

# City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

# NEWSLETTER

March 30, 2026



We had a beautiful and moving Palm Sunday service yesterday! We're all looking forward to the celebration of Easter on Sunday but there is so much more to Holy Week and we hope you will join us on the journey.

## **Maundy Thursday**

Attend the 7pm in-person service to commemorate:

- The Last Supper, the institution of the Eucharist,
- Jesus washing his disciples' feet
- Jesus commanding his disciples to love one another as he loved them
- His betrayal and arrest
- Stripping the altar to symbolize Jesus' humiliation before the crucifixion

## **Good Friday**

Join us at 9am for coffee and hot cross buns in the church hall before the 10 am service. This year our service is unlike anything we've done before, it will be the Seven Words of Jesus from the Cross. The service will feature reflections, prayers, and hymns centered on the final statements of Christ. The statements (ranging from forgiveness and salvation to abandonment and triumph) will provide a deeply moving, meditative journey through the final moments of Christ's passion.

Link to watch online: <https://youtube.com/live/YIWY76P87sM?feature=share>

## **Diocesan Easter Vigil** - 8pm on Saturday at All Saints' Anglican Cathedral (10035-103 Street, Edmonton)

We are proud to say that our very own Suzanna Wagner and Rev. Kevin will both be a part of this beautiful evening. The service begins in darkness and consists of four parts:

- The Service of Light (kindling of new fire, lighting the Paschal candle, and the Exsultet, which is the powerful proclamation of the Resurrection composed before the 7th Century);
- The Service of Lessons (readings from the Hebrew Scriptures interspersed with psalms, canticles, and prayers);
- Christian Initiation (Holy Baptism) or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows;
- The first Eucharist of Easter.

Attend in person or watch online - <https://www.youtube.com/live/tXCifHWKIJ0?si=W6V6f2rxvVbUYJzz>



## ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

### **ACW News**

There will be no ACW meeting or gathering in the church hall on Wednesday, April 8th . But please do check out the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for any ladies who would still like to go to lunch that day. Please sign up before Friday April 3rd .

### ***Diocese of Edmonton ACW Annual Meeting and Gathering***

The Diocese of Edmonton will hold its Annual General Meeting through Zoom on Friday, May 1st starting at 11:00 a.m. The annual in-person gathering will be held on Saturday, May 2nd beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Please see the information poster and sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for more information.



### **APRIL MOSA BREAKFAST**

We normally meet for breakfast the first Saturday of the month. As the first Saturday in April (the 4th) is the day before Easter Sunday, we've decided to set it back one week to the **11th April/26**.

We'll meet at 9:00 am at the Fresh Grill in Stony Plain - 5103 50 Street, south of the roundabout on the east side of the street.

Look forward to seeing you then.

If you have any questions or need a ride,  
call Bill Courtis 780 952 7851 or [wcourtis@gmail.com](mailto:wcourtis@gmail.com).



***As submitted by you...***

**Question:** What is “the diocese”?

**Answer:** The short answer is it’s all of us! The Anglican Diocese of Edmonton is basically a regional administrative district of 46 urban and rural parishes throughout central Alberta. Many seem to think the diocese is the building in downtown Edmonton, that is actually the Synod Office (headquarters for the diocesan staff if you will) attached to All Saints’ Cathedral. Every parishioner of each of those 46 parishes is the diocese.

**Question:** Is there an easy way to be informed of different events happening in other Anglican churches around us without scouring each website?

**Answer:** There absolutely is! Synod Scene is a weekly diocesan newsletter that shares the events of other parishes, stories from around the diocese, job postings and appointments, Bishop Stephen’s agenda, outreach efforts, and so much more! You can either look up the latest edition on the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton website, or you can subscribe to the newsletter using this link and automatically receive it in your inbox! <https://edmonton.anglican.ca/subscribers/new> Another fantastic option is The Messenger which is a monthly collection of news and stories from the Dioceses of Athabasca and Edmonton. (July & August are taken off for summer break). You can view it on the website at the following link or you could receive a print copy mailed to you for a suggested donation of \$15/year. <https://edmonton.anglican.ca/blog/the-messenger-april-2026>

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

## 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

- **Tuesday, March 31: Clergy Day with Chrism Mass**
- **Wednesday, April 1: Copper Sky Memorial Service**
- **Wednesday, April 1: Lenten Study**
- **Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday service**
- **Friday, April 3: Good Friday service**
- **Saturday, April 4: Easter Vigil at Cathedral**

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



**Save the date - Saturday, May 9th for our Annual Plant Sale. We will have ready made planters and baskets as well as flowers to create your own display.**

**We will need people to pick up the plants at about 8am. Please talk to Betty Squance if you have a truck with a covered box, an SUV or van and are available that morning.**

**There will also be a Car Boot Sale and a gently used book table that day.**



**We extend a huge note of thanks to everyone who attended Mrs. Kesanko's Palm Cross class on Saturday - and to Judy for teaching it! This group of gigglers made around 200 palm crosses together! A special thanks to Bill Curtis for getting a couple of pics for us!**



## ***Tabernacle Candle:***

The candle was sponsored this week by Jim Orieux celebrating Bev's 88th birthday on March 28th



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.

Apr. 5th	- Hazel & Randy Wolfert in loving memory of Iain
Apr. 12th	- Hazel Wolfert remembering her Mum on her birthday - Betty Squance remembering her dad Roy on his birthday - Holly Durand in memory of the passing of her parents Dorothy & Eddy Dales
Apr. 19th	- Bill Kesanko in celebration of Judy's birthday - Greta Baggs in celebration of her sister Hilda's birthday - Helen Steinburg celebrating Bill's birthday
Apr. 26th	- Winnie Kennair remembering Ted on his birthday - Helen Steinburg in loving memory of her brother Brian - Sharlene Page in celebration of daughter Joanna's birthday



**Look how beautiful our church was last Easter!**

**If you would like to donate flowers to help make this years Easter service just as pretty, please bring them to the church on Saturday between the hours of 9am - noon.**

**Our fabulous Altar Guild members will be decorating the church then!**



***Are you in need of a walker or a wheelchair?***

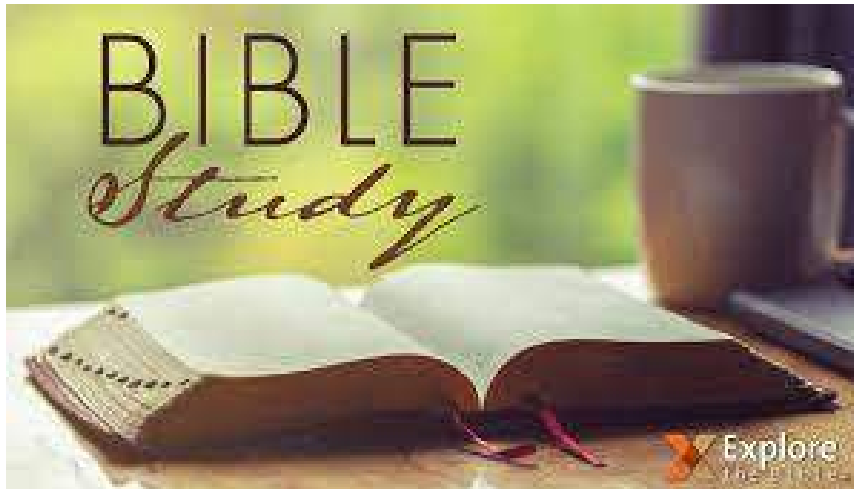
**One of our dear friends has both a wheelchair and a four-wheeled walker in very good condition that he would like to pass on to someone else in need. Both have been used a very minimal number of times. There is a second walker for donation that could use a couple of upgrades such as brakes and cleaning. Contact the office and we'll put you in touch with him!**



***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 Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island, for St. Michael and All Angels in Edmonton, for the Archdeacons of the Diocese of Buyé, for the all First Nations people of Treaty 6, and for the Anglican Church of Melanesia.
- We pray for those who are ill, injured, or bereaved; and for all who need God's healing presence, especially remembering Louise, Sharon, Oliver, Lane, Cheryl, Alice, Jocelia, Val, Marilyn, and Joanie.
- In our own parish this week, we pray for Ron & Barb, Joanne & David, Elizabeth, Sue, Charlotte; and their families.

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



***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:

*April 5th:* Acts 10: 34-43, Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3: 1-4, Matthew 28: 1-10

*April 12th:* Acts 2: 14a, 22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1: 3-9, John 20: 19-31

*April 19th:* Acts 2: 14a, 36-41, Psalm 116: 1-3, 10-17, 1 Peter 1: 17-23, Luke 24: 13-35

## Upcoming events:

Wednesday, April 1st - 7pm Lenten bible study

Thursday, April 2nd - 7pm Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 3rd - 10am Good Friday

Sunday, April 5th - 10am Easter Sunday!

Wednesday, April 8th - Optional ACW lunch in lieu of a meeting

Saturday, April 11th - 9am MOSA breakfast



"May I have a word? ..."

