



November 29th - December 20th, 2020.

Advent, that beautiful season of the Church when Christians wait expectantly and make preparation for the celebration of the coming of Christ into the world. Advent comes at a time of the year when our lives speed up with the rush for Christmas preparation, which gives us all the more reason to slowdown, take time to pray and be with the Spirit of him who invites us to listen carefully to the One who speaks of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Advent is the beginning of the church's year; it is a time of new beginnings. This Advent AFP encourages you to listen to the Gospel, and to pray with others.

Advent Prayers

Loving God, prepare our hearts not only for the celebration to come, but also for sharing that Good News with friends, family and work colleagues should opportunity arise. Grant us courage and a real willingness to talk about the love that came down to earth and walked among us. Amen

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in unity, that our praise and worship might echo in these walls and also through our lives. In this Advent of expectation draw us together in mission, that the hope within might be the song we sing, and the melody of our lives. In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service, that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity.

Amen

Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (Canada)

Our Mission

We seek to increase and strengthen the companionship of prayer throughout the world. We believe that the essence of the life of the Church is the relationship between Jesus Christ and its members. That relationship is, first of all, a prayer relationship. Prayer is the hub of the wheel that moves the Church in its worship and its work. Since prayer is essential to the vitality and the ongoing life of the Church, the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer seeks to share with all Christians the spiritual empowerment of the churches by: teaching people how to pray; developing effective prayer groups; calling the Church always to give prayer its rightful priority; and much more.



Did you know that you can pray right along with the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Canada or sign up to receive daily noonday prayer emails? AFP invites Churches across Canada to learn about writing and sharing prayers. For more information visit www.prayersofthepeople.org.

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Parishioners that would like to sign up for **Monthly Auto-Giving**, please contact the office or Gail Dick, our Treasurer, to fill out the forms.

Recycling for the CLB could be dropped off at the Ever-Green Depot using the account # **7531931** (the church office phone number).

Christmas Services are as follows:

- **6:30pm Christmas Lessons and Carols. Dec.20th.**
- **4:00pm- First Service of Christmas Thursday Dec.24th**
- **6:30pm – Family Service Thursday Dec. 24th**
6:30pm---New Years Eve. Thursday Dec.31st

Attendees of the Christmas services are reminded that they must **register** in order to attend any of the above services.

Registration dates are as follows:

6:30pm- Christmas Lessons & Carols, Dec. 20th

(Registration: Monday Dec. 14th to Friday Dec. 18th)

4:00pm- First Service of Christmas, Thursday Dec. 24th

(Registration Saturday Dec. 19th to Wednesday Dec. 23rd)

6:30pm- Family Service, Thursday Dec. 24th

(Registration Saturday Dec. 19th to Wednesday Dec.23rd)

6:30pm- New Year's Eve, Thursday Dec. 31st.

(Registration Saturday Dec. 26th to Wednesday Dec 30th)

The capacity for all services is 100 people or 26 households. There is no walk-ins. Regular registration continues for **all Sundays**.

Advent at St. Augustine's

- **Angel Tree:** Today we will place the angels on our Angel Tree. Over the years, angels have been made and given for the tree in memory or in thanksgiving of loved-ones. We invite the whole congregation to join us in placing these reminders on the tree, and if anyone would like to give a new angel, they are welcome to bring it along and place it on the tree.
- **Christmas Hampers:** Every Christmas, with the guidance and organization of the Men's Service Club, we provide food hampers for some of the families in our neighbourhood. In the past we have relied on the Food Sharing Association to provide turkeys for our hampers. We are not sure yet what the Association will do this year. We at St. Augustine's can also hold our own Drive similar to what we did **last year**. If the Association comes through, then it will make it even better, but we do not need to wait for them. We will need about 20 turkeys. If you would like to donate, we would like for the donation to be **cash** so that the MSC can purchase the turkeys themselves. You can bring along your donation on a Sunday, or contact Peter Stevenson to arrange to get it to the MSC. There is no deadline for when your monetary donations will be accepted. We thank you, and again, please give us donation in **cash**.
- **Christmas Lessons and Carols:** On **Sunday, December 20th, at 6:30 p.m.** we will host our **Annual Candle-light Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols**. We are pleased to have the St. Augustine's Choir lead us in songs and hope that you all make a special effort to join us as we come together to celebrate the coming Christmas season!

The Hampers will be given out on Tuesday December 22nd.The recipients have already been notified when each one can enter the building at different times due to Covid-19.

Attention Parishioners. This is to remind you of the importance of **Planned Giving**. Please call your attorney and make a **Will** and or **Bequest** so that you can live a calmer & more comfortable life here on Earth. Thank you!

Attention! Attention! Attention!

We are asking if there is anyone who would like to be a **counter**. Our numbers are in short supply and so if you have an interest in this area and your talent would lead you to assist in God's work, please contact **Peter Stevenson or Kevin Kane**. We thank you very much for your positive response.

The Pallium

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December 20th, 2020

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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The Church This Week

Mon, Dec. 21st

Tues, Dec. 22nd

Wed, Dec. 23rd **Choir Practice**.....6:30 pm

Thurs, Dec. 24th **Christmas Eve Services**.....4:00pm & 6:30pm

Fri, Dec. 25th **Christmas Day**.....**Jesus' Birthday**

Sat, Dec. 26th **Boxing Day**

Sun, Dec. 27th **Holy Eucharist – BAS**.....10:30 am

Holy Communion – BAS – 10:30 a.m.

Processional Hymn - 733 (Hymn Book) – Once in Royal David's
City

Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle (Love)

The Gathering of the Community

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The Collect for Purity

Kyrie

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect for the Day

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First Reading:

2nd Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Psalm 89

Second Reading:

Romans 16:25-27

Gradual Hymn-62(Hymn Book)-O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Gospel:

Luke 1:26-38

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Rudolph Anthony

The Apostles Creed

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The Prayers of the People

R/Lord, hear our prayer

Confession and Absolution

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When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

The Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts / Traditional Doxology

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Eucharistic Prayer # 3 (Fraction sentence # 5)

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The Lord's Prayer (*Said*)

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Communion Hymn- 273 (Song Book) –Go Tell It on The Mountain

Prayer after Communion / Doxology

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The Blessing

May God the Father, judge all-merciful, make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.

Amen.

May God the Son, coming among us in power, reveal in our midst the promise of his glory. Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and constant in love. Amen.

And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn - 539 (Hymn Book) – The King of Love My
Shepherd Is

As we await our coming Saviour, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Our Covid-19 Task Force Team

Facilitators: Gail Dick & Dora Organ

Registrars: Peter Stevenson & Kevin Kane

Greeters: Katie Haws, Loraine Neil, Ella Bailey, &

Joyce Barter

Sexton: Al McDonald

Rector: Fr. Anthony+

Our Covid-19 Task Force Greeters

Katie Haws

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