

St. George's Standard

March 8, 2026



March 15, 2026

Walking in the Wilderness.....

Before the beginning of His public ministry, Jesus entered the wilderness for forty days and forty nights. The wilderness in the Bible is not merely a barren desert; it is a sacred space. It is a place where God's people encounter divine guidance, experience spiritual deepening, and undergo preparation and testing. It is in the wilderness that we learn solitude with our Creator. Yahweh led His people through the wilderness for forty years before they entered the Promised Land. During those long years, God guided them with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. He provided manna from heaven to sustain them. The wilderness was not only a place of God's faithful providence, but also a place of discipline, shaping, and growth. In our own lives, wilderness seasons may feel dry, uncertain, or even lonely. Yet these moments are often God's tools of transformation. They refine our character, deepen our trust, and clarify our calling. In the wilderness, God prepares us for what lies ahead.

Richard Rohr, a priest and spiritual teacher, writes through the Centre for Action and Contemplation, "Sometimes it is only when we look back over the years, many of them spent in the wilderness, that we see the providence of God. When we were traveling through those years, none of them may have seemed very glorious. But when we look back, we can see how God was leading us, and we behold the beauty of God's saving love." How true this is. While we are in the wilderness, the journey can feel long and uncertain. Yet in hindsight, we often recognize God's quiet faithfulness.

God prepared the Israelites in the wilderness before bringing them into the Promised Land. It was there that He gave them the Ten Commandments to guide and shape them as His covenant people. John the Baptist also lived and carried out much of his ministry in the wilderness, calling people to repentance and preparing the way of the Lord. When the prophet Elijah fled in fear and despair, it was in the wilderness that the angel of the Lord met him—feeding him, comforting him, and strengthening him for the journey ahead. The scripture enforces that the wilderness is not a place of abandonment, but a place of preparation. It is where God forms His people, renews their strength, and reveals His saving love.

As we journey through this season of Lent, we are invited to hold on to the image of the wilderness — a sacred space where we become more aware of our Almighty God walking alongside us. Lent is a time to come before Christ with humble and penitent hearts.

There may be moments when we experience spiritual dryness or feel discouraged by circumstances in our personal lives. Yet even in these wilderness seasons, God gently calls us back to Himself — to prayer, to repentance, and to renewed trust.

Jesus invites us with tender compassion: "*Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest*" (Matthew 11:28). What a gracious invitation. Come to Christ. Come just as you are.

May this Lenten season become a holy wilderness for each of us — a time of deeper encounter, quiet transformation, and renewed awareness of God's presence. Wishing you a blessed and meaningful Lenten season.

Rev. Rajini Lyman

Important Information

Weekly Worship Services

Sundays	8.15 am	Holy Eucharist BCP
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist
Tuesdays:	8:00 am	Morning prayer on Zoom
	6:00 pm	Bible Study
Wednesdays:	8:00 am	Morning prayer on Zoom
	6:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursdays	8:00 am	Morning prayer on Zoom
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist

Memorial Flowers Placed on Altar

'Order Forms' are located at the back of the church or at the church office if you wish to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one. Requests and funds must be received **at least 2 weeks prior to placement**. Forms must be returned to the church office or placed on the offertory plate. Thanks so much!

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

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World: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

Diocese: The Anglican Church Women (ACW) – Janice Hodgson, ODT, Diocesan President

Oshawa Deanery: St. Martin's Bay Ridges - The Rev. Shelley Pollard

St. George's: Prayer Shawl Ministry, Screening Coordinator, Servers, Sidespeople

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World: The Anglican Church of Kenya

Diocese: Victoria & Haliburton Deanery

Oshawa Deanery: St. Matthew's Oshawa - The Rev. Diane Lee

St. George's: St. Bede's, Staff, Stewardship, Volunteer Office Assistants, Worship Committee

Church Leadership

Bishop of Toronto: The Rt Rev. Andrew Asbil

Suffragan Bishop: The Rt Rev. Riscylla Shaw

Suffragan Bishop: The Rt Rev. Kevin Robertson

Incumbent: The Rev. Dr. Alvarado Adderley

Curate: The Rev. Rajini Lyman

Honourary Assistant: The Rev. Janet Stephens

Director of Music: Carmine Lappano

Sexton: William Erwin

Rector's Warden: Barb Wotton

People's Warden: Shelley Kossatz

Deputy Rector's Warden: Dan Mongrain

Deputy People's Warden: Betty Hogeterp & Johan van't Hof

Parish Administrator: Sharon Jones ODT

Bookkeeper: Zsofia Halmi

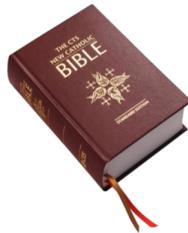
Envelope Secretary: Barb Callery

Treasurer: Shannon Bott

Readings

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Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42



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1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

New Office Hours

TUESDAY-THURSDAY 9AM-2PM



Church Wifi

The GUEST network is **Church Hall** and the password is **9057237875**.

Givings through E-TRANSFER

PLEASE USE THE EMAIL ADDRESS
treasurer@stgeorgesoshawa.org
SECURITY QUESTION— church
SECURITY ANSWER—givings

Please include your full name and address in your etransfer if you wish to receive a tax receipt.

St. George's Memorial Church (Anglican)
telephone: **905-723-7875**

51 Centre St. S. Oshawa ON L13Z9
email: **church@stgeorgesoshawa.org**

What's Happening!

Prayer of the Week



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God of all compassion, you call us to love one another as you have loved us. In this time of Lent, help us to see our sisters and brothers as truly beloved children of God. Help us to fast from incivility and feast on your love... Lord, our God, be with us in this time of fasting and repentance, in this time of quiet and simplicity". AMEN

MAR 15

God of goodness and mercy, hear my prayer this Lent. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace. Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to make myself available to you every day as I prepare for Easter.



Welcome to Our New Parish Administrator, Sharon Jones, ODT

Sharon is a born and bred Newfoundlander who left the Rock when she met her husband, Doug, and found a beloved community in the Anglican Diocese of Toronto. Sharon is an office administrator by day, and avid volunteer also by day and night, and an Associate of SSJD, and more. One of the most important aspects of Sharon's life is her role as a mama bear, and a 2SLGBTQIA+ and neurodivergent advocate. Drawing from her own experience, Sharon offers her advice and support to families to help them navigate school boards, healthcare, paperwork and more. Sharon is a mom to many—the "ones she gave birth to" and the ones she affectionately calls "the ones she collects along the way". This is because Sharon's ultimate belief and purpose is to build a bigger table; include as many as possible and challenge the systems that prevent people from joining in.

We hold Sharon in our prayers as she begins her journey at St. George's

Easter Memorial Flowers



Each year at St. George's we decorate the chancel area with flowering plants that have been placed in memory of a loved one or family.

If you would like to donate, please pick up the "Easter Flower order form" located at the back of the church or from the church office.

The last day for placing orders will be Sunday, March 22, 2026



St. Bede's Group

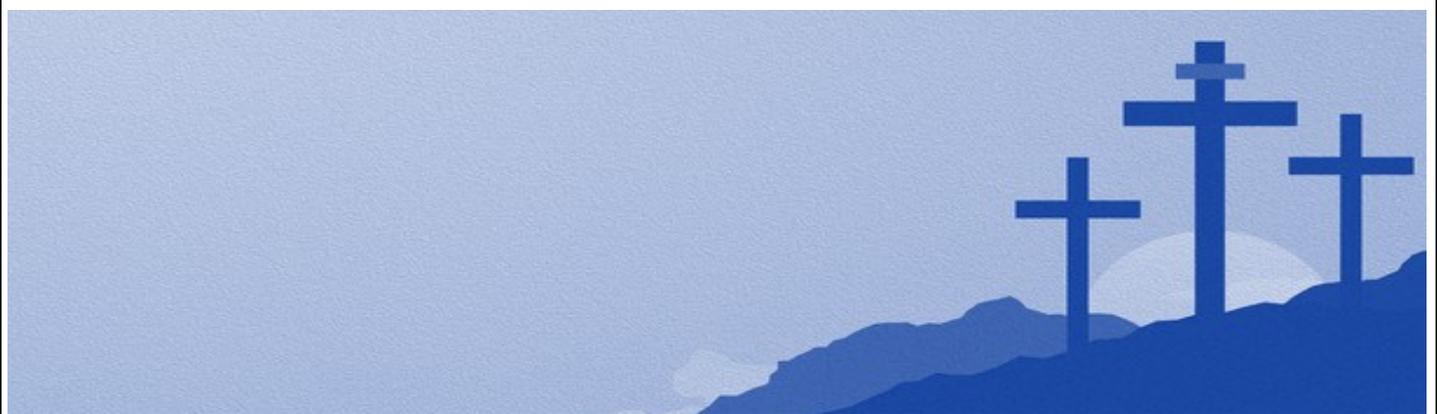
The St. Bede's Ladies will meet on Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 1:13 PM in the Peasgood Gallery.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Information

Focusing on positive actions and practices during Lent can draw us closer to God and help us experience the season of true renewal and blessing

GOOD DEEDS FOR LENT						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
St. George's Memorial Lent 2026		FEBRUARY	18 ASH WEDNESDAY	19	20	21
"Faith in Action Challenge"			Prepare and plan to reflect on your spiritual journey this Lent	Talk with someone you wouldn't usually chat with	Do something good for someone	Call a distant relative or a friend in need and chat
22 FIRST SUNDAY	23	24	25	26	27	28
Spend quiet time with God reflecting on how good he's been to you	Ask someone, "How are you?", mean it and listen	Refrain from judging others	Give someone something just to give a cheer	Affirm somebody with the good they have done	Buy lunch or dinner for someone today.	Pray for all ministries within our church
1 SECOND SUNDAY	2	3	4	5	6 MARCH	7
Do something fun & special with your family at home	Pray for unity and peace in the world	Smile at everyone and anyone all the time	Bring home something special for everyone	Refrain from bashing or saying bad things to others	Pray for your family, the Church and friends	Give away things and clothes that you do not need
8 THIRD SUNDAY	9	10	11	12	13	14
Treat yourself to something nice	Thank someone who helped you become better	Give someone a gift for no reason anonymously	Fast from Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & the Internet	Do or buy something special for yourself	Say thank you to someone who helped you this day	Reflect on God's goodness in your life
15 FOURTH SUNDAY	16	17	18	19	20	21
Spend quality time with the people you live with	Be positive, think positive, and say positive words only	Be present in the moment	Reward someone for a good deed that he or she did	Greet warmly every person you meet all day	Embrace your mistakes and shortcomings	Forgive all who had offended you through the week
22 FIFTH SUNDAY	23	24	25	26	27	28
Create a prayer list and spend some time in prayer	Uplift & encourage someone who seems depressed	Bring something to share in your workplace or school	Be earth friendly and encourage others as well	Praise and affirm others even in the little things they do	Be extra generous in donating to charity or Church	Spend some time examining your conscience
29 PALM SUNDAY	30	31	1	2 HOLY THURSDAY	3 GOOD FRIDAY	4 HOLY SATURDAY
Reconcile with God through prayer and the Sacrament	Make amends or reconcile with someone	Reflect on how you treat or make others feel	Pray for the Bishops, Priests, Deacons and all clergy	Change or quit a bad or unhealthy habit or behavior	Spend an hour in Church and pray for the people there	Watch a movie or read a book on spiritual growth
5 EASTER SUNDAY						
Celebrate this day in gratitude in the Presence of God with your family						





Chroí



St Patrickstide Tour, March 2026



youtube.com/orgalt

facebook.com/chroimusic

Sat 14 March 7:00pm, St George's Memorial Anglican Church

Kick off your St. Patrick's Day celebrations early with a wonderful '**Celtic Celebration Fundraiser Evening**' featuring the music of **Chroi!** 'Chroi' is the Gaelic word for 'heart', something that St. George's is FULL of!!! Please share this message far and wide! bring your friends and neighbours! The church will be FULL with festive Celtic music, refreshments and fun, kicking off the St. Patty's Day spirit! Mark your calendars and get your tickets NOW!

Saturday March 14 at 7 PM

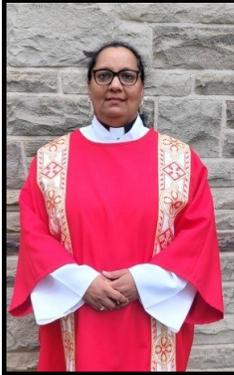
**tickets are \$35 each - sold on Sunday mornings, at the church office Tues-Thurs 9 AM to 2 PM
(church@stgeorgesoshawa.org or 9057237875)**

cash bar offered

Click here and have a listen! <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNMLFC4G8cqXfof0T66ayXRfK525ZWdMu>

Get your tickets early! Looking forward to a FANTASTIC parish and community event!

Events



ORDINATION

*God willing
Bishop Riscylla Shaw
will ordain*



Rajini Lyman

*To the
Sacred Order of the Priesthood
in Christ's Holy Catholic Church
on the Feast of St. Joseph of Nazareth*

*Saturday March 21st, 2026
at 2:00 pm*

*St George's Memorial Church
51 Center St. S., Oshawa*

Your prayers and presence are requested



Refreshments and presentation in the lower hall following the ordination

Contributions to the celebration and a gift for Rajini can be made by:

- using the specially labelled envelopes found at the back of the church.
- making a donation at the church office.
- E-transfer - sent to treasurer@stgeorgesoshawa.org
security question - *church* / security answer - *givings*

*Please indicate in the e-transfer message that your contribution is for Rajini's
Ordination*

Lenten and Easter Services



You're invited to join our parish family as we make our way from Ash Wednesday through Holy Week to the celebration of Christ's glorious Resurrection on Easter. Surrounded by community and nourished by prayer, we will journey together in these holy season of Lent and Easter. Below is our schedule of services.

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday - Sunday March 29, 2026

- 8:15 AM BCP Holy Eucharist and Blessing of Palms
- 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist and Blessing of Palms

Stations of the Cross: Wednesday April 1, 2026

- 7:00 PM - walk the stations of the cross and meditate on the events of Jesus' final hours

Maundy Thursday: Thursday April 2, 2026

- 7:00 PM Choral Eucharist

Good Friday: Friday April 3, 2026

- 12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil: Saturday April 4, 2026

- 7:00 PM Choral Eucharist

The Sunday of the Resurrection - Easter Day: Sunday April 5, 2026

- 8:15 AM BCP Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 AM Choral Eucharist and Healing Service



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

"I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink. I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me." Matthew 25:35-40

April 12, 2026

10 AM: Peter Misiaszek - Guest Preacher

Refreshments and presentation following the service

Community Events

The Way of the Cross and a Crucified People: On the Ground in Palestine

a six-week Lent zoom course by

Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat
with
Bishop Andrew Asbil

Sundays 7pm - 9 pm EST | February 22 - March 29, 2026



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Admission is Free

What happens
if we read
Jesus' walk to the cross
in light of current realities?

Weaving together
scriptural story,
Palestinian liturgy,
and Lenten self-reflection,
this journey to the cross
will deeply ground us
in the story of Jesus' passion
as seen in today's world.

For further information or to register:
www.bibleremixed.ca

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REJOICE IN THE LAMB

Oshawa's acclaimed RESOUND Choir and special guests, the Orpheus Choir of Toronto will be joined by a professional orchestra and soloists to present sparkling and genre-defying masterworks by UK composers, featuring dazzling orchestral colours and dramatic performances. Also, Karl Jenkins' intercultural Requiem will be performed with Japanese poetry and traditional instruments, making this piece unlike any other choral masterwork.

Join us for a dramatic and energizing afternoon of music and storytelling!



for tickets visit:
tickets.regenttheatre.ca

3:00 pm
22 MARCH 2026

\$35 ADMISSION

Regent Theatre
50 King St E.
Oshawa, ON



THOMAS BURTON
-ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



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DOORS OPEN OSHAWA

St Georges is taking part in this annual event that allows visitors to explore our beautiful church

May 2, 2026
Stay tuned for more information

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events at
St George's

- March 14, 2026 Chroi Celtic Celebration Fundraiser 7:00 PM
- March 21 2026 Rev. Rajini Ordination 2:00 PM
- March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday 8:15 AM & 10:00 AM
- April 1, 2026 Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM
- April 2, 2026 Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM
- April 3, 2026 Good Friday 12:00 Noon
- April 4, 2026 Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil 7:00 PM
- April 5, 2026 Easter Day 8:15 AM & 10:00 AM
- April 12, 2026 Stewardship Sunday (one service) 10:00 AM
- May 2, 2026 Doors Open Oshawa
- May 9, 2026 Evensong