

## St. George on Yonge – February 19, 2021



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

### THE 'I READ IT' QUIZ

Who is going to get their answers in this week? Don't be shy! Submit them to [office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca](mailto:office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca) and we will congratulate you in the next issue.

- 1) What is the fast for week 2 of Lent?
- 2) When will Rev Leonard be the presider at the Cathedral?
- 3) When is the Black Heritage Service?

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Please find attached

- Letter from the Bishop
  - The bulletin for Sunday February 21<sup>ST</sup> online service
  - Kids Corner and Youth Zone page
  - A Fast for the Earth: Lent 2021 A resource created by The Bishop's Committee on Creation Care
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### A FAST FOR THE EARTH: LENT 2021



The Bishop's Committee on Creation Care, Diocese of Toronto, created the resource "A Fast for the Earth: Lent 2021". For our Lenten journey, we are invited to follow the fasts for each week, outlined in the resource package attached to the weekly update.

As part of our Thursday evening prayer, we plan to discuss how we are practicing the fast; and share ideas and encouragement. We will also discuss what was hard, what was rewarding, and how this fast has impacted our commitment to living faithfully as servants of creation.

If you are able, please join us on Thursday Feb **25** at 7:30 p.m.

A Fast for the Earth: Lent 2021

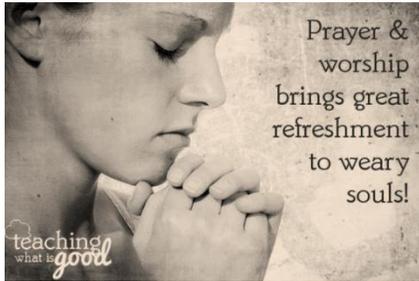
Week 2: Consumption Fast (February 21-27)

*"Therefore the land mourns, and all who live in it languish; together with the wild animals and the birds of the air, even the fish of the sea are perishing."* Hosea 4.3

Disposable items not only add to our carbon footprint, they destroy the habitat of animals, birds and fish. According to scripture, this causes creation to lament. This week we're fasting from unnecessary consumption. Wherever possible avoid disposable products and plastics. Before you buy something, ask yourself: is this going to end up in landfill after only one use?

**Instead** use reusable bags, try making your own cleaning products with vinegar, water and baking soda, and try using cotton cloths instead of paper towels. Avoid take-out food. Plan to purchase ecostrips for your laundry, and shampoo and soap in bars rather than liquid soaps and shampoo. Consider alternatives for coffee, tea and snacks that use a lot of packaging.

## EVENING PRAYER WITH THE PARISH FAMILY



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom

Thursday evenings – next service is on **February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

Time 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.

An opportunity to invite family and friends interested in evening worship.

Interested in being a reader? Please respond to this weekly update or call Rev. Leonard at 416 225-1922 x515.

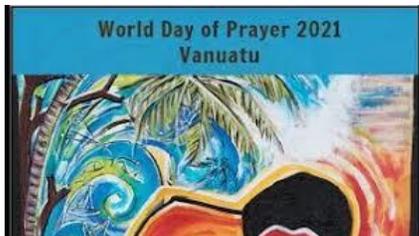
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**Please note that you will be put into a virtual waiting room when you first go to the link.**

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## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



World Day of Prayer (WDP) has been happening in Canada for almost 100 years. The 2021 service was written by the WDP committee of Vanuatu inspired by the Biblical theme "Build on a Strong Foundation" (Matthew 7:24-27). This year the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) has produced a full-length video. This free one-hour recording features participants from across Canada and may be accessed any time between February 15<sup>th</sup> and September 30, 2021 at [wicc.org](http://wicc.org). There will be a well-marked tab on the website to click. Donations received for services not only support the World Day of Prayer movement but provide generous grants that support social justice projects in Canada and the world. Individuals can use the DONATE button on the WICC website. Or go to [wicc.org](http://wicc.org) on a smartphone and click DONATE BY TEXT (647) 953-5557. Cheques can be mailed to: WICC (Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada), 47 Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto, ON M5S 2C3. Please make sure that any cheques include a mailing address as tax receipts will be provided for donations of \$20 or more.

Submitted by Ann Dilbey

## PLEASE JOIN IN FOR WORSHIP

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** The Sunday service for February 21<sup>st</sup> 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! And please comment so we know who is joining in.**

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 while being physically apart! Since you'll be in your own homes, you can belt out the hymns if you like!

You can continue to access the services at <https://stgeorgeonyonge.ca/sermons>. 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.

### February 21<sup>st</sup>

Rev Leonard will be the presider at the Eucharist at St James Cathedral, this Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. The service will be live-streamed on the [Cathedral's facebook page](#) starting at 11:00 a.m.

### February 28<sup>th</sup>

Our Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev Andrew Asbil will make a virtual visit to the parish on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Look for details in next week's parish update.

## COMPLINE DURING LENT

The Cathedral will be offering a brief, live-streamed Service of Compline on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. during Lent, beginning February 24. You can access the service on the [Cathedral's Facebook page](#).

## MISSION ACTION PLANNING (MAP)

Mission Action Planning (MAP)-next meeting on Tuesday Feb 23 at 7:00 p.m. with Janet Marshall. If you have not participated before, and would like to join the team, please respond to this email or contact Rev Leonard at 416 225 1922 x 515.

Zoom meeting details will be sent directly to all participants.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH



### Black Heritage Service will be online

The Diocese's annual Black Heritage Service will be held on Zoom on Feb. 28 at 4:00 p.m. The service, which is in its 26th year, is usually held at St. Paul, Bloor Street but will be held online this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. The theme, "God's People: Grounded in Faith, Filled with Hope, Called to Action," reflects the context of the Anglican Church's response to the issue of anti-Black racism and bias. A new feature of the celebration will be a moderated dialogue between Bishop Andrew Asbil and two young members of Black Anglicans of Canada, Aleshia Johnson and Brittany Hudson. The service, sponsored by Black Anglicans of Canada, will be available on [Zoom](#) and streamed live on [YouTube](#).

As it is Black History Month, it is time to learn about some of the black people who have been a part of building our country.

## Jully Black:



Jully Black, born Jully Ann Inderia Gordon, is a singer, songwriter, actress, and TV personality. Known as Canada's Queen of R&B, she is a Juno Award-winner and in 2013 CBC Music named her one of the "25 Greatest Canadian Singers Ever."

Black was born on November 8, 1977 in Toronto, Ontario to Jamaican immigrant parents as one of nine children. Her twin brother died at birth, her father left when she was seven, and when Black was ten, she unexpectedly lost an older sister. Black started singing in church at age six, and with the inspiration of her late sister, Sharon, and the lack of women in Canadian media, Black decided to pursue a career in music by age twelve. After winning a local talent show and singing at numerous events, Black began travelling to New York to record by age 14. She later attended C.W. Jefferys Collegiate Institute, then Oakwood Collegiate for their music program. She went on to earn a degree in law enforcement at Seneca College, "I've always loved law because I experienced injustice . . . When you know your rights and responsibilities, you're untouchable", Black told *Toronto Life*.

After collaborating with well-known artists such as Choclain, Kardinal Offishall, Black wrote songs for Destiny's Child, Nas, Sean Paul, Missy Elliott and others. Black released a number of independent songs, including "Rally'n", which was nominated for a Juno Award and a MuchMusic Video Award in 1999. Her collaboration with 2 Rude and Grimmie Grimmie, "Dissin' Us", won Best Soul/R&B Video at the MuchMusic Video Awards in 2000.

Black's debut album, *I travelled*, set for release in 2003, was delayed due to her label, MCA, being absorbed by Interscope. She then signed with Universal Music Canada and released her first album, *This is Me* (2005). Her single "Sweat of Your Brow" peaked at no. 16 on the Canadian charts, and won Dance/Recording of the Year at the Canadian Urban Music Awards (2005).

Black's next album, *Revival* (2007), was dedicated to her late sister Sharon, and features her best-selling single to date, "Seven Day Fool", which peaked at no. 9 on *Billboard's* Canadian Hot 100 chart. *Revival* won R&B/Soul Recording of the year at the 2008 Juno Awards.

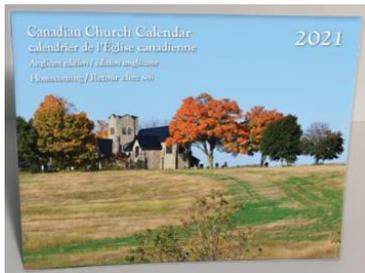
Black has also been involved in a wide-range of charitable work. In 2006, she performed at a benefit concert in South Africa alongside the Black Eyed Peas to raise funds and awareness for the Shanduka Foundation and their Adopt-a-School Program. Black has also delivered speeches in schools across Canada and participated in the MusiCounts education program. She took part in a benefit concert for the Stephen Lewis Foundation, which supports HIV/AIDS research. In 2014, she hosted Kick It Up for Kidney Cancer Boot Camp in Toronto, which benefited Kidney Cancer Canada. Black is also a vocal advocate for Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, Bisexual, Queer (LGTBQ) communities, performing at various Pride events, including at World Pride (2015).

We are asking for stories about Black History to be submitted to be included in our weekly Parish Updates during the month of February. Please submit to the Church office at [office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca](mailto:office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca).



Are there any special celebrations or birthdays coming up in March to be recognized?  
Please let us know.

## CHURCH CALENDARS



There are still some 2021 Church calendars available for **only \$6 each**. **But wait!** Since 1/12 of the year has passed, you can now get your own calendar for just a **one-time payment of \$5.50**. Don't wait until next week when February is almost over for a \$5 deal! Please let the office know if you are interested in purchasing a calendar and we will make arrangements for you to pick them up from the Church. There is also a possibility of having them delivered depending on where you are located. Email the office at [office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca](mailto:office@stgeorgeonyonge.ca)

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY



Opportunities for the children to connect with us and each other while staying safely apart!

Calling all **6-11+ year olds**. We are having our Zoom program **this Sunday**, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 a.m. (this will continue weekly in February). We will hear a story, we may attempt to sing a song or two, and do some activities related to the story. (Please note that if there are any children older than 11 and they would like to join in – you are most welcome!).

Calling all **3-5 year olds**. We are having our Zoom program **NEXT Saturday**, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Join us for a short time of prayer, stories, and activities filled with faith and fun!

Please email Sarah (3-5 group) or Kathy (6-11 group) to let them know that you are interested in joining in. Stay tuned for more information on the 12+ age group.

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You can reach us at:

Sarah: [sarah.layman@stgeorgetoronto.ca](mailto:sarah.layman@stgeorgetoronto.ca)

Kathy: [fambail@hotmail.com](mailto:fambail@hotmail.com)

## DIY SHROVE TUESDAY KITS

Thank you to Sarah for this great idea and for putting the kits together. Feedback from one of the recipients of a kit was terrific. When a family member asked how come the pancakes were so light, fluffy and yummy, the other family member replied that they were one part flour, one part water and two parts church.

Here's Carter getting ready to cook their pancakes. I'm sure they were delicious!



If anyone else took pictures of their pancakes – we would love to share them in the next Parish Update.

## VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR – Save the date! February 28th



(drinking actual coffee is optional)

Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. It's a lovely way to connect with others which is so important in these challenging times. We hope to see some new people. Who's going to join us for the first time? Instructions on how to join in will be in the Parish update on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

We are looking for people to be hosts. This simply involves welcoming those who take part, and making sure everyone has a chance to speak and to interact with other participants. It's a pleasant and rewarding time for everyone, including the host. Please let the office know if you can help out.

## NEW SECTION! PHOTO GALLERY



When Geraldine and Alan Sperling visited the Holy Land in 2017, they visited the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth. Here are three views of the exterior of this magnificent church. Next week, we'll have some photos of the interior.

Do you have any pictures of interest that we could share? Please submit them to the office for consideration.

## PLEASE HELP SAVE GOD'S CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

With the necessity of wearing masks, if you are wearing disposable ones, please cut the elastic/ribbons before throwing them away properly. Animals, birds, fish, etc. can get caught up in the elastic. Don't forget to cut the plastic rings of can holders too. Please say no to plastic straws... there are many alternatives out there now. And please use reusable bags when possible. Thank you on behalf of God's creatures.

We heard from one parishioner that she has shared this with her Condo and they put it in their newsletters. If you have the opportunity to share this message, please do so. The more people we make aware of this, the better off God's creatures may be. Thank you.

## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

In these COVID-19 times, anyone needing to be at the church, for any reason, must sign in a log book as required by public health directives for contact tracing. People must inform Rev. Leonard or the Office Administrator or a Churchwarden why they need to visit St. George.

## OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is officially closed at this time because of COVID restrictions. We will be checking emails as well as phone messages so please don't hesitate to reach out when needed. Rev. Leonard is on call for emergencies.

The church phone number is **(416) 225-1922**.

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Prayer Requests – Margie Lyttle 416-512-6265 [mmlyttle@hotmail.com](mailto:mmlyttle@hotmail.com)

## 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](http://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](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca)



*“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”*

Mark 1:15

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