

## This Week in the Parish

*Exploring our faith and serving the world God loves.*

**Feb. 15:** 10:30 am – Transfiguration – *live streamed*

**Feb. 16:** **OFFICE CLOSED**

**Feb. 17:** 9:00 am – Coffee Morning Gospel conversation *by zoom*  
1:00pm - EfM

**Feb. 18:** 7:00 am – Chamber Breakfast  
11:00 am – Ash Wednesday Service  
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**Feb. 19:** 11:45 am – Martha’s Drop-In Lunch - upstairs

**Feb. 22:** 9:00 am – Contemplative Service  
10:30 am - Lent 1 - *live streamed*  
12:00 am – Vestry Meeting & Pot Luck Lunch

Mark’s regular office hours: **Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 to noon or by appointment.**

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**Closed on Monday (Family Day) and Wednesday**

**Office Hours:** **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday – 9:30 to noon, closed on Wednesday**  
**The office phone (613-543-3904) is checked Sunday to Friday mornings.**

### Serving the World God Loves

#### **Martha’s Ministries**

*Martha of Bethany was a friend of Jesus, known for her hospitality.  
The Anglican Parish of South Dundas is known for its Martha’s Ministries.*

**Martha’s Drop-in Lunch:** **Thursday Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>.** Doors open at 11 am, coffee at 11:15,  
lunch served downstairs at 11:45 am. All are welcome.

**Martha’s Closet:** **Saturday, February 28<sup>t</sup> from 9 am - 11:00 am.** For more information,  
please call the Parish Office at 613-543-3904.

**Community Hub and Warming Centre at Martha’s House:** Mon. - Fri., 8:30 am - 4 pm.

Programs include a drop-in breakfast on Mondays, 8:30 - 10 am. A drop-in lunch on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday from 11:30 - 1pm. Monday through Friday the Advocacy Centre is available from 11 am – 4 pm to help find support from various services in the community. There are copies of the January calendar at the back of the church. **Contact House of Lazarus at 613-989-3830.**

## Exploring our Faith

### **Weekly Coffee Morning Gospel Conversation: Tues. from 9-10 am.**

This is a facilitated discussion about the upcoming Gospel reading. For a Zoom invite, call Pat at 613-543-0403 or [revpjmartin@gmail.com](mailto:revpjmartin@gmail.com).

### **Contemplative Service:** Our next contemplative worship service is **Sunday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am.**

The services are held bi-monthly and include a Eucharist, alternative readings, as well as some music. There will be an opportunity for individuals to reflect on the readings and their meaning. Please consider joining us for something new!

**Ash Wednesday Services:** February 18 at 11 am and 7:00 pm. Join us we begin our Lenten Journey.

**Lenten Series 2026:** Jesus said, "*You are the salt of the earth*"  
*"You are the light of the world".*

### ***How Can We Be Salt and Light in a Broken World?***

This 4-week session begins Wed. Feb. 25 at 1 pm. at the back of the church.

***Week 1: Our Current Situation, Week 2: On Being Salt, Week 3: On being Light***

***Week 4: Being Salt & Light as a Parish in South Dundas in 2026***

***Week 5: Mar 25 - A Lesson in Milk Bag Weaving with Frank.***

10 am at the CSSA building on 55 Alison St.

Sign up sheet at the back of the church.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Vestry: Sunday, February 22 after church. Pot luck lunch downstairs.**

This year's theme is Isaiah 43:19. "*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up: do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.*"

#### **What is Vestry?**

- It is our annual general meeting when important decisions for our parish are discussed and voted on.

#### **When is it?** Sunday, Feb. 22 after church.

There will be a potluck lunch!

#### **Who can attend?** Everyone is welcome / encouraged to attend.

#### **Who Can Vote? Members of this congregation who are:**

- sixteen years of age or older
- regular communicants with this congregation
- those not eligible to vote in any other parish vestry
- those who support this congregation with a tax receiptable donation

**Coffee Time:** Join us ahead of the service for coffee, tea, cookies & conversation at the back of the church. We use Fair-Trade.

**Milk Mat Mission:** Community Living is looking for donations of Milk Bags.

They are making mats and seat cushions to help people experiencing homelessness.

Please bring in your milk bags and add them to the tote at the back of the church.

Let's help Frank and his friends at Community Living!

**Bread Tags – Centre 105:** For every jar of bag tags collected, Centre 105 receives a cash donation. Please consider bringing in your bread tags and adding them to the jar at the back of the church.

**Martha's Closet:** Happens the last Saturday of every month with the exception of December. We accept donations of family clothing (clean and gently worn). Items can be dropped off at the church, when the church office is open.

**PLEASE NO BEDDING OR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.**

For emergency needs and information, call the church office at 613-543-3904 or email: [stjames072013@gmail.com](mailto:stjames072013@gmail.com).

**Save the Date:** Sat. April 25 at 2 pm at the Playhouse. *Mystery on the Seaway.*

### **Community Connections**

**Centre 105 Drop-In Day Program** is an outreach ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, located at Trinity Anglican Church in Cornwall, “Providing Breakfast - Creating Community.” Sponsor a “Meal of the Day” for a donation of \$150.00. For more information go to [www.Centre105.ca](http://www.Centre105.ca) or call 343-585-4360.

**Community Food Share:** To make a financial donation please call 613-543-0065, or mail to PO Box 563, Morrisburg, or contact: <https://www.communityfoodshare.ca/contact-us/>

**Madagascar School Project:** Our parish is a proud supporter of this project, developed by Kathy Lucking. Their Wish List is always available at [www.madagascarschoolproject.com](http://www.madagascarschoolproject.com). You can donate online or send a cheque directly to Box 684, Cornwall, ON K6H 5T5.

**Stamps for Oxfam Canada:** Every year, Oxfam raises tens of thousands of dollars by collecting stamps from individuals and companies, which are sorted and sold to collectors. Stamps can be taken to the Canada Post outlet with the Shoppers Drug Mart at the Cornwall Square, or give them to Elizabeth Irwin.

## **Parish Ministries**

**Pastoral Care:** If you would like a pastoral care visit, or know of someone who would like a visit, please contact Mark or Ann Barkley at 613-543-3908.

**Prayer Team:** The parish has an **emergency prayer** chain process. Wendy Lewis is the coordinator of this vital ministry within our community. If you have a prayer request or questions about the process, please call Wendy Lewis at 613-213-2121.

**Prayer Shawls:** Our Anglican Parish of South Dundas creates and distributes unique and special prayer shawls. They are given to people who are struggling, in need of support, and welcoming prayer for many reasons. If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please contact Judy Lapensee (613-652-6278) or Joyce Millard (613-652-2350).

**Greeting Cards:** If you would like to suggest a card be sent from the church to members of our community for birthdays, anniversaries or get well wishes, please contact Lynn Levere at 613-662-9432.

**No Scent Makes Sense:** Several people are sensitive to scented products. Please help us make the church a safe space for everyone.

**Jigsaw Lending Library:** at the back of the church.

**Book Lending Library:** at the back of the church and the hall downstairs.

## **WISHING TO MAKE A DONATION**

Tax deductible donations can be made through monthly Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR), weekly offering envelopes, or by e-transfer ([stjames072013@gmail.com](mailto:stjames072013@gmail.com)).

**Cheques** should be made payable to the **Anglican Parish of South Dundas**.

**E-transfers** are done using our parish email: [stjames072013@gmail.com](mailto:stjames072013@gmail.com). Please indicate if you have a specific request for the allocation of the funds by including that information in the e-transfer message section, for example regular offering, Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF), cemetery donations, other fundraising efforts, etc. Please include your mailing address if you are new to our community to allow us to prepare official tax receipts at the end of the year.

**PAR (pre-authorised remittance) Donations:** If you would like to sign up for PAR (pre-authorised remittance withdrawn on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month) please contact Rosemary Wells, our Treasurer, at [rosemarywells27@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarywells27@gmail.com) or at 613-522-0754.

**Offering Envelopes:** If you would like to use weekly envelopes for the church, please contact Ruth Speer, [speerruth62@gmail.com](mailto:speerruth62@gmail.com) or at 613-652-2542.