

St. George on Yonge – October 2, 2020



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

The “I read it” quiz.

Congratulations to Collene... she was the first to get her answers in for last week’s “I read it” quiz. Who’s going to be first this week? Submit your answers to office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca and if you’re first we will congratulate you in the next issue.

- 1) What is one example of a Christian discipline?
- 2) What number do you use to access the sermons when you call the Church?
- 3) Which Saint’s prayer is in this update?

Please find attached the letter from the Bishop

***Please join us ...**

In-Person Worship

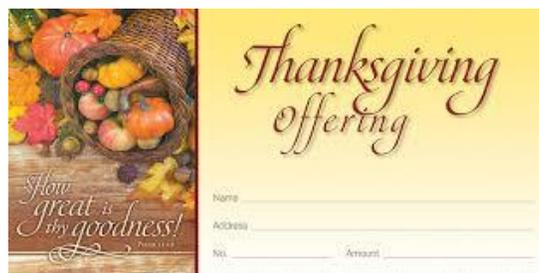
We are happy to welcome people back to in-person services. Please see below for further information on service procedures.

Welcome Sarah

During the service this Sunday we will be formally welcoming our new Children and Youth Ministry Leader, Sarah Layman, to our parish.

Thanksgiving Sunday – October 11th

Thanksgiving offering envelopes will be available at services this week and next. Those not attending in-person worship are encouraged to mail in a special Thanksgiving donation to the Church office, or contact us for pick-up.



This year, instead of donating fresh produce to decorate the church, we suggest that you contribute to a local food bank. We will be decorating the church with mostly non-food items.

Please note - Leonard's Thanksgiving message will be included in next week's email instead of being mailed out. We will not be having a fall newsletter, as we hope everyone is getting all their news weekly.

Good To Know

Our new way of in-person worship may feel strange at first. We encourage you to give yourself a chance to get used to it. However, please remember it is your choice to worship whichever way you feel most comfortable. We want you to feel supported and hope you will contact us if there is any other way we can help in these times.

Virtual Service

Unfortunately this week we are unable to livestream our service or have it available on line. We have attached the bulletin if you would like to use it for your own personal worship.

Online worship services are available from St. James Cathedral on Sunday mornings. You can watch each service on the [diocesan Facebook page](#). (You don't need an account to see the videos, but Facebook may prompt you to log in or create an account. Click the "Not Now" option.) You may find services from other Churches online and on Facebook as well.

While the complete service isn't available, the sermon will be available on our website <https://stgeorgeonyonge.ca/sermons> as well as by calling the church phone number and choosing option 8. Services for previous Sundays can be accessed from the website by clicking on *Sermon Archive*.

IN-PERSON SERVICES

If you are coming to an in-person service, please do this COVID-19 assessment (from Toronto Public Health) before leaving home.

Do you have any of the following:

<i>Fever</i>	<i>Cough</i>	<i>Difficulty breathing</i>	<i>Sore throat, trouble swallowing</i>
<i>Runny nose</i>	<i>Loss of taste for smell</i>	<i>Not feeling well</i>	<i>Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea</i>

Have you been in close contact with someone who is sick or has confirmed COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the past 14 days?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, stay home & self-isolate right away. Call Telehealth or your health care provider, to find out if you need a test.

For more information go to www.Toronto.ca/covid19

Procedures to Follow During Communion

- It is your choice whether or not to receive communion.
- Please follow the usher's guidance as to when to go up for communion. We will start with the people closest to the middle aisle.
- Use hand sanitizer provided.
- **Stop at first floor marker (X)** in front of priest (mask on). **Wait until the priest has finished speaking.**
- **Then step forward to the second floor marker (X)** to receive bread (mask on).
- Follow arrows to next floor marker (mask on) with bread in hand. (go to the side of the Church where you are sitting).
- Face away from the congregation, remove mask, consume bread, replace mask.
- Use hand sanitizer provided.
- Return to your seat via your aisle.

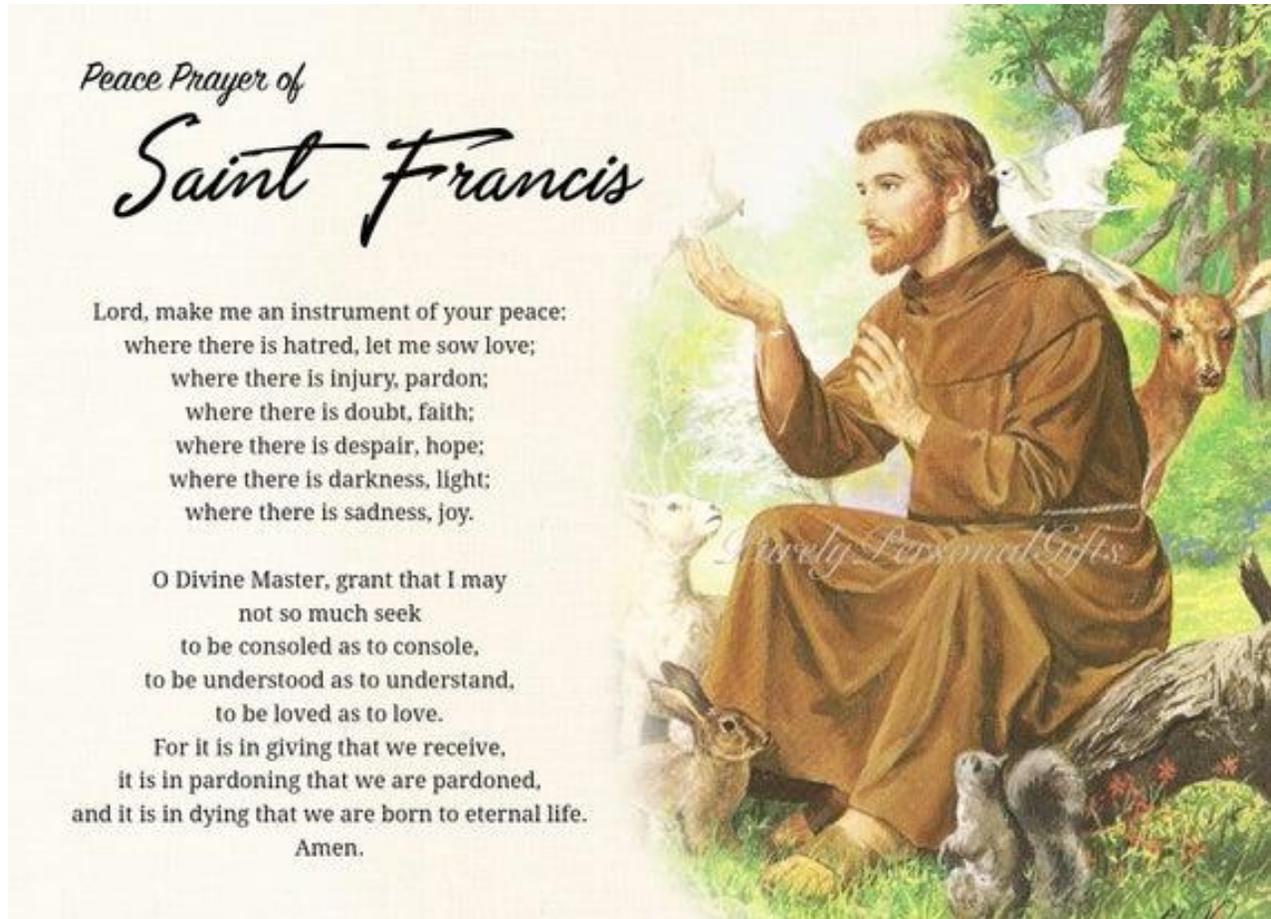
Please remember

Stay at your seat throughout the service, except when going up for communion. At the time of passing the peace, look around and acknowledge others, but **please do not** move around the room.

Annual Outreach Conference goes virtual

On Saturday, Oct. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., join clergy and lay leaders from across the Diocese for the Annual Outreach Conference, with a keynote address from Bishop Peter Fenty. Workshop topics include justice for migrant workers, dismantling racism, restorative justice, housing initiatives, basic income, Indigenous perspectives on the role of seniors in a community and more. The conference is free of charge and will take place

over Zoom. Participants will receive the Zoom link upon registration. Registration will open in early September through the Diocese's website (www.toronto.anglican.ca/parish-life/social-justice-and-advocacy/outreach-conference/).



Please let us know about any October birthdays

Helping Hands Needed

Ushers are needed to supplement our teams. Please speak to Lorraine or email Ann-Marie if you can help.

Treasurer - We are looking for someone with accounting experience to oversee the finances of the parish. The Ministry description is available from the Church office. This position can be filled by a volunteer or someone who wishes remuneration.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM MATERIALS



Hey Parents and Kids,

At this time we are not permitted to offer an in-person children's program but there will be Children's Activity bulletins available at the screening table. If possible, please bring your own pencil and markers.

If you are not planning on attending in person, please let me know if you would like to receive the weekly story and activity bulletins by email. fambail@hotmail.com

Kathy

Stewardship

*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.

Church Contact Information

* In these COVID-19 times, anyone visiting the church, for any reason besides in-person worship, must sign in a log book as required by public health directives for contact tracing. Visitors should call the church before coming, and inform Rev. Leonard or the Office Administrator or a Churchwarden that they need to visit St. George. For in-person worship, a checklist will be completed at the screening table.

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

“I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 3:14

