



St. James' Anglican Church

First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday December 28, 2025

8:30 am

Mornington and Hamilton Streets, Stratford

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The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron

The Venerable Rob Lemon, Rector

The Reverend Canon Tom Patterson, Deacon

The Reverend Stephanie Donaldson, Deacon

The Reverend Allie McDougall, Vicar

The Reverend Diana Boland, Vicar

The Reverend Tianna Gocan, Curate

Ian Sadler, Organist and Director of Music

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Gathering of the Community

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Collect for Purity	p. 67
Summary of the Law	p. 69
<i>Kyrie</i>	p. 70
Collect of the Day	

Proclamation of the Word

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Gospel	Matthew 2: 13-23	
Creed		p. 71
Sermon		

Communion

The Intercession	p. 75
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Communion	

*We invite all Christians who are baptized in the
name of the Holy Trinity, regardless of
denomination, to join with us in receiving the
church's highest offering of praise to God, the Holy
Eucharist.*

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Blessing	

NOTICES FOR DECEMBER 28th

St. James Parish Office Holiday Hours

The St. James Parish Office is now closed until January 5th. If you have any Pastoral concerns, please contact The Ven. Rob Lemon at 519-305-2338 or roblemon@stjamesstratford.ca. You can also contact Mother Tianna for a visit at 519-271-3572 (ext 104), 226-791-0150 or tiannagocan@stjamesstratford.ca

Food Bank Wish List

This week our wish isn't for groceries, but for grocery shoppers. Almost every week, we go to the grocery store for canned goods, pasta, peanut butter and jam, margarine, rice, coffee, sugar, toilet paper, etc., etc. We need more helpers to do the shopping and put it away in the pantry.

- Expectation is to shop once a month; monthly shopping duty is scheduled in advance
- Shopping list is provided.
- Shopping expense is reimbursed by e-transfer after shopping; cash advance is an option.
- Vehicle is required.
- Hours: at your convenience
- Wages: treasure in heaven!

If you might be up for this, please contact Robin Rutherford, robinrutherford2@icloud.com, or Tom Patterson, tompatterson@stjamesstratford.ca .

Annual Vestry Report & Meeting

It is that time of year again! We ask of those who are required to submit a report to Vestry, to please do so by February 1st. The Annual Vestry Meeting will take place on Sunday February 22nd.

Upcoming Readings – Sunday January 4th

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalms 72: 1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12

Chancel Team #4

Liturgy Committee

Hi everyone, as we begin to work towards amalgamated life, I want to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join the liturgy committee for the 9:30am Contemporary Service. We are hoping to have our first meeting on Tuesday, January 6th at 9:30am in the Club Room at St. James. If you're interested and/or want to learn more, please contact Mother Tianna at tiannagocan@diohuron.org or at 226-791-0150. See you then!

Sunday School Returns!

From now until the first week of January we are happy to offer Sunday school during our 10:30am service. The children are welcome to come up during the "Children's Commissioning" after the Collect of the day.

If you come late, that's okay too! Please feel free to join in the Sunday School Room downstairs whenever you arrive. The children will then rejoin us for communion.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 30 - *St. James Community Foodbank – 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Upper Hall
- Dec. 31 - *Wednesday Morning 10:00 a.m. BCP Service
- Jan. 1 - *Celtic Worship Service on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 2 - *Treasure Hunt Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. in the Club Room
- *The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation at 12:00 p.m.
- Jan. 4 - *Holy Communion BCP Service at 8:30 a.m.
- *Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.