

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The Last Sunday after Epiphany / Transfiguration Sunday

February 15, 2026

As people of God, we celebrate Christ in the heart of Victoria through joyful worship, building inclusive community, and putting faith into action.

St. John's acknowledges these lands of the Lekwungen people.

We are an inclusive and affirming parish; the sacraments of the church (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we.



Raphael, 1483-1520 ; Romano, Giulio, 1499-1546. Transfiguration, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://digilib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=54165> [retrieved February 10, 2026].
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Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John the Divine, Victoria. We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope, and love as part of this community in Downtown Victoria. We are on a journey of learning to be a welcoming, inviting, inclusive, and serving community which is open to all.

Our worship reflects our rootedness in the Anglican tradition, whilst drawing on liturgies that reflect the long history and heritage of our Christian faith. Please join in as you feel able, and enjoy the words, music, and opportunity for prayer and to be a part of our community.

Services at St. John's are: **8:00 am (Holy Communion – said service), 10:00 am (Holy Eucharist – with choir and organ), 4:30 pm (BCP Choral Evensong)** on Sundays as well as mid-week services (please see our website for times). If you can't attend in person we invite you to join us via Zoom (email admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca for the link) or through the livestream on the Website: www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

We continue to share daily prayer online with a link on our website.

Contacting Us: Please email us at admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca or call 250-383-7169. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Pastoral Care Team who will offer their prayers. Please contact the church office at the above email address.

You are very welcome here. We don't always get it right; please let us know when we do, and when we don't. Please stay and be a part of our family, for however long you would like.

If you would like to give to support the work and ministries of St. John the Divine you can do so in the offering plate which is by the Garden door and will be presented as the Communion is prepared. You may also conveniently use our tap machine (no tax receipt) which is available at the garden door entrance, or the bank machine (tax receipt with envelope completion) available at the office. Envelopes for regular giving are available from the church office. Alternatively, you can scan this QR code which will take you to our Canada Helps giving page.

Thank you for your support.



8:00 am Holy Communion

The order of service is found on page 67 in the Book of Common Prayer

Presider: The Reverend Pam Worthington

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

*The congregation is invited to join in the hymns, responses and prayers marked in **bold print**.*

Presider: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Greeter: Bill Huzar

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Sacristan: Penny Holt

Readers: Joel Durkovic, Brendan Fearly

Gospel:

Sermon: The Reverend Pam Worthington

Intercessor: Marilynn Mincey

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Patrick Samuel,
Graeme Brown, Nancy Baal

Verger: Chuck Neilson

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine
David Stratkauskas, Director of Music
Char Hodgkins, Assistant Director

Setting: Collegium Regale – Hebert Howells (1892-1983)

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The Gathering of the Community

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn (CP 347)

LEONI



1. **The God of Abraham praise**
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting Days, and God of love;
Jehovah, great I AM!
by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
forever blest.
2. **The great I AM has sworn;**
I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face;
I shall God's power adore,
and sing the wonders of God's grace
for evermore.
3. **The goodly land I see**
with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow
with mercy crowned.
4. **Triumphant hosts on high**
give thanks eternally
and “Holy, holy, holy” cry, “great Trinity!”
Hail Abraham’s God and ours!
One mighty hymn we raise:
all power and majesty be yours
and endless praise!

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Gathering

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

All: And also with you.

Almighty God,

**All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

Gloria

Glory to be God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards all.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses
your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured:
Mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world,
and change us into his likeness from glory to glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

The Proclamation of the Word

Let us listen for the Word of God in Holy Scripture.

Please sit for the Reading and the Psalm.

The First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

99

GOD is Ruler; let the people tremble; * GOD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

GOD is great in Zion; * GOD is high above all peoples.

Let them confess GOD's Name, which is great and awesome; * GOD is the Holy One.

"O mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity; * you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of GOD our God and fall down before God's footstool; * GOD is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among GOD's priests, and Samuel among those who call upon GOD's Name, * they called upon GOD, and GOD answered them.

GOD spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; * they kept GOD's testimonies and the decree that were given them.

"O GOD our God, you answered them indeed; * you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."

Proclaim the greatness of GOD our God and worship GOD upon their holy hill; * for GOD our God is the Holy One.

Inclusive Language Psalter: A New Gender-Inclusive Adaptation of the Book of Psalms,
Based on the 1979 Book of Common Prayer Text (Version for Congregational Use)

Edited and adapted by Adam Waddell, Hannah Bowman, the Rev. K.D. Joyce, and the Rev. Bailey Pickens.

After the Reading

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn (CP 166)

O MEIN JESU, ICH MUSS STERBEN



1. We have come at Christ's own bidding
to his high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.
2. Light breaks in upon our darkness;
splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word.
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the law and prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.
3. Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.

Text: Carl P. Dawe, Jr. (1944-). © 1988 Hope Publishing Co. Music: *Geistliche Volkslieder*, 1858.

Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel

Before the Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Cantor: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Matthew 17:5

God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Good news of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Please stand, sit, or kneel as you prefer.

Prayers of the People

Those who have asked for our prayers are listed at the end of the leaflet.

Please stand as you are able.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

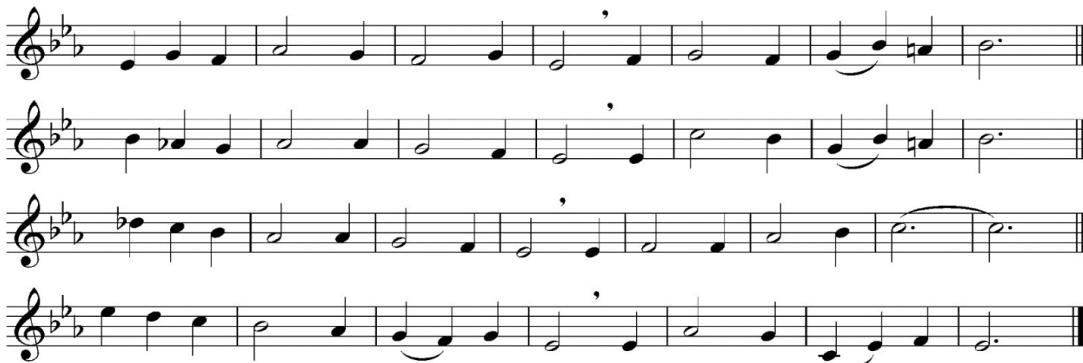
All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Hymn (CP 335)

COE FEN



1. How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir!
Thousands of thousands stand around
Thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound
Thy praise, but who am I?
2. Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun,
there hallelujahs be.

3. Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
inflame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.
4. How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep:
thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

Text: John Mason (1645?-1694).

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Please stand as you are able.

The Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God,
receive all we offer you this day,
and bring us to that radiant glory
which we see in the transfigured face
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

As we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist, we remember that we are the people of God. Near or far we are gathered together by the love of Christ. We remember that we are incorporated into the body of Christ. We join together in this celebration of our union in Christ.

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Book of Alternative Services – Eucharistic Prayer #1

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God,
for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image:

In the wonderful diversity of gender you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin,

you did not cease to care for us,
but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people
from bondage into freedom;

through the prophets
you renewed your promise of salvation

Therefore, with them, and with all your

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age.

who have served you in every age,
we give thanks and raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.*

Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.

In the fullness of time,

you sent your Son Jesus Christ,

to share our human nature,

to live and die as one of us,

to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He healed the sick
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, “Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, “Drink this, all of you:
This is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Gracious God,
his perfect sacrifice
destroys the power of sin and death;
by raising him to life
you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim our hope.

All: **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Recalling his death,
proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be one body and one holy people,
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

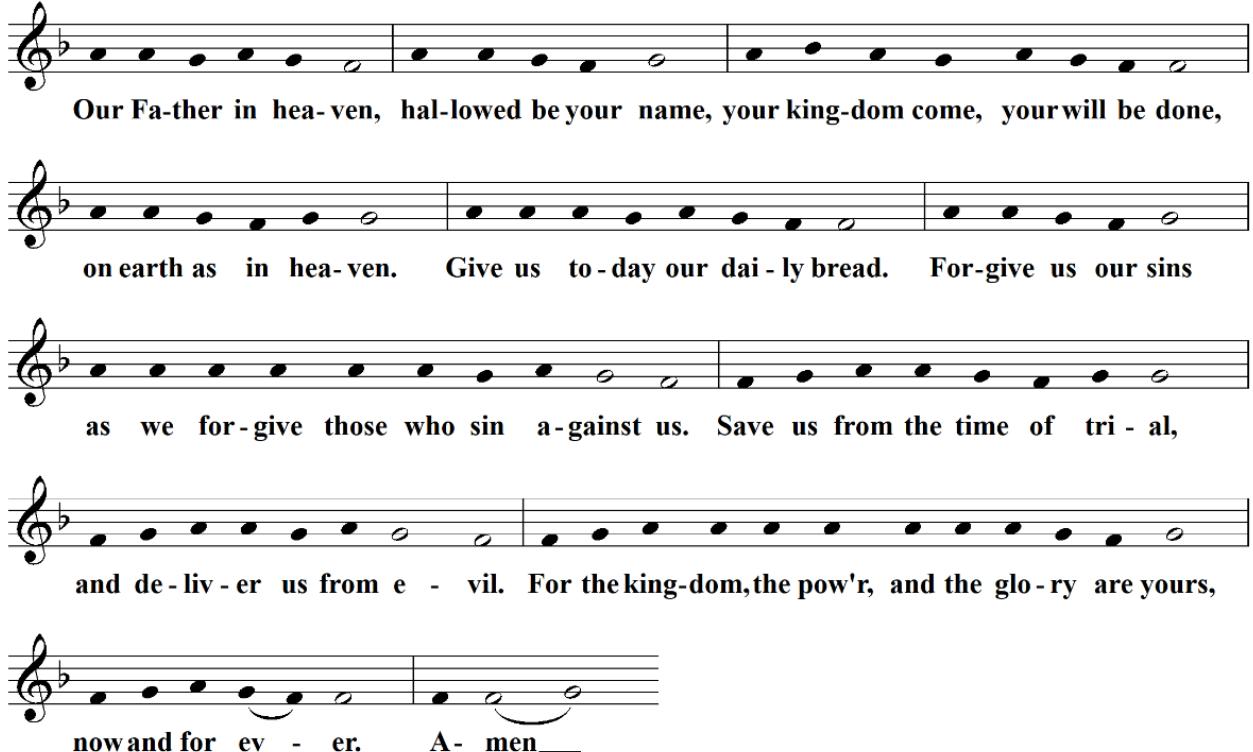
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.



All: A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

The Disciples' Prayer

Priest: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:



Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins
as we for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri-al,
and de-liv-er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r, and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for ev - er. A- men

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The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

All are invited to receive communion. Receiving bread or wine is considered full communion. It is the practice of the ACC not to dip the bread into the wine. Any not receiving communion are invited to receive a blessing, and to indicate that by holding their arms crossed on their chest.

If you are unable to come to a communion station please make this known to the Greeters and we will bring communion to you.

Gluten free wafers for communion are available. Please request them from the person who is distributing the bread.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

During Communion

O nata lux de lumine
Jesu redemptor saeculi
Dignare clemens supplicum
Laudes precesque sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi
Dignatus es pro perditis
Nos membra confer effici
Tui beati corporis.

*O Light born of Light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
with loving-kindness deign to receive
suppliant praise and prayer.*
*Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members
of thy blessed body*

Text and Music: Kerry Andrew (b.1978)

Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.

The Commissioning of the Community

Please stand as able.

One body are we.

All: For, though we are in many places, spiritually we share one bread.

Prayer after Communion

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
May we who are partakers of his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know
his power to change and save.
We ask this in his name.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

The Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve our living God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn (CP 162)

SALZBURG



**1. Sing of God made manifest
in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem
where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound,
signs mysterious and profound:
Myrrh and frankincense and gold
grave and God and king foretold.**

**2. Sing of God made manifest
when at Jordon John confessed,
“I should be baptized by you,
but your bidding I will do.”
Then from heaven a double sign—
dove-like Spirit, voice divine—
hailed the true Anointed One:
“This is my beloved Son.”**

**3. Sing of God made manifest
when Christ came as wedding-guest
and at Cana gave a sign,
turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed
as he taught, forgave and healed,
bringing light and life to all
who would listen to God’s call.**

**4. Sing of God made manifest
on the cloud-capped mountain’s crest,
where both voice and vision waned
until Christ alone remained:
Glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,
given as Jesus set his face
towards the waiting cross and grave,
sign of hope that God would save.**

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Please be seated

Voluntary Litanies

Jehan Alain

Please join us in the parish hall for the soup/bun lunch.
All are welcome.



No Sunday Reflections today.

Flowers

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Eric Bansgrove,
forever in our hearts, from his family.

Choral Evensong today at 4:30pm

Readings: Psalm 84; 2 Kings 2:1-12; Matthew 17:9-23

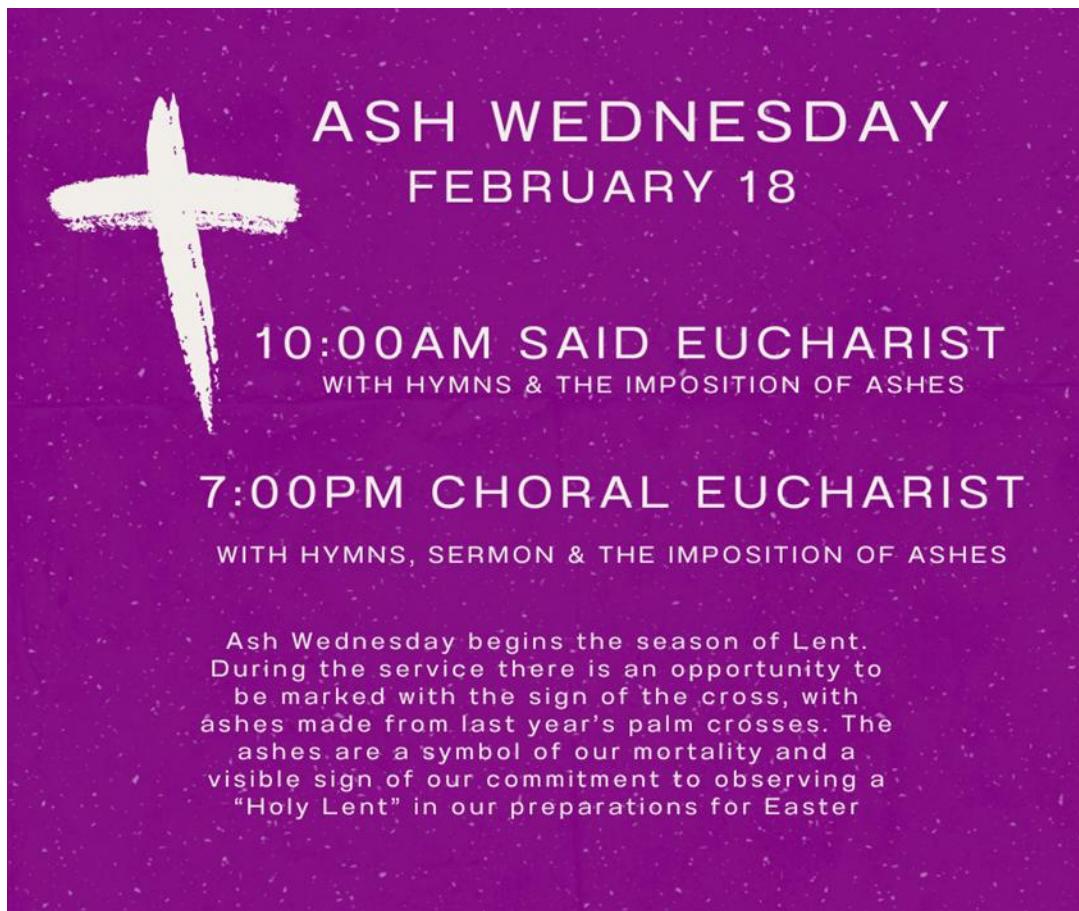
Officiant: Ann Barry

Preacher: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Music: Quartet

Responses: Thomas Tallis / Matthew Larkin ; Canticles: Fauxbourdons – Sarah MacDonald

Anthem: Adoramus te – G.P. da Palestrina



Readings for February 22nd – The 1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 God has formed the first human from the dust of the ground and has breathed life into him. God has placed him in his own domain, a land of delight, the Garden of Eden. To eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is to attempt to gain total knowledge of creation, something God does not intend humans to do.

Psalm 32 Since disease was commonly regarded as punishment for sin, healing is evidence that the sin is forgiven. This psalm offers thanksgiving for healing.

Romans 5:12-19 Paul has said that Christians, reconciled to God, will be saved, sharing in the risen life of Christ. Now he contrasts Christ and Adam. Adam was the first human; with Christ there is a new humanity.

Matthew 4:1-11 Every Israelite was expected to live by the great commandment: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.” Jesus shows himself to be the ideal Israelite, as he refuses to use his power in self-gratifying ways.

Blue Envelope for February – The Food Bank at St. John’s

The Food Bank at St. John’s provides staple food items to those in need in our community.

The following people have asked for our prayers.

Please keep them in your heart and mind as you go through your week.

Chuck	Jill & family	Charles & Frances
Paul C-S.	Grace	Mallory
Zoe	John & Pat	Vorna & family
Carolyn & family	Liz & family	James M.
Richard M.	Andrew	Brian T.
Ronnie A. & family	Jamie G.	Tonja D.
Kai & Chelsea	Sue	Joshua
Claire	Emily	Robyn
Kate	Miranda	Deb
	Laura	

R.I.P.
Charli Winking

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