

THE ST. GEORGE STANDARD

EMBRACING OUR PAST, CELEBRATING OUR PRESENT,
AND BUILDING OUR FUTURE IN CHRIST



Gratitude

by The Rev. Rajini Lyman

When Jesus healed the ten people who had leprosy, only one of them—a Samaritan—came back to thank Him for the healing. Jesus asked, “Where are the other nine?” All ten had received the same blessing, but only one returned to express his gratitude.

Think about how we would feel if we helped someone and, later, they completely forgot about what we had done for them. We might feel hurt or disappointed. In the same way, it is important for us to take time to recognize and give thanks to the people who have come into our lives and helped us in many different ways.

If we close our eyes for a moment and think about the people who have been part of our lives, we can think of our parents, siblings, friends, teachers, mentors, and many others. The list can go on and on. Have we ever taken

the time to thank them? Have we also thanked God for bringing these people into our lives?

Sometimes, we need to pause and examine our hearts and ask ourselves: Who are the people in my life for whom I should be grateful? Have I taken the time to thank them?

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, “In ordinary life we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich.”

A grateful heart brings joy and richness to our lives. Let us always remember the people who have touched our lives and take a moment to thank them. Above all, let us remember the goodness and faithfulness of God and give thanks for all that He has done for us.

Let us not be like the nine who received the blessing and simply continued on their way. Let us be like the one who stopped, turned back, and gave thanks to Jesus.

The Rev. Dr. Alvaro Adderley, Incumbent
The Rev. Rajini Lyman, Assistant Curate
The Rev. Janet Stephens, Honourary Assistant

Every Child Matters

By Ted Glover

Unholy acts of genocide
rapacious predators
egregious trauma
social trauma
emotional trauma
physical trauma
mental trauma
psychological trauma
irrevocable loss
international travesty of justice
innocent lambs
lead to the slaughter
lives snuffed out
robbed of family and friends
robbed of language and culture
robbed of childhood
of adolescence
of adulthood

None of us here present
could ever begin to comprehend
your grief, your sorrow,
your struggle, your suffering

No one heard your sighs
your desperate cries.

Today and always it is our
collective prayer
that you know forever
you are held
you are honoured
you are respected
you are cherished.

In your names
the Sacred Fires
will burn eternally
on the ground of Mother Earth.

Every Child Matters



Orange Shirt Day

All are encouraged (if possible) to wear orange on September 27, 2026,

The Anglican Diocese of Toronto observes Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th to honour residential school survivors and remember the children who did not return home. Parishes and members across the diocese wear orange on September 30th as a symbolic acknowledgment of the legacy of the residential school system.



Thanksgiving Sunday

Share the Harvest!

Sunday, October 11th, 2026

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, please consider donating fresh fruits and vegetables to help decorate our church.

After Thanksgiving, all produce will be donated to a local food bank or shelter kitchen, helping us share our blessings with those in need. Please ensure that all donations are fresh and suitable for eating.

Please Bring Your Donations

Friday, October 9th: 2:00–4:00 PM

Saturday, October 11th: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

Contributions of flowers and greenery to decorate our beautiful baptismal font are also gratefully appreciated.

Donations may be placed in the area near the baptismal font. If you need to arrange another drop-off time, please contact the church office (905-723-7875).

**Let's celebrate the harvest by sharing
our blessings with our community!**



"GRATITUDE TURNS WHAT WE HAVE INTO ENOUGH." — ANONYMOUS

To Request Memorial Flowers



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.

2027 Canadian Church Calendars \$7.00

The 2027 Canadian Church Calendars have arrived and are available for purchase from the back of the church or through the church office.

Payment envelopes can be found with the calendars.

Please place payment in the envelope provided and place envelope in the offertory plate, the outdoor mailbox or drop off at the church office.

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Thank You!

50th 50th Anniversary of Women's Ordination to the Priesthood

October 18, 2026 at 4:30 PM the Diocese of Toronto celebrates 50th anniversary of women's ordination to the priesthood. On Oct. 18 at 4:30 PM there will be a joyful service of Evensong at St. James Cathedral open to all, with a light reception to follow. Bishop Riscylla Shaw will be the preacher.



Christmas Shoe Boxes

The Christmas Shoe Boxes will be available on Sunday, October 4 after both services.

Please see Kaye at the back of the church if you would like to fill a box for a boy or girl in a Third World Country. Boxes should be returned to the church by November 12.



Thompson Bursary

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Thomson Bursary, Madison Lohmann, Nathalie Mongrain and Mya Davis and Abigail Namboozee!

As a former teacher and educator, Mr. Thomson had a special interest in young people and in their advancement in higher education. His estate provided for the establishment of a permanent Trust Fund from which the annual interest would be available to underwrite Bursaries to assist members of our Church to attend the University of their choice.

We wish all recipients every success and keep them in our prayers as they enter the 2026/27 academic year.



Saturday, October 24, 2026
10 AM to 12 PM

Join us in the Lower Parish Hall for
coffee, worship and Meditation

SUNDAY School

Join us during the 10 AM Service
All Are Welcome!



Sunday Refreshments

Our **WONDERFUL** Sunday Refreshment teams would love to welcome new members!

If you're interested in being on a TEAM and helping with this wonderful ministry, please contact Shelley Kossatz through the church office. Thanks in advance!



Next Week's Readings

Proverbs 8: 22-31; Psalm 33-1-9;
Colossians 1:15-20; John 1:1-5

October 1, 2026 to November 22, 2026

Worship Team Schedule & Contact List

The schedule and contact list has been emailed to the list of emails on file.

For those not on email, printed copies are located at the back of the church.

Please confirm that the contact information is up to date. Contact the church office to update information.

If you haven't received the email, please check your 'spam or junk' folder and contact the church office to update any information.



Save the Date! Bright & Merry Market
Friday, November 20, 2026 | 5:00–9:00 PM

The **Bright & Merry Market** has been a wonderful success over the past few years and a festive way to kick off the holiday season!

St. George Memorial is excited to participate again this year. We encourage everyone to **get involved in whatever way you can**. Your support will help make this another successful fundraiser and a wonderful opportunity to connect with and serve our community.

How Can You Help?

- **Bake and donate goodies** - this is always a very popular area! Please sign the sheet at the back of the church if you can bake some goodies
- **Create and donate crafts**
- **Donate gently used books and puzzles** - all sizes and levels are welcome!
- **Volunteer your time at the Market** - please sign up at the back of the church to help.

Stay tuned in the coming weeks for more information.

Let's come together to make this year's Bright & Merry Market a wonderful celebration for our church and community!



Congregational Development

What is Congregational Development?

The Diocese's Department of Congregational Development and Mission supports parishes in becoming healthy, vibrant, and mission-focused communities of hope, faith, and compassion.

The department provides:

Mission Action Planning – Helps parishes discern their vision, set priorities, engage with their communities, and take practical steps toward mission and growth.

New Ideas and Approaches – Encourages new ministry initiatives, digital worship, and other ways of strengthening connections between parishes and the communities they serve.

Regional Collaboration – Supports parishes as they explore new ways of working together and responding to the changing needs of their communities.

What does this mean for St George's?

Following a meeting in February 2026 with Janet Marshall and David Krause from the Diocese's Congregational Development Department, it was agreed that, once the Stewardship Committee was established, a new Congregational Development Steering Committee would be formed with representation from across our parish community.

The new Steering Committee met for the first time with Janet Marshall and David Krause on September 16, 2026. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss next steps in discerning St. George's outreach mission and how we can better understand and respond to the needs of our community.

As a first step, the committee will begin engaging with key organizations and neighbours in our community. By listening to those who know our community and its needs, we hope to gain a better understanding of where St. George's can make a meaningful contribution.

This process will help us:

- Discern our direction for the next 5–10 years, including how we can best serve the changing needs of our community.
- Explore opportunities for church growth, outreach, and building stronger connections within the community.
- Identify where St. George's can make a meaningful difference, building on our mission to worship God, proclaim Christ, minister to others, and grow together in fellowship and faith.

Stay Tuned for more information as our committee begins its important work.

This Week at a Glance

*Fr. Alvarado Away - Professional Development -
September 24 to October 1, 2026*

Monday, September 28, 2026

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

8:00 AM Morning Prayer; On Zoom
9:00 AM-2:00 PM Office Open
12:00 PM AA Meeting; Upper Hall

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

8:00 AM Morning Prayer; On Zoom
9:00 AM-2:00 PM Office Open
6:30 PM Evening Prayer; Church

Thursday, October 1, 2026

8:00 AM Morning Prayer; On Zoom
9:00 AM-2:00 PM Office Open
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist; Church
10:30 AM Prayer Shawl Group; Gallery
12:00 PM AA Meeting; Upper Hall
7:30 PM Choir Practice; Choir Room

Friday, October 2, 2026

Saturday, October 3, 2026

10:30 AM DYQ; Upper Hall

Sunday, October 4, 2026

8:15 AM Said Eucharist; (BCP)
10:00 AM Choral Eucharist (BAS); with
Sunday School
3:00 PM Blessing of the Animals

Office Hours

Tuesdays
Wednesdays
Thursdays
9 AM to 2 PM



Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 6 PM - Bible Study resumes in the Peasgood Gallery

Sunday, October 11, 2026 Spirit Seekers will resume meeting at the 10 AM Service. This Group meets 2nd Sunday of the month

Saturday, October 24, 2026 Jesus Cafe - 10 AM to 12 PM; Lower Hall

Saturday, October 31, 2026 at 10 AM - Halloween Dance

November 1, 2026 - Daylight Savings Time Ends at 1:00 AM

Friday, November 20, 2026 Merry Market; 5 to 9 PM

Thursday, December 17, 2026 Blue Mass - 10 AM and 7 PM- A quiet church service for those for people who feel sad, lonely or mourn loved ones during the holidays



St. George Standard

Please have all weekly announcements to the church by the end of day on Tuesdays for the following Sunday.

Any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office or speak to one of the wardens.

Givings



Givings through **E-TRANSFER**

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Security Answer—givings

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