

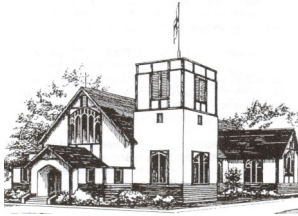
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THE CATHEDRAL OF ST JAMES' DIOCESE OF ATHABASCA



Parish Ministry Office

Hours:

Tues/Thurs 1030-1200
Friday 1100-1500

UPCOMING EVENTS

Virtual Zoom Services	Till further notice
Dec. Vestry	Dec 15
Food Bank	Dec 20
Carols and Lessons	cancelled
Christmas Eve	7pm



December 2020

The Epistle

Dear Fellow Cathedralites,

When my wife and I were expecting our first son, we had a book in the house that was new at the time. It was called "What to expect when you are expecting." Of course such a book is considered to be mandatory reading these days in getting ready for a baby. No one... nobody should leave for the hospital before you've read it. But what do you read and what do you need to know when you are expecting a Messiah?

John the Baptist has his questions. He questions Jesus through his own disciples, "Are you the one or should we wait for another?" (Matthew 11.2-11) John asks the question because Jesus was not acting like many thought the Messiah of Israel. He was not there to kick butt and take names. He was not leading a war against the occupying Roman Army and its Empire. There was no bloodshed, wailing, crying or annihilation of the garrisons of occupying soldiers. In other words, Jesus by John's estimation, was not acting like the Messiah many were expecting him to be. And because of what he was hearing about the Messiah and his ministry, John needed to find out if his announcement of the king and his kingdom was premature, mistimed or even mistaken in some way. Had John gotten it wrong and had he put his faith in the wrong horse?

We need to be careful when looking for God to do something: his ways are not our ways and his thoughts are not our thoughts because his ways and his thoughts are higher than ours. He sees from another perspective and has his plan of salvation, of rescuing of us to fulfill. Therefore Jesus tells John's disciples to go back and report what they see happening around them: the blind can see, the deaf can hear, the lame can walk, the lepers are made clean, the dead rise and the poor receive the good news of the kingdom that is to come. The kingdom that was and is expected is breaking into this world, but it is not all that it is yet. Blessed are you if you don't fall away because you don't see me doing what you think I should be doing.

In essence, we are being challenged to redefine what we are expecting when we are expecting the Messiah. God's kingdom is not like the kingdoms of this earth - Jesus made that clear before Pilate. Yet so often we live our lives and our faith as if it is the kingdom of me and mine: me, me, me. Mine, mine, mine! The kingdom has to conform to me and to my thoughts, and to my doctrine or it isn't right. It is rather idolatrous of us to think and act as such. We need to deal with it before God and with each other.

Unfortunately, John did not live to see the fulfilling of the plan: the ways in which Jesus suffered, died and was raised from the dead. He didn't foresee the formation of the Church and what the Church was going to be asked to do or become. There are some things that are hard to see when you are imprisoned and your own neck is on the block. You sit there in the silence and the grief and you wonder if it was the right thing and if it was worth it. You will question yourself and have your own doubts. God call and challenges us to change our expectations so that we can see what he is and to have better goals than what we demand of him and others for ourselves.

That means we can start by changing what it is we are expecting this Christmas. Instead of trying to keep trying to keep Christ in Christmas, try keeping Christ in Christians. If we can make room for him in our cells, then maybe the door to freedom will swing open wide and we will walk, finally free.

Yours in Christ,

Jason+

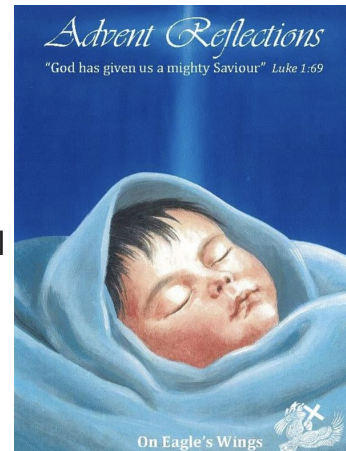
The Advent Reflections
for 2020 are now available.

Copies of the publication have been mailed out to parishes and the online version can be found on their website. Each day a new reflection - what a wonderful way to experience the Season of Advent.

Saint James booklets are available for pickup at :

Hollyhocks and Honeysuckle in Peace River

[Click Here for the Online Version](#)



Cathedral Parish of St. James', Peace River

Sunday Service Time: 10:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85803931537>

Or you can call by phone [1 \(587\) 328-1099](tel:15873281099) and then enter the Meeting ID: [85803931537](#) when prompted by the System.



Anglican
Church Women

NEWS

The St. James ACW executive.

Nova Haggstrom President.

Rose Gish Treasurer.

Susan Bowling Secretary.

**We would like to encourage all of the ladies at St. James
to participate in the activities of the ACW;
all help is appreciated!!!!**

What's Happening with the ACW?

Zoom Meeting to connect and touch base with each other.

Tuesday December 8th at 7 pm Via Zoom

Link to be sent later

Will be looking at suggestions of activities

we can safely do during the pandemic

while keeping everyone safe

Are we doing any form of a bake Sale? Ideas and comments welcome.

We will also need to decide

about gifting financially

to ACW causes during the Christmas season.



Athabasca
Diocese

Be filled with the Spirit.
Live in Shalom.
Follow Christ today.



The Anglican Church of Canada

We the parish of St James Cathedral want to send

A Very Big Thank You

to the Diocese of Athabasca in helping us out and paying

for the insurance deductible following the devastating flood of April 2020.

We want to thank all who have been a support to us in these uncertain times !!

We remind the people of St James, the necessity of their continued support spiritually and financially .

With your support we can carry on to meet the financial needs of the Cathedral, and continue to do the work we have been called to.

As a result of this support we will be here when we are allowed to reopen and in the coming future.

3 Ways to send your financial Support

Drop it off to the office in the mornings 10am to 1pm

Mail to
St James Cathedral
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eTransfer to
[stjamescathedral98](#)



Dec 24th Christmas Eve Services

Here is the invitation for Christmas Eve! Saint James Cathedral (Anglican) is inviting you to their online Christmas Service by computer or phone.

Time: Dec 24, 2020 07:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88066017636?pwd=MWxucWwvOVBlb3BHUkg0RDM5TjJnUT09>

then you will need to enter the Passcode: 196248 to enter the service. It is hoped and planned that there will be help for those who need it. You will need to call the Cathedral @ (780) 624-2743. Sorry but Dean Jason will be in the Cathedral and without his phone.

or to join by phone, please call 1 (587) 328-1099, then enter the Meeting ID: 880 6601 7636 and then enter the Passcode: 196248. This is an Alberta long distance call.



Peace Palliative Care Society

LIGHT UP A MEMORY CAMPAIGN

November 1, to December 31

Our Campaign is Changing This Year

There will not be any silver boxes placed at local businesses. Donations can be made by going to our website at:

www.peacepalliativecaresociety.ca

There you will be given the option of printing a form and mailing in your donation, or donating online.

When you make a donation of \$10.00 per name, the names of those remembered will be published on our website, on Facebook, and on posters displayed throughout the community

For further information, please call Karen at 780-624-1618

Thank you for your continued support

Eva Schell/09

The Peace Palliative Care Society is a registered charitable volunteer organization whose main goal is to provide compassionate and emotional support to patients and their families when end of life is near. The Palliative Care room is located in the Peace River Hospital Complex.

Peace Palliative Care Society receives funding by donations, memorial donations and bequeaths; and our only fundraiser – the “Light Up a Memory” campaign. The Peace Palliative Care Society is registered with Revenue Canada which allows us to provide tax deductible receipts.

All monies received go back into the community in support of the Palliative Care Program. All of our members are volunteers. NO monies are paid for administration.

As the cold weather is
upon us

Please remember

to donate

any gently used outer
clothing



FOOD BANK SUNDAY

The food bank continues to need

breakfast cereal, granola bars, canned fruit
and vegetables, peanut butter and tinned meat.

We will be collecting the 3rd Sunday of the Month

A volunteer from the Food bank will pick up
the food baskets from St James office area



Save the Date:

December 20th

Food Bank Sunday