

St. George on Yonge – March 5, 2021



Bougainvillea growing in the Holy Land

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

DO YOU KNOW?

- 1) What is the fast for this week in Lent?
- 2) How much are the loaves of bread?
- 3) What is happening Friday March 12th in the evening?

Did you find all the answers? Congratulations! Now you know!

Please find attached

- Letter from the Bishop
- Letter from Archbishop Anne Germond in regards to the first anniversary of the pandemic
- The bulletin for Sunday March 7th 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

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP KEVIN (Saturday Feb. 27th)

Good morning all,

Thanks as always for including me in your weekly email blast with parish announcements and links.

Have a wonderful visit with Bishop Andrew tomorrow morning! Looking forward to being with you myself on St. George's Day.

Continued Lenten blessings,

+Kevin

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 (see below for information on how to participate), 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 March 4th at 7:30 p.m.

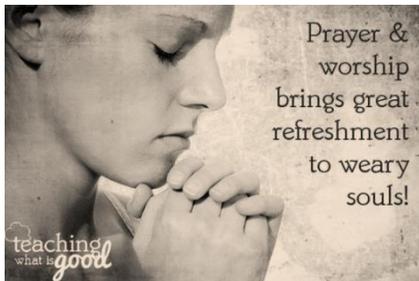
A Fast for the Earth: Lent 2021
Week 3: Water Fast (March 7-13)

*When you drink of clear water, must you foul the rest with your feet? . . . And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have fouled with your feet?
Ezekiel 34.18*

In the biblical story, God repeatedly offers us the water of life. Many people in Canada don't realize how radical this gift is, assuming that there will always be access to clean water. As a result it is easy for some to use far more than is necessary, while some Indigenous communities live with boil water advisories. If you have unlimited clean water, try to reduce your water use, and save energy by using cold instead of hot.

Instead spot-clean clothing so that it doesn't have to be washed as often, and wash only full loads of laundry. Set the timer for 5 minutes showers, and turn off the water while brushing your teeth. Instead of turning on the hot water, wash your hands (and laundry) in cold water.

EVENING PRAYER WITH THE PARISH FAMILY



Join us for evening prayer by Zoom

Thursday evenings – next service is on **March 11th, 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.

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. **Passcode 1922**

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. **You must use a passcode 1922**

PLEASE JOIN IN FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP: The Sunday service for March 7th 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.

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](#).

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – March 8th

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality. Marked annually on **March 8th**, International Women's Day (IWD) is one of the most important days of the year to:

- celebrate women's achievements
- raise awareness about women's equality
- lobby for accelerated gender parity
- fundraise for **female-focused charities**

[Click here to go to the International Women's Day website for more information.](#)



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

HOME-BAKED SOURDOUGH BREAD /FOCACCIA FOR SALE DURING LENT



Home-baked sourdough bread and/or focaccia are for sale during Lent. On a weekly basis there will be up to 8 loaves sourdough (approximately 600 g), and 8 focaccia ((9"x8-1/2") available. Each loaf is \$5 each. All proceeds to St. George's outreach fund (for gift cards). You can pick-up at St. George every second Saturday at 11:30-12:00 (the days when weekly services are being recorded). Other delivery or pickup times and/or arrangements may be possible. Purchase for yourself, or for someone you know who is shut-in or is otherwise in need of help during COVID. For more details, call or email Craig Robertson - (647) 532-9044 or mcrobertson3@gmail.com

Review: The bread was so delicious; crusty on the outside and soft on the inside. It paired well with French Onion soup.

PEOPLE IN TORONTO – COVID VACCINE

Individuals over 80 can now pre-register online at NYGH <https://www.nygh.on.ca/covid19vaccination>. Over 80s may get a letter from their MD, but can go ahead and book on their own. A few other places are pre-registering as well.

Another person can do it on someone else's behalf if they have their full name, date of birth, and postal code. They have their choice of being notified about their vaccine by email, text, or telephone.

CHURCH CALENDARS



There are still some 2021 Church calendars available for **only \$6 each**. **But wait!** Since 1/6 of the year has passed, you can now get your very own calendar for just a **one-time payment of \$5.00**. 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

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**, March 7th at 11:30 a.m. (this will continue weekly in March). 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 **this Saturday**, March 6th at 11:00 a.m. (and save the date for March 20th for the following session). 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.

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You can reach us at:

Sarah: sarah.layman@stgeorgetoronto.ca

Kathy: fambail@hotmail.com

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY



Starting Friday, March 12th at 7 p.m. for three weeks in a row there will be a youth Bible Study offered for youth aged 12+. We will join together in a brief time of worship, read God's word, and join together in fellowship. No previous Bible Study experience needed--All are welcomed! Please use the zoom information above.

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR – Save the date – March 14th



(drinking actual coffee is optional)

Sunday, March 14th. 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? We have an available rectangle for

you! Let's all wear green and celebrate St. Patrick's day a little early.



(Note: having an actual plant by your computer is optional)

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.

Information on how to participate will be included in the update on March 12th.

PHOTO GALLERY



Here are more photos from Geraldine & Alan Sperling's visit to the Holy Land in 2017 – statue of St. Peter erected in the garden of his home in Capernaum; and the Sea of Galilee, which is definitely bigger than a lake!

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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 properly throwing them away. 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.



All of God's underwater creatures thank you (especially the 4th one)! (Photo credit: Kathy Baillie)

FYI – the dolphin shown is named Jojo and he has been a resident in the waters of Turks and Caicos for over 30 years.

If you have the opportunity to share this message, please do so. One parishioner shared this with her Condo and they put it in their newsletters. 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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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



*“Take these things out of here!
Stop making my Father's house a market-place!”*

John 2:16b