loving memory of John
Mar. 22nd	- Jean Brown remembering Clyde on his birthday (March 27th)
Mar. 29th	- open

# 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, February 25: Lenten Study (Chocolat)**
- **Saturday, February 28: Coldest Night of the Year Walk**
- **Wednesday, March 4: Copper Sky service**
- **Wednesday, March 4: Lenten Study**
- **Saturday, March 7: Men's Breakfast**
- **Wednesday, March 11: St. Michael's Fenwyck Heights service**
- **Wednesday, March 11: ACW Meeting**
- **Wednesday, March 11: Lenten Study**
- **Friday, March 13: Community Games Night**
- **Sunday, March 15: St. Augustine's-Parkland AGM**
- **Wednesday, March 18: Copper Sky service**
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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



## ***Please remember in your prayers this week:***

- We pray for Primate Shane, Metropolitan Greg, and Bishop Stephen. We also pray for our clergy, Rev. Kevin and Rev. Lesley.
- We pray for the Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh, for St. Luke's in Edmonton, for the Murungurira Parish in the Buyé Diocese, for the Montana 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 Louise, Sharon, David, Annette, Darlene, Cheryl, Brian, Oliver, Angus, Gwen, Anne, Tom, Lenox, Brooke, Lane, Brenda, Gloria, Grace, Alex, Emmariah, Don, Jae-nel, and Leilani.
- We pray for the repose of the soul of Carola, for Alan and all who mourn
- We pray for the repose of the soul of Alex and her family who mourns
- In our own parish this week, we pray for Bev, Ruth & Travis, Dean, David & Sarah, Alexandra & Ashton; and their families.

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

## Funeral Pre-Planning & Legal Guidance

# PLANNING *with* PURPOSE



### ABOUT EVENT

Thoughtful planning today can make a difficult time easier for those left behind. This session focuses on basic funeral preplanning and how making decisions in advance can help relieve your family from having to make those choices during a time of grief.

We'll discuss how planning your funeral ahead of time can bring clarity and peace of mind, how preplanning can help manage and control costs, and what information is helpful to have in place. A guest lawyer will also provide guidance on wills, probate, estates, and executor responsibilities, offering practical insight to help families avoid confusion and unnecessary strain.

## APRIL 15, 2026

Wednesday | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

St Matthew's Lutheran Church  
101 McLeod Ave, Spruce Grove, AB

### HOSTED BY

Jeanni Guenther, CEA  
Dignity Memorial



### SPECIAL GUEST

Daylen Lafleur  
Mainstreet Law



### TOPIC HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ The benefits of funeral preplanning
- ✓ How to choose the right executor
- ✓ Key documents you need to have ready
- ✓ Common financial mistakes that cost families time and money
- ✓ Wills, probate & estate legal questions


**RSVP NOW**  
Call, Email or  
visit website to  
register




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