

What's happening this week...

Feb .02, 2020	7:00pm	Youth Group
	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
Feb. 03, 2020	9:00am	Morning Prayer
	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
Feb.04, 2020	2:00pm	Westmount Eucharist
Feb.05 , 2020	9:00am	Morning Prayer
	9:30am	Holy Eucharist & Bible Study
	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
Feb.06, 2020	8:00pm	Evening Prayer
Feb.07, 2020	9:00am	Morning Prayer
	5:00pm	OOTC Dinner

In our prayers...

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi
The Most Revd Martin Blaise Nyaboho - Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba

In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray our Primate, Archbishop Linda Nichols, for our Metropolitan and Diocesan, Archbishop Anne Germond; for our Archdeacon, Glen, and for our parish clergy Fr. Aidan, Fr. Jeff and Bishop Andrews.

In the Diocese of Algoma, we pray for Parish of West Thunder Bay -St. James', Murillo, St. Mark's, Rosslyn, The Rev. Gordon Holroyd (Interim), The Rev. Canon Paul Carr (Hon.)

We pray for reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples Merciful God, you call us to loving relationship with one another. Be with us now as we seek to heal old wounds and find joy again in this relationship. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts of flesh. Give us the gifts of honesty and openness, and fill us with your healing power and grace. We ask this in Jesus's name.

We pray for the following people for God's continued healing and strength during the coming week, especially - Canon Michael & Muriel Tamara, Nancy, Marshall, Bain ,Kay, Mags, Dave Fowler, Annette ,Barbara, Claudette, Gerry, Jim, Mary Rose, Sarah, Jaqueline, Colin, Connie, Catherine, George & Dave .

We pray for those who are living in retirement residences or nursing homes, or who find it difficult to join us for church on Sundays; Milt Fleming, Karin Hoffman, Laurent Constantineau, Bessie Morgan and Sybil Crawford. May they always feel God's presence in their lives.



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*"In the same way, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."
(Matthew 5.16) - Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2020*

Holy Eucharist:	Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am Wednesday 9:30 am
Morning Prayer:	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am
Evening Prayer:	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday 8:00 pm
Messy Church:	1st Wednesday of the month at 4:30 pm

Welcome to our worship!

It is good to have you here with us today. If you are visiting the Church of the Ascension for the first time, please know that the Anglican Church teaches that all who are baptized with water in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are welcome to receive the sacrament at the time of communion.

The Presentation of our Lord
9 &11 am Holy Eucharist

Processional 349
Collect of the day BAS 401
First Lesson Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 84
Second Lesson Hebrews 2:14-18
Gradual 439
Holy Gospel Luke 2:22-40
Offertory 486
Prayer over the Gifts BAS 401
Communion 76,59
Prayer after Communion BAS 402
Recessional 379

Flowers the flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Myrna Sheppard and all friends and loved ones by Michael Sheppard.

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Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading

A reading from Malachi (Malachi 3:1-4)

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Psalm 84 BAS 817 Refrain - Behold, I come to do your will, O God.

Second Reading

A reading from Hebrews (Hebrews 2:14-18)

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 2:22-40)

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young

pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Prayer over the Gifts

Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of your Church, and grant that your Son may shine in us as the light that lightens every nation. We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer After Communion

God for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon, who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom; for he is Lord for ever and ever.
