

St. George on Yonge – August 21, 2020

To our St. George on Yonge Parish Family and Friends,

***Please join us for worship this Sunday**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Our Sunday service is being streamed live on the St. George on Yonge Facebook page at **10 a.m. ET:** <https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeonyonge/>

Watch with your fellow parishioners!

The entire video will also be available on the page immediately after. Please invite your friends and family and let's watch, pray, sing and react together!

*The bulletin is attached.

* You can continue to access the service at <https://stgeorgeonyonge.ca/sermons> after 11 a.m. each Sunday.

Services for previous Sundays can be accessed from the website by clicking on *Sermon Archive*.

* You can hear the sermon by calling the church phone number and choosing option 8.



Here's a behind the scenes look of the making of an online service. Thanks Egan.

Thank you to the team who presented the wonderful service last week, commemorating the Independence of India. Here is the poem read by Raj at the service:

Where The Mind Is Without Fear

Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;

Where knowledge is free;

Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;

Where words come out from the depth of truth;

Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;

Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;

Where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening thought and action —

Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.

From Gitanjali (Song Offerings) - a collection of poems by Rabindranath Tagore.

Originally published in Bengali in 1910. Tagore was awarded the 1913 Nobel Prize in Literature.

RE-OPENING

NEXT WEEK - Our Phoneathon takes place from Monday to Friday. Expect a call from a parishioner who will ask how you are, what your plans for September are, and how you've been following our emails. If you have some time, please let Lorraine know that you can help. The following people have already offered to help - Doug, Roshni, Kay, Geraldine and Lorraine. We are hoping that the telephone tree will work on this with us. A script will be provided.



REOPENING - What will it look like?

The Reopening Team met this week to ensure we are following the new Diocesan guidelines for re-opening. Services will take place, beginning September 13th at 10 a.m. for those attending in person. They will be taped and made available online in the afternoon.

When attending in-person, you will need to complete a self-assessment, be recorded in a contact log, wear a mask and physically distance. Family members in the same social circle will be able to sit together. Children will stay with their parents and will be provided with activity sheets. Don't worry, the team and other volunteers will be there to help! More information will be shared next week. Please send in questions that you may have, so that we can answer them in next week's email.



More of God's beauty from the south garden

FROM BISHOP KEVIN

Dear Friends at St. George on Yonge,

Thank you for once again for sending along your Sunday bulletin and announcements this week. I always enjoy and appreciate seeing what's happening in the life of your parish community.

I hope you are all staying safe and well. Blessings as we prepare for the reopening of our buildings this Fall.

God's peace be with you,

+Kevin

VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAM – Sunday, August 23rd at 11 a.m.

Hey parents and kids, please join me for our virtual children's time this Sunday morning at 11:00. We'll have a story and some virtual activities, but sorry, you'll have to provide your own snack.

To join by phone – Call **647-374-4685** When prompted to enter the Meeting ID number, enter **4136849381** Then press #. If prompted to enter a participation ID, just press # and stay on the line.

To join by computer, tablet or smart phone – Go to the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4136849381> You may have to download Zoom.

Thanks and hope to see you on Sunday!

Kathy

Would you like to know what everyone's been doing? Connect with others you haven't seen for a long time? Learn about places in the community to visit? Have a laugh or two? Why not join us for **Lemonade on the Lawn**, via Zoom. See below. (Please note: Lemonade is not mandatory to join us!)



VIRTUAL LEMONADE ON THE LAWN – Sunday, August 16th at 1 p.m.

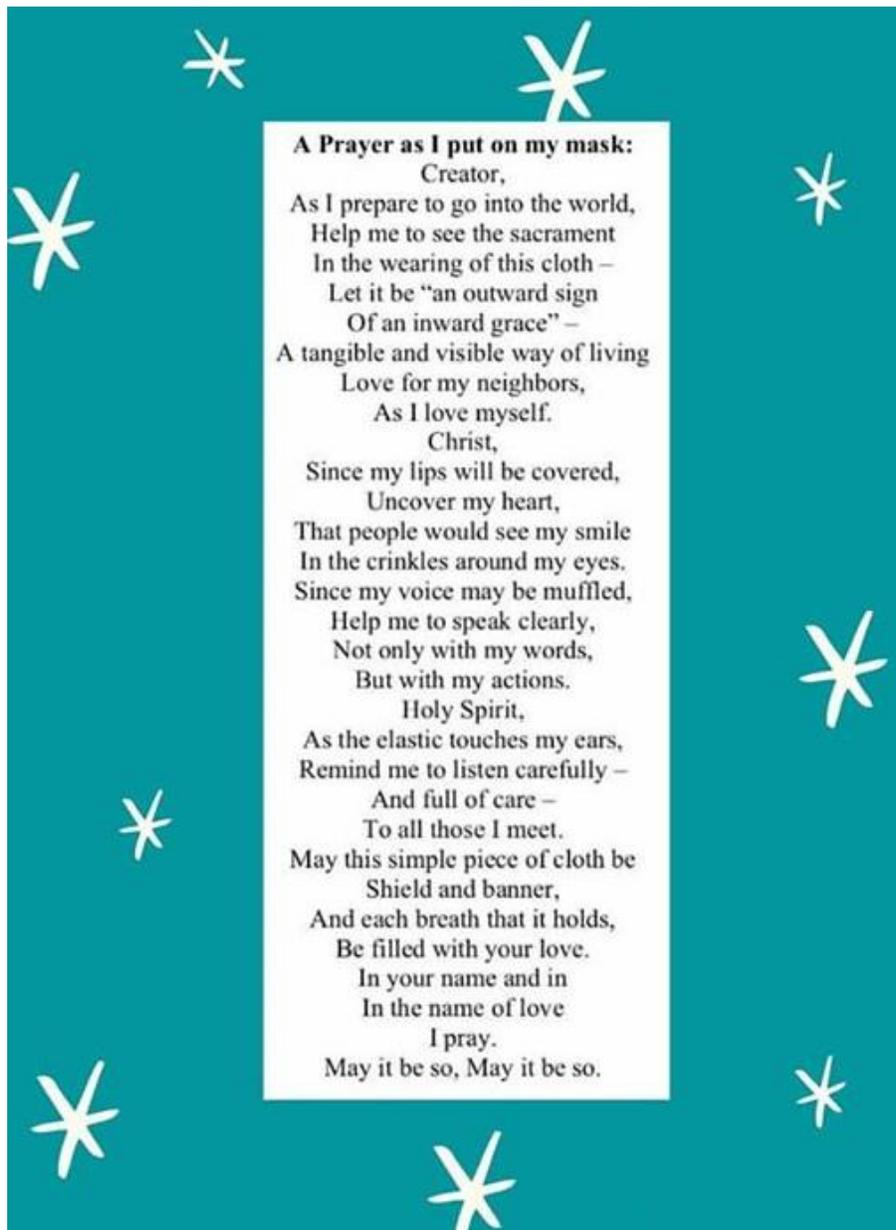
Join us for a virtual social time this Sunday. If you have a reading, song or something else to share, that would be terrific.

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If you would like to practise signing on, or need any further information, please contact Lorraine at 905-881-1465 or lbaille@rogers.com. On Sunday if you have any trouble getting on, please call Lorraine.

Bring your beverage and treats to the chat!



Ursuline Sisters of Chatham
posted on Facebook

Reminders

*We understand that the pandemic has caused financial hardship to many, and the church is no exception. With the reduced income from rental groups and the daycare, and some extra costs for building maintenance, the parish finds itself dealing with a significant deficit, and the end is not in sight. We want to assure you that we have been applying for government assistance with the wage and rental subsidies, however these are limited forms of assistance.

*Please remember that stewardship is a Christian discipline, and contribute what you are able, in addition to maintaining your regular offering. Please consider using PAR if you have not already signed up; the Envelope Secretary can help with this (Anne Baillie at family.baillie@sympatico.ca). We can also pick up your donation and save you a stamp. Leave a message on the church voice mail.

* Until Anglican worship resumes in-person on September 13, anyone visiting the church for any reason must be registered in a log book as required by public health directives. Visitors should call the church before coming, and inform Rev. Leonard or the Office Administrator or a Churchwarden that they wish to visit St. George.

Church Contact Information

Even in phase 3 of COVID-19 management, the church remains closed. If you need to contact the office, please e-mail or leave a voice message. The church phone number is **(416) 225-1922**.

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Important Links

*For regular updates on COVID-19 from Toronto Public Health, or for updates on the impact of COVID-19 on City services, please visit www.toronto.ca/covid19. This link will also connect you to Provincial and Federal information.

*For information and updates from the Diocese, please visit www.toronto.anglican.ca

“You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Matthew 16: 16

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