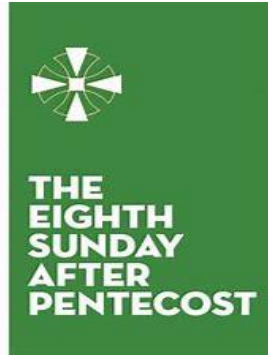


Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale

Sharing the Love of Christ: Wherever, However,
Whenever



Order of Service for the Holy Eucharist Pentecost 8 and Holy Baptism Sunday July 14, 2024 at 10:30am

If you are visiting today you are our guest. Thank you for worshipping with us. We encourage you to participate as you are comfortable. If you have questions please ask a Greeter. We hope you will join us again. Blessings.

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Organ Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Litany (Please remain seated.)

One: Before the earth was formed, we were chosen by God to be God's people.

All: God gathers us together that we might sing of joy and hope, as God's beloved.

One: Before the stars glittered in the night sky, we were chosen through Christ to be God's family.

All: Christ gathers us together that we might carol the good news of redemption.

One: Before the rivers flowed to the seas, we were chosen by the Spirit to serve creation.

All: The Spirit gathers us together that we might dance in the fields of peace with our sisters, brothers [and non-binary].

(<https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com>)

The Grace

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you

(Please rise as you are able.)

Youth Group –Grade 5 and up will meet downstairs now for their special time. If you are new, please ask a Greeter for directions. Enjoy!

Processional Hymn: At the Name of Jesus. CP 375

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the land we are standing on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the

Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit and the Williams Treaty signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands. Let us be mindful of these broken covenants and strive to make this right, with the land and with each other.

Worship Litany for Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

One: When we witness our work bear good fruit and rejoice in all God has done among us...

All: We gather for worship.

One: When misunderstanding and misinformation threaten to divide instead of unite us...

All: We gather for worship.

One: When we dance together in the joy of knowing we belong to God and one another...

All: We gather for worship.

One: When we stumble and bumble our way forward as God's grace guides us into greater love and deeper communion...

All: We gather for worship. Thanks be to God. Amen.

(Dr. Lisa Hancock, May 2024).

Kyrie Eleison

**All: Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

The Collect

Caring God, every moment, we have the chance to breathe in your goodness and grace; every hour, we have opportunities to share your love and hope; every day, we have occasions to rest in the comfort of your heart. In you, we discover the fullness of time, Delight of the Ages. In you, we discover the fullness of life, Companion of our days. In you, we discover the fullness of faith, Promised Spirit. **Amen.**

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The Proclamation of the Word *(Please be seated.)*

First Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

(NRSVA)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: 24 - Responsive reading

¹ The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

² **for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.**

³ Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

4 Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

5 They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

6 Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

8 Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

(NRSVA)

Gradual Hymn: Alleluia No. 1 CP 405 (Refrain sung twice.)

The Gospel: Mark 6: 14-29 (Please remain standing.)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

14 King Herod heard of all this, for by this time the name of Jesus was on everyone's lips. He said, "This has to be John the Baptizer come back from the dead—that's why he's able to work miracles!"

15 Others said, "No, it's Elijah." Others said, "He's a prophet, just like one of the old-time prophets." **16** But Herod wouldn't budge: "It's John, sure enough. I cut off his head, and now he's back, alive." **17-20** Herod was the one who had ordered the arrest of John, put him in chains, and sent him to prison at the nagging of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife. For John had provoked Herod by naming his relationship with Herodias "adultery." Herodias, smoldering with hate, wanted to kill him, but didn't dare because Herod was in awe of John. Convinced that he was a holy man, he gave him special treatment. Whenever he listened to him he was miserable with guilt—and yet he couldn't stay away. Something in John kept pulling him back. **21-22** But a portentous day arrived when

Herod threw a birthday party, inviting all the brass and bluebloods in Galilee. Herodias's daughter entered the banquet hall and danced for the guests. She charmed Herod and the guests.²²⁻
²³ The king said to the girl, "Ask me anything. I'll give you anything you want." Carried away, he kept on, "I swear, I'll split my kingdom with you if you say so!"²⁴ She went back to her mother and said, "What should I ask for?"
"Ask for the head of John the Baptizer."²⁵ Excited, she ran back to the king and said, "I want the head of John the Baptizer served up on a platter. And I want it now!"²⁶⁻²⁹ That sobered the king up fast. But unwilling to lose face with his guests, he caved in and let her have her wish. The king sent the executioner off to the prison with orders to bring back John's head. He went, cut off John's head, brought it back on a platter, and presented it to the girl, who gave it to her mother. When John's disciples heard about this, they came and got the body and gave it a decent burial. (The Message)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia Alleluia No. 1 CP 405 (refrain sung twice.)

Reflection: Rev. Randy

Contemplative Pause

People: God, we hear and receive your words of hope and encouragement, and with thoughtful gladness we sing.

CP 447 Lord we hear your Word with Gladness (vs 1)

"Lord we hear your word with gladness: You have spoken - we rejoice. Words of love and life and freedom - help us make their truth our choice! Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you; Spoken, written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew."

The Prayers of the People *(Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer.)*

Confession & Absolution

(Please sit or kneel as you prefer.)

Caring God, in the midst of our "summer" lives, so many things have claimed our attention. We work hard to earn a little rest and recreation, to break away from the stresses of our everyday living. **But in the midst of all this change, we have too often pushed our worship of you aside. We have focused so much on our needs for physical change and [what we perceive as] peace that we have neglected our spiritual hungers and thirst.**

Forgive us when we are tempted to stray from our worship of you **and focus entirely on ourselves and our own needs. As we celebrate this day, help us to remember all the wondrous things you continue to do for us.** Let us look at the world as a place of delight. **And when we encounter situations in which sorrow and hurt abound, help us to be ready to bring hope and peace. Be with us in these warm days of summer, [help us be the people you would have us be to this questioning, waiting, and wanting world]. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.**

Pause to ponder.

Words of Assurance

[Siblings because of Christ], God is merciful and abundantly pours God's love on us. In and because of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Hallelujah! Amen.**

<https://www.ministrymatters.com>

Celebration of Baptism

Song: Jesus Loves me this I know

1 Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me he who died, heaven's gate to open wide.
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. [Refrain]

3 Jesus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."

[Refrain]

(Psalter Hymnal, 1987)

Holy Baptism of Wiktoría Violet Marianna Misiak.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate(s)

Celebrant: The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and sponsors: I present Wiktoría Violet Marianna Misiak to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents and sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and sponsors: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and sponsors: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and sponsors: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Parents and sponsors: I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and sponsors: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Parents and sponsors: I do.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Prayer for the Candidate

Celebrant: Let us now pray for Wiktoria who will receive the sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver her, O God, from the way of sin and death.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open her hearts to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant, O God, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptism

Celebrant: Name this child. **(parent responds)**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Celebrant: I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

People: **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace.

Sent out in pairs, the first disciples were given authority and power to do great deeds. Let us turn to our fellow disciples, offering words of love and grace, that we too may be sent in pairs with power and authority, to do great deeds with great love.

(ministrymatters.com)

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing CP 354

Prayer over the gifts

Gracious God, in this sacred moment of offering, we recognize your sovereignty and mercy. As we present our gifts, may they reflect our gratitude for your presence in our lives, amid the complexities and uncertainties of our journeys. Guide us to dance with abandon, even amid our doubts and struggles, trusting in your steadfast love and grace. **Amen.**

([Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19](#))

The Great Thanksgiving

May the God of hope [who inspires faith] be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, offer your hearts to God.

We open them to the joy God has for us.

People of love, proclaim your love for God.

We sing to the One whose steadfast love is forever.

When you could wait no longer, God, you spoke the Word which silenced chaos, you sent your breath racing across the waters stirring them into motion and life. You offered us all that is true, is beautiful, is good - **but [filled with uncertainty and doubt] we mocked and forgot your grace, placing you outside our lives, resulting in sin and death.**

Your love for us was wonderfully enduring, as you sent prophet after prophet so that we might hear your voice calling to us. You watched, you hoped, and when you could wait no longer for us, you sent your Word Jesus to answer our cries from the depths of our brokenness. So, with all the mighty who have fallen, and all the lowly who have been lifted to their feet, we join our voices in singing your glory:

(<https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com>)

Sanctus and Benedictus: (CP 735)

(sung)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

(Please be seated.)

You are holy, God of hope and forgiveness, and Jesus Christ is your love made human. He could have come to divide us, **but came that we might be one with you and with our siblings.** He could have come to judge us, **but came to pull us out of harm's way.**

He could have come to defy us, **but came to reject death and sin's claim on us, defeating their power once and for all.**

As we remember how we have turned our backs on him, as we hear his invitation to this table of grace, we speak of that faith in which we believe:

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

As long as we break this bread and share this cup, we remember his death and resurrection, until he comes again. And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's sacrifice for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ died, showing us the way of obedience;
Christ is raised, showing us the way of new life;
Christ will come, showing us your glory.**

(lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com)

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup. that they may be for us the Body and Blood of the Beloved, Jesus Christ.

Renew your living Holy Spirit within us, that, receiving the body of Christ, we become the Body of Christ.

In the death and resurrection of Christ, may we die to our old ways, and be born anew.

**Here we are; send us as your people to serve you for the sake of your love for the world, in the name and the Spirit of Christ.
Amen.**

(unfoldinglight.com)

The Lord's Prayer

(said)

Celebrant: Let us pray a version of the Lord's Prayer
Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

(New Zealand Prayer Book)

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body for we share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei: (CP 747) *(sung)*

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy upon us.

**Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Priest: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Communion Hymn: Just As I am CP 615

Prayer after Communion *(Please rise in body or spirit.)*

Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

The Doxology

Priest: Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Congregational prayers and thanks

Announcements

Sending forth & Blessing. *“As we enter the week ahead ...”*

Know that God’s love for you is real, alive and active in your hearts today. Go in peace, knowing that the Lord of Love and Life is with you. **I will live and bring God’s peace to everyone I meet, today and all my days. Amen.**

All Three-fold Amen (sung) CP 721

Recessional Hymn: *She Comes Sailing on the Wind.* CP 656

Dismissal:

One: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, go serve the world God loves.

All: Thanks be to God!

Organ Postlude

*FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN BY
DOREEN SCRUBB
IN MEMORY OF HER LOVING HUSBAND, DAUGHTERS,
AND FATHER.*

*AND BY CARLA THOMPSON
IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE BAPTISM OF HER
GRANDDAUGHTER WIKTORIA, AND IN MEMORY OF
HER LOVING FATHER.*

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Announcements and Looking Forward

Let's celebrate! This Sunday we will have a baby baptism as we welcome Wiktorja.

St. Paul the Apostle - Rexdale Website. Change of Web Lead

If you were at our recent Town Hall ("Church Chat") meeting, one thing that was mentioned was the revamping of our website. One of the changes is at the top. For years Janice has been our web lead. Janice has decided that she needs a well deserved break. Thank you Janice for all the labourous, time-consuming work that you did to ensure that our website has been running. When you see Janice please convey your appreciation for the work she has done for the church.

We welcome Michael as our new web lead. Thank you Michael for assuming this leadership position. A few people have agreed to assist in the revamping of our site. The great thing is that they do not have to know anything about a website, but their ideas and input are vital. They will represent your thoughts. We could however, still use a couple of additional people. Please speak with me if you are interested. Michael is away today, but when you see him next Sunday DV, please express your appreciation to him for leading us in this NEXT stage of technological advance.

Your Website. Your input. Have your say.

Over the next few Sundays, starting today, in your Order of Service, you will find a slip of paper with the a question: Why do you attend St. Paul the Apostle - Rexdale? You are encouraged to take the sheet, along with your Order of Service, home with you and think about your response. Write it down and bring it back next Sunday. No more than three sentences please. If you know people who do not attend Sunday service, please forward the question to them and they can

send their response via email to the church or directly to me. Thank you in helping us move forward with the church website.

Look around, and hopefully you will see little changes around the church for the better.

Free books.

On the empty shelf at the back of the church you will find copies of *A Year of Tips, Tricks, and Picks for a cleaner house and a more organized life* by Linda Cobb, and *How to Stop Worrying and Start Living* by bestselling author Dale Carnegie. Please take one for yourself and some for others who may want or need them. Again, they are free, thanks to Canon Anita Gittens.

Welcome Doors Campaign. We are getting closer to our goal. Thank you for your contributions and prayers. Thirteen Sundays ago, I mentioned that we had been given an unexpected challenge by a long-time past parishioner to match our giving target of \$15,000. The cost of doors is not inexpensive, as anything these days. And it's not just the doors but all the other components which go along with them. If you want to know more details, please speak with one of the Wardens or me. We also know that not everyone can commit to or give a sizable amount, but I am encouraging you to give as you comfortably can to help defray the purchase price. Please specify your in-person or online donation for DOORS. Thank you!

And if you cannot give, please do not feel guilty/ bad, please pray for the success of our short term campaign. Watch our Welcome Doors Campaign thermometer climb as donations come in to indicate our progress. The colour of the door is posted on the same sheet.

Our need is urgent. Our time is short. We need your support. We need your prayers.

Rev. Randy (and the Wardens)

Pastoral care at (O) 416.743.1993 or email [revstpaulrexdale@gmail](mailto:revstpaulrexdale@gmail.com)

Orders of Service. Please take them with you and be inspired through the week or to share with someone.

Season of Spiritual Renewal. During the recent Cast the Net consultations across our Diocese, the leadership team, which includes our Canon Dr. Anita Gittens, heard that as a Diocese we're hungry to know and love God more deeply. Bishop Andrew has therefore called us to begin a two year Season of Spiritual Renewal lasting until Epiphany 2026. During this journey of faith let us consider our relationship with God and each other as we grow as a community of faith.

OUTREACH: FOOD DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF DELTA FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE.

DELTA FAMILY is a non-profit, community-based agency which is committed to enhancing the potential of families and children by supporting and addressing identified needs. They have been providing programs and services for over 37 years in Northwest Etobicoke. They run a weekly food bank for people in need. Please drop off non-perishable food items in our food trunk at the back of the church. All items are greatly appreciated, however some of their greatest needs are: oil, rice, canned milk, fruits and vegetables. Thank you for your support.

The Summer Edition of the ACW Newsletter is available on the resource table in the Narthex.

Finance policy change. Effective from today, please know that if you make an agreed upon purchase for the church, collect a Requisition Form from David, complete and return to him. Please note that immediate cash compensation will no longer occur. Thank you for your understanding.

Holy Healthcare Summer. Throughout the summer months (July - September) we will have healthcare professionals, and possibly representatives from organisations come and speak with us about their fields of specialty. We hope that these opportunities will be helpful and informative for you. Last Sunday we welcomed Rev. Dr. Vinay Masih, Advisor, Spiritual & Religious Care at our neighbour long care facility, Kipling Acres. We have a couple of spaces left. If you know of someone in the area who would bring helpful, healthcare information to the church, please speak with Rev. Randy.

THE ART OF RESISTANCE: DAY TRIP TO BLACK HERITAGE SITES (#1) Saturday August 3rd, 2024.

EDUCATIONAL SOCIAL JUSTICE & ADVOCACY

Following in the footsteps of Black settlers, join in day trips to Black heritage sites in Ontario! 8:00 am: Church of the Epiphany & St. Mark, 201 Cowan Ave. Toronto M6K 2N7 8:30 am: Keele St. just north of Keele station 10:00 am: Old Durham Road Black Pioneer Cemetery Priceville, ON En route: Negro Creek Settlement Road 11:30 am: Owen Sound Emancipation Day Festival Harrison Park, Owen Sound, ON. Bring your own picnic lunch or buy from vendors at the festival
4:30 pm: Depart for Toronto

Please register by email to the Rev. Canon Claudette Taylor at Claudette1r921@gmail.com

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