



*I know that
my redeemer liveth.*

JOB 19:25

*Yo sé que
mi Redentor vive.*

JOB 19:25

LENT & EASTER 2025

To my Siblings in Christ,

Every year during the season of Lent we hear the familiar question, "What are you giving up for Lent?" Many years ago I began to jokingly reply, "Time with my family," and while this phrase began as a somewhat tongue in cheek response, over the years I have spent time reflecting on it. The reality is that during Lent I do sacrifice time with my family. I do this because during Lent, in the life of the church, there are additional activities, worship services, study groups and prayers to be offered. In order for me to take on those additional things, time with my family is sacrificed.

I will admit that, at times, I struggle to call this a sacrifice. Although I know that it is (and my family assures me as such), it is also an opportunity to learn and grow in my relationship with God and to be strengthened in service to God's mission. You see, as much as I tell my congregations that study and prayer are important for their own relationship with God, I know that it is also important for my own. Just because I am an ordained priest doesn't mean I stop learning. In fact, it's more important that I continue the often challenging work of exploring who God is calling me to be in this world and how I am called to live that out in an authentic way. So, while I sometimes speak of sacrificing time with my family, it is also about taking extra time to be intentional about developing my faith and my role in Christ's church.

For some people, making traditional sacrifices or fasting are ways that they are able to deepen their relationship with God and so I want to be careful not to dismiss these. Jesus himself spent time in prayer and fasting in an effort to not only be in closer relationship to God his Father, but also as a way of honouring the traditions of his Jewish faith. What I am aiming to encourage is an exploration of those practices or activities that may help you know God more intimately, and to be strengthened to serve God's people in a way that makes sense for you.

In speaking of sacrifice I think it is also important to talk about balance. Sometimes in the church we wrongly try and compete with one another as though more piety or greater sacrifices ought to be rewarded. This is not a competition, it is always practice and the judge is God. We must all consider what and how God is calling us to sacrifice and grow closer in relationship. I do try to strike a balance between all the additional Lenten spiritual practices and activities with the needs of my family, and I am grateful for the support of family and friends who make it all possible. The encouragement of a community of supporters can make those challenging days easier, and they certainly give me reason to believe that the sacrifices I am making are of value to the community of faith.

During this season of Lent, I call upon you all to consider what sacrifices you are willing and able to make in an effort to grow deeper in relationship with God and in service to God's people. May your Lenten journey be blessed, and may you know the presence God along the way.

Faithfully,

Brianna Andrews

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PARISH NEWSLETTER • LENT 2025

LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

MAR. 2 — TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY • St. Margaret's 10 a.m.

followed by **BURNING OF THE OLD PALMS FROM LAST EASTER**

MAR. 4 — SHROVE TUESDAY

Pancake Supper • St. George's Hall 4:30-6:30 p.m.

MAR. 5 — ASH WEDNESDAY

Morning Prayer/Imposition of Ashes • St. Margaret's 11:00 a.m.

BAS Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes • St. James' 7:00 p.m.

MAR. 8 — Men's Breakfast • St. George's Hall 8:00 a.m.

MAR. 9 — FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT • St. James' 10:00 a.m.

(DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS)

MAR. 12 — Morning Prayer • St. Margaret's 11:00 a.m.

— *Lenten Study begins* • St. Luke's Hubbards 7:00 p.m.

MAR. 15 — Lenten Study begins • St. George's 10:00 a.m.

MAR. 16 — SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT • St. Margaret's 10:00 a.m.

MAR. 19 — Morning Prayer • St. Margaret's 11:00 a.m.

MAR. 21 — Lenten Soup Lunch • St. James' 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

MAR. 23 — THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT • St. George's 10:00 a.m.

followed by **SOUP LUNCH FUNDRAISER FOR ALONGSIDE HOPE (PWRDF)**

MAR. 26 — Morning Prayer • St. Margaret's 11:00 a.m.

MAR. 30 — FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT / MOTHERING SUNDAY

St. Margaret's 10:00 a.m.

APR. 2 — Morning Prayer • St. Margaret's 11:00 a.m.

APR. 6 — FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT • St. Margaret's 10:00 a.m.

APR. 9 — Morning Prayer • St. Margaret's 11:00 a.m.

APR. 13 — PALM SUNDAY • St. James' 10:00 a.m.

APR. 16 — WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Tenebrae • St. George's 8:00 p.m.

APR. 17 — MAUNDY THURSDAY

Soup Supper, Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar • St. James' 6 p.m.

APR. 18 — GOOD FRIDAY

Celebration of the Lord's Passion • St. James' 10:00 a.m.

"Stations of the Cross" Walk • Time and place will be

announced on our website and in the "Notes From the Rector" emails.

APR. 19 — HOLY SATURDAY

Family Easter Vigil • St. Margaret's 4:00 p.m.

Great Vigil of Easter (BAS) • St. George's 8:30 p.m.

APR. 20 — EASTER DAY

Parish Eucharist (BCP) • St. Paul's 9:00 a.m.

Parish Eucharist w. Baptism (BAS) • St. James' 11:00 a.m.

EASTER MEMORIAL PROGRAM — BRYONY HOUSE —

The funds from this year's Easter Memorials will go to Bryony House, a 24-room shelter in Dartmouth, to help support their programs.

Each year, approximately 500 individuals and their children stay there and 2500 distress calls are answered. Their dedicated counselors answer the 24-hour distress line, provide individual/group support, public education, advocacy and referrals. An important part of their work is to break the cycle of intimate partner violence (IPV).

With a tax-deductible donation of \$10 or more, your dedication will be printed in the Easter bulletins. **Deadline is noon on April 13.** For more information, or to submit your donation/memorial, please contact the Parish Treasurer, Dorothy, at: d.dauphinee2009@gmail.com or 902-826-2305

CHEQUES SHOULD BE PAYABLE TO "ANGLICAN PARISH OF FRENCH VILLAGE - EASTER MEMORIAL".

**SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER
MARCH 4, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
St. George's Hall**



Entry by free-will offering.

You're encouraged to dress for Mardi Gras (i.e. masks, beads, etc.)

LENTEN STUDY

Our Lenten Study series is back, and this year we're co-ordinating with St. Luke's in Hubbards. Each week you'll have two opportunities to attend: Saturdays at 10 a.m. in St. George's Church Hall (beginning March 8) and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at St. Luke's Anglican Church in Hubbards (beginning March 12).

This year's selection is based on the 2010 film *The Way*. This Lenten study is intended to be a thoughtful—yet fun—gathering where we will view specific parts of the film and discuss them, while following a study guide written by Tim Heaton, titled *The Long Road to Heaven*, which explores Christian understandings of “salvation”. Starring Martin Sheen as a bereaved father, this soulful and uplifting film observes a group of pilgrims walking the Camino de Santiago. As it follows their journey of inner transformation, the course examines biblical accounts and images of salvation—past, present and future—and addresses the questions: What are we saved from? What are we saved for? Who can be saved? What do we have to do to be saved? How are we saved?

The study guide is recommended but not required to participate, and is currently available on Amazon.ca in both paperback and Kindle format (search “The Long Road to Heaven: A Lent Course”).

FRED MASON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This parish scholarship is awarded annually (minimum of \$1,000) and is open to anyone who plans to attend a post-secondary program this coming autumn. *Deadline for applications is April 15, 2024.* The candidate must successfully complete their first semester prior to receiving the award. More information and the application form are available on the parish website.

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- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**
 - 26th ANNUAL “Ken Hubbard Memorial”
 - TAKEOUT LOBSTER SUPPER: May 3
 - ST. GEORGE'S CHICKEN SUPPER: May 31
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ST. PAUL'S LAND PROJECT

Following the significant progress we made this summer on building the trails, work continued up to the end of the year. Our particular thanks to Jeff Tousevard, who did great work on the section of trail leading to the planned labyrinth.

It is also a busy time for applications for grants from government sources, where we are again cautiously optimistic of success.

MEN'S WINTER HIKING GROUP

Since November a group of men have been meeting every Friday morning for a two-hour hike. Numbers vary from week to week, sometimes 3 or 4, sometimes up to 10. Early walks were on the Rails to Trails, but have since explored lots of areas around the Bay. Apart from the exhilaration of getting out in the fresh winter air, there are also have some great conversations.

If you're interested in joining us, please let Drew know and he will put you on his Thursday emails telling you where the group will be meeting that Friday, and any comments about the expected weather or trail conditions: drew.bethune@gmail.com

NEIGHBOURHOOD SOUP SERVANTS

This parish-led community initiative operates out of St. George's Church kitchen. On the morning of the **second Friday of every month** a batch of delicious soup is prepared, bottled, labelled and delivered to about seventy-five households around our community. It is a joy-filled morning from beginning to end, fulfilling the intention of the project—to offer a sign of friendship, love and caring throughout our community.

If you want to know more about this group, or would like to suggest someone who might benefit from this program, please contact Janet Champniss 902-826-2251 or Mary Stone 902-826-2847.

JAMES' GAMES CAFÉ

A space for adults and seniors looking for gentle fun and games with family, friends and neighbours. Come play or just sit, relax and chat over a warm cup of tea or coffee. **Every Wednesday, 2-4 p.m. in St. James' Church.** Bring your own cards or games, if you wish.

If you, or a member of your family, have recently moved please contact Dorothy Dauphinee at 902-826-2305 or d.dauphinee2009@gmail.com to provide your current mailing address.

You can also contact Dorothy if you no longer wish to receive parish mailings.

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Join our Parish Email List...

just email p.frenchvillage@ns.sympatico.ca and ask to be added. You'll receive Archdeacon Brianna's weekly *Notes from the Rectory*, the Sunday bulletin, as well as news of other parish events. You can also find the info on our website: www.parishoffrenchvillage.ca

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast will be take place on **Saturday, MARCH 8**, in Saint George's Hall beginning with Holy Communion at 8 a.m.

QUIZ NITE: Friday, MARCH 7 • 6:45 pm St. Margaret's Bay Legion, Seabright

Our ever popular 'Pub-style' Quiz Nite is here again! There will be a good mix of trivia subjects, word games, etc. — something for all. You can form your own team of up to six people, or just come along and we will make up teams. **Free snacks & cash bar.**

2025 PARISH SUMMER FAYRE Saturday, JUNE 21 • Noon to 3 p.m. St. James' Church Grounds

There will be all the usual great food, games for all, the highly popular 'Pantry Table', and an excellent live music line-up. As always, the aim of this event to bring the Parish together to have fun, and show the community that we are an active church. **See you there!**

PARISH WEBSITE

We hope you enjoyed the Advent Calendar quiz that Carol Wilson put together. It provided a colourful and entertaining countdown to Christmas! **Carol is always pleased to receive ideas or suggestions for the website:** palmbay534@gmail.com

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP

There are a few available openings for Sunday church bulletin sponsorship in the upcoming months; cost is \$20 per week. This is a great way to celebrate an event or remember someone special.

To reserve a Sunday, contact Janet Champniss at: champnissjanet1@gmail.com / 902-826-2251.

THANK YOU!

Upon the closing of St. Margaret's Masonic Lodge #118, its members decided to support local charities and organizations. All four of our parish churches, as well as St. Paul's Land Project received generous donations. We thank the Lodge members for remembering us at this time of transition for them.

LITTLE WAYS TO HELP

Sherry Richardson, a member of St. George's has a couple of projects you can help with:

PILL BOTTLES FOR MISSIONS

In many developing countries pills are dispensed either in your hand or wrapped in a scrap of paper — can you imagine how you'd feel if that happened on your next trip to the pharmacy?

Sherry has a contact who is collecting pill bottles for Doctors Without Borders. So, rather than feeling guilty when you throw your empty pill bottles in the recycling, just remove all the labels, give them a wash to remove any residue from your medication, and drop them off at any of our churches, and they'll be forwarded on, so they get a second life.

POP CAN TABS

What can you do with a Pop Can Tab (or similar tabs from other containers)? You can help purchase a Wheel Chair for a Veteran! Save them up and bring to any of our churches and we'll see they get to Sherry, too.

E-TRANSFERS TO THE PARISH

Donations to the Parish can now be sent via
E-transfer to:

treasurer@parishoffrenchvillage.ca

In the memo line, include what the donation/
E-transfer is for, and the name to be included
on the tax receipt. *No password is needed, the
E-transfer will automatically deposit.*

For any other enquiries, you can still contact
Dorothy at 902-826-2305 or
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