

Worship in the Coming Week

Mon, Dec 25 th	10:00am	Holy Communion
	No scheduled daily worship or mid-week Wednesday worship this week.	
Sun, Dec 31 st	8:00am	Morning Prayer [BCP]
	10:00am	Christmas Lessons and Carols
Coming Parish Events and Meetings this Week		
Sat, Dec 30 th	5:00pm	Social event – Christmas Lights in Jackson Park

Our Lectionary Readings for next Week

Christmas Day
Isaiah 9:2-7
Titus 2:11-14
John 1:1-14

1st Sunday after Christmas (Dec 31st)
Galatians 4:4-7
Psalm 148
Luke 2:22-40

Our Prayer “Starters” for this Week

Almighty God, today I pray for ...

Monday: a very blessed Christmas for everyone

Tuesday: a quiet day to reflect on the true meaning of your birth

Wednesday: those who are lonely and those in care who miss family and friends visiting them during this Christmas season. May we remember those who are unable to attend church and family events

Thursday: those who have experienced significant loss this year. May they be comforted

Friday: blessings on our clergy and parish leadership as they prepare to lead the congregation through 2018

Saturday: Your will to be made known to us; as we resolve to follow and walk closer to you

... in Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

St Augustine’s Parish Prayer Cycle:

Tom & Tara Anderson;
Talon Thornton;
Evelyn Connell;
Charles & Rebecca Fleeton;
Charmane Joyes;
Irene Matisz;
Wayne Strong.

Diocese of Huron Prayer Cycle:

Christ Church Amherstburg & Rev. Bill Strang;
St. Paul’s Essex, Trinity Church Cottam
& Rev. Chris Brouillard-Coyle;
St. John the Evangelist Leamington, Rev. Andrew Wilson
& Rev. Deborah Wilson-Safa.

Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer for Canada:

ACC:
Director Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully and staff of Faith,
Worship and Ministry

ELCIC:
Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop for Justice
and Leadership; and Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the
Bishop for Youth.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ... *Mary’s openness to God’s dream for her allows her to respond with: “Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” As a faithful steward could you say these words?*

Rev’d Paul’s Office Hours for the Coming Week

No office hours this week.

ADVENT 4

DECEMBER 24th, 2017

9 A.M. MORNING PRAYER

*The service of Morning Prayer begins on pg 4 in the
Book of Common Prayer (BCP).*

1st Lesson: *Romans 16:25-27*

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26(said by alternative verse)

BCP pg443

Gospel: *Luke 1:26-38*

During the lighting of the Advent Candles:

“A Candle is Burning”

*Words Sandra Dean
Tune of “Away in a Manger”*

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright
A candle of HOPE in December’s dark night
While angels sing blessings from heaven’s starry sky,
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

A candle is burning, a candle of PEACE,
A candle to signal that conflict must cease:
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

A candle is burning, a candle of JOY,
A candle to welcome brave Mary’s new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

A candle is burning, a candle of LOVE,
A candle to point us to heaven above.
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,
For Jesus is bringing God’s love to our earth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO ST. AUGUSTINE! We are delighted that you have chosen to join us this morning. If this is your first time with us, we wish you a warm welcome and hope that you will feel part of our parish family.

ADVENT OUTREACH ... *Reverse Advent Calendars* should be brought to church this weekend. Following Christmas, they will be taken to St. Mary's Food Cupboard for distribution to those in need in our community. Thank you for your generous response!

THANK YOU to members of the Altar Guild and friends who have worked to decorate the church so beautifully for our Christmas services.

SOCIAL EVENT ... join fellow parishioners as we view the Christmas light display in Jackson Park ... Saturday, Dec 30th weather permitting. Meet at the church for 5pm and car pool to the park. Following the walk we'll stop at Franco's for pizza and "pop", then back to church.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pickup from our envelope clerks. Donations may also be made by preauthorized monthly payment. Please speak with Debbie, Gary or the wardens for details.

DEANERY YOUTH FAMILY BOWLING PARTY ... this annual event will be held on Sunday, Jan 7th, 2pm at Rose Bowl Lanes (2482 Dougall Ave). Pizza, pop, shoes and bowling are included. Please RSVP to Cynthia by Dec 28th so lanes may be booked. A poster with details is posted on the bulletin board.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2017

Sunday, Dec 24th, Christmas Eve

9am ~ Said Morning Prayer [BCP]

4pm ~ Family Christmas Worship

8pm ~ Christmas Candlelight Worship

Monday, Dec 25th, Christmas Day

10am ~ Holy Communion (spoken)

Sunday, Dec 31st

8am ~ Morning Prayer [BCP]

10am ~ Lessons & Carols for Christmas



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