

ALL SAINTS CANDLE – November 27, 2022 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Shining a Light on What is Happening in Our Parish

OUR CANDLE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory of *Lillian Jefford* who would have celebrated her 90th birthday on November 28, 2022.

Missing you every day Mom – Love daughter Barbara Ann and Family

Our Mission at All Saints is to be a family of worshipping Christians, dedicated to Christian Education, Spiritual Growth, Pastoral Care, Outreach and Fellowship.

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

Luke 21: 28

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 2: 1-5; Psalm: 122; Romans 13: 11-14; Matthew 24: 36-44

FOR REFLECTION by Rev Hobbs – Spirituality for me is a matter of who we are and how we live, aware of the fact that we neither exist nor act apart from the divine, that our relationship with God is not at all separate from our relationship with each other. *Michael Mayne*

CONFIRMATION CLASSES have started for anyone who will be 11 years old by December 31, 2022. Our next class is **November 27**th at 2:00pm in the Lower Level of our Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne at <u>joannesimfukwe@gmail.com</u>. Go to our website to view the full schedule of sessions for the 2022-2023 period

JOIN OUR SERVERS TEAM - We are inviting anyone who is confirmed, and who is interested in becoming a server, including all former servers, to a training session on this coming **Thursday**, **November 24**th **at 7:00pm**. For further information, please contact Gerry Fagan 834-5303 or Joanne Simfukwe 682-8103.



We are approaching that time of the year when many are starting to prepare for the hustle and joys of the Christmas season. Unfortunately, not everyone has the necessary resources to enjoy a big festive meal, or to place gifts under a tree. The CBS-Paradise Food Bank are <u>not</u> asking for Christmas

Hampers again this year, but instead are asking for cash donations to pay for grocery cards which they will manage. They are suggesting \$100 for a family of four, \$75 for a family of 2-3, and \$50 for a family of one. You may drop your kind donations in the offertory plate, our secure drop-box, or by eTransfer to donations@allsaintsparish.ca, and please indicate that it is for the Christmas Hamper Appeal.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The Christmas season is often hard on those whose hearts are hurting. All Saints Parish CBS will be holding its annual Blue Christmas Service on **December 11th at 7:00pm**. Please join with us as a Church in special recognition of those in our congregation who may be struggling with the loss of a loved one, or any other pain they may be carrying. As many of us tend to get caught up in the



celebrations of the season, we sometimes forget those silently carrying a burden. Candles will be lit as a memorial to those we love but see no longer.

- The first candle is to remember those persons whom we have loved and lost;
- The second candle is to redeem the pain of loss;
- The third candle is to remember ourselves at Christmas time;
- The fourth candle is to remember our faith, and the gift of hope.

Everyone is welcome to come along and to invite a friend.

THANKS FROM YOUR FALL FAIR TEAM — Our annual Fall Fair Cold Plate Dinners were a great success, and we could not have done it without your help, and also those who purchased take outs. Thanks so much for your continued support!!

GOD AT WORK THROUGH OUR YOUTH - A "new" thing is happening at All



Saints CBS – our **Youth Ministry** has taken on a new post-COVID look. Since the fall has begun we have rebranded our Sunday School program, and have launched our new **Kidz Klub**. We hope to have great

success in this program as the year progresses. Go to our website to read our exciting report. If you would be interested in helping out with this rewarding

ministry, or if you have any questions, please contact Joanne at joannesimfukwe@gmail.com or 682-8103

WE ARE SEARCHING FOR A FOOD BANK COORDINATOR — All Saints Parish desperately requires a volunteer to take on the role of **Food Bank Coordinator**. Additionally, we also need one or two volunteers to pick up (on a weekly basis) any foods donated by the local supermarkets. Please contact the Parish Office at **834-4501**, or via email at **office@allsaintsparish.ca**

FOOD BANK URGENTLY NEEDS DONATIONS - We are appealing to all Parishioners to help restock CBS/Paradise Foodbank shelves. They especially need sugar, rice, pasta, tin foods for lunch boxes, cereal, and crackers etc. They are also accepting hats, coats and hoodies. A monetary donation may be made to donations@allsaintsparish.ca For more information please call 834-2800, or email cbsparadisefoodbank94@gmail.com. They are located at 81-3 CB Highway (next to Mary Brown's in Manuels), Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am-2:00pm

ALL SAINTS PARISH HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL TYPES OF RENTALS — This is just a reminder that our Parish Hall boasts excellent facilities to host Baby Showers, Bridal Showers, Birthday Parties, Weddings, Business Meetings, Community Groups, or any other organizations needing a place to meet or host a seminar. We encourage you to pass this along to family, friends, and coworkers, or any organization that you feel could utilize our facilities. To place a booking, please contact our Office at 834-4501, or via email at office@allsaintsparish.ca

SPONSOR 'THE CANDLE' — To remember a loved one or to make a special 'thank' offering, we invite you to have your message placed prominently within the Bible graphic at the top of this weekly bulletin, for which your kind donation of \$25 would be greatly22 appreciated. Additionally, you could place a full-page message with a photo and maybe a memorial verse, for which your kind donation of \$50 would be greatly appreciated. A paper copy of '*THE CANDLE*' is distributed at all Sunday services, and a digital copy is permanently available on our Parish website at allsaintsparish.ca

GOD'S HANDS AND FEET AT WORK IN OUR PARISH - I bake. I've always enjoyed baking. My children oftentimes reminisce about cutting out or rolling cookies with me. All of my grandchildren have baked with me and of all the cookies we've made together, their all-time favourite has always been cutting out the gingerbread cookies. Many years ago, they gave me the title "Gingerbread Nan", a title that remains to this day.

I tell you this story as background to what prompted the following conversation between myself and our youngest grandchild who was 8 years old at the time. We were just having a casual chit-chat one afternoon when he asked me, "Nanny, are you gonna die?" I answered "Yes, honey, everyone will die sometime". After a long pause, he said, "Nanny, you're going to be an angel and watch over me and keep me safe." As you can imagine, I gave him the biggest most emotional hug. But I was totally unprepared for his next question. "Nanny, when you die......can I have your recipe book?"

So God has a sense of humor! But more importantly, God wants His children, young and old, to be happy and joyful and so He sends little children to bring joy to our hearts. Although we don't always notice, those children are the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth. In this story, the little 8 year old boy is spreading the love of Jesus unconditionally and without fear of judgment. Jesus loves HIs little children and wants them to know Him. In St. Mark's gospel, Jesus says "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Then He took the children in His arms, placed His hands on each of them, and blessed them. (Mark 10: 13-16).

P.S. The author of this heartwarming story can be found in the parish kitchen anytime there is a meal to be prepared, She, too, is the hands and feet of Jesus.

Breakfast with Santa – The ACW of All Saints Parish CBS are hosting our



annual "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday,

December 10th, from 9:00am to 12:00pm in the
downstairs auditorium of our Parish Hall. The
cost is only \$5 for children under age 12, and
\$10 for adults. For more information please
contact Barb at 834-4795. Please pass this
along to family and friends. All are welcome.

ALL SAINTS TEA ROOM is a time of fun, food and fellowship, and each
Wednesday from noon to 1:30pm we are delighted have
100+ people sharing a delicious meal. Our menu alternates
among *Soup, *Beans & Toutons & Bologna, *Stew, and
*Sausage & Mashed Potatoes/Peas/Carrots – always
including a delicious dessert. Not only do you get an enjoyable meal, but we

have great fun and fellowship thanks to Enid and her Team.

CONSIDER JOINING ONE OF OUR MINISTERIAL TEAMS — We are seeking individuals, whatever your skillset or interests include, to please consider becoming a part of one of the following groups: *Altar Guild, Eucharist Assistant, Funeral Reception, Lectern Reader, Liturgical Planner, Offertory Counter, Server (must be confirmed), Sides Person, Greeter, ACW, Men's Fellowship, and many more.* Simply call our Office at 834-4501 or email us at office@allsaintsparish.ca, or complete our online form.

CHURCH OFFERTORY OPTIONS - Our secure drop-slot is emptied several times daily, and is located to the left of the main door of our Parish Hall. e-Transfering your gift to donations@allsaintsparish.ca has become a popular method of offertory as well. And of course, we encourage you to consider our eGiving service which automatically deposits your gift at whatever interval you choose: weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. To register simply go to our website and follow the eGiving notes. If you have any questions, please email your Finance Team at finance@allsaintsparish.ca, or call our Office at 834-4501

DIGITAL ROADSIDE BILLBOARD — All Saints is a very active in our community and beyond, and it is very important that we reach as many people as possible. Our list of mission work is quite extensive: Liturgical Services, Mission & Outreach, our weekly Tea Room fellowship, our various fundraising activities including Take-Out Dinners and Craft Fairs, Catering, Hall Rentals, as well as community service events such as Blood Donor Clinics, Flu Shot Clinics, COVID vaccination clinics, and the list goes on. We also anticipate a new and much needed revenue stream by selling public advertising space. We appreciate your financial support to date.

PWRDF - UKRAINE EFFORT — Ever since the war in Ukraine began on February 24, over five million Ukrainians have been forced to flee their country for safety. You can help PWRDF to support Ukrainians with your donations, either by dropping it into our collection plate or our secure dropbox, or by eTransfer to donations@allsaintsparish.ca. Please indicate that it is for Ukraine.

Do WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS? - If we do not already have your email address on file, and you would like to have the digital version of *The Candle* sent directly to your smartphone, tablet or computer, please email it to communications@allsaintsparish.ca

OLD TYME CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Holy Innocents Anglican Parish in Paradise located at 297 Paradise Road are hosting an *Old Tyme Christmas Concert* on Saturday, December 10th, starting at 7:00pm. Admission rates: Adults - \$15; Children up to age 12 - \$5; Children under age 5 are free. For tickets please call Sylvia at 709-782-7723, or email at sfreid2003@yahoo.ca, or pay via eTransfer to hiacgive@hotmail.com. Go to their website at www.holyinnocents.ca for more details.



St. Thomas' Christmas Market & Cafe!!

We're having a Christmas Market and Cafe!! We hope you can join us at St. Thomas' Church, 8 Military Road on **Saturday, December 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** There will be a great selection of Christmas baking and treats - cookies, cakes, bread and preserves! Also, handmade children's clothing and toys, aprons, quilts, Christmas decorations and hand-knit wool items.... Come, shop, and stay awhile in our beautiful church. Our Cafe will include hot & cold beverages and a buffet of homemade muffins and tea buns to enjoy. **Please note**: The Market & Cafe will be held in the Church building. Please enter at the <u>South</u> entrance off the Parking Lot, or the <u>North</u> Door which is wheelchair accessible. See you there!!

ST THOMAS CHRISTMAS TICKET DRAW!!

St. Thomas' Church is selling tickets for a draw to take place on **Thursday**, **December 15**. The ticket cost is \$2.00. The prize is a fabulous selection of gift cards with a value of \$500! Please call the Church Office (576-6632) or Kezie Budden (754-0151) to purchase your tickets.



Memoriam – Operations Fund

- In loving memory of Frances Rideout by Gary & Genevieve Philips
- In loving memory of Mom and Dad, *Phyllis & Edward Bussey*, remembering their 73rd wedding anniversary on November 29th – Elizabeth & Jim Tilley and Family

Memoriam - Funeral Reception Fund

• In loving memory of Frances Rideout – by The Family

November 20, 2022	Weekly	YTD	0
Percent of Last Year	104%	109%	n re p
2022 Actual	3,401	175,780	r
2021 Actual	3,276	161,207	<u>d</u>
Difference	-125	14,574	

Why not consider signing up to our e-Giving program. It's an easy way to ensure you contribute on a regular basis, even during those periods when you are unable to regularly attend church.

We also accept E-transfers at donations@allsaintsparish.ca

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