



*The Third Sunday of Advent*  
Sunday December 15, 2024  
8:30 am

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*The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron*  
*The Reverend Canon Rob Lemon, Rector*  
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*The Reverend Allie McDougall, Vicar*  
*The Reverend Diana Boland, Curate*

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**Gathering of the Community**

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Collect of the Day	

**Proclamation of the Word**

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**Communion**

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Communion	

*We invite all Christians who are baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity, regardless of denomination, to join with us in receiving the church's highest offering of praise to God, the Holy Eucharist.*

Lord's Prayer	p. 85
Prayer of Oblation	p. 85
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Blessing	

Please join us today at 4:00 p.m.  
in the Upper Hall for  
**"In the Spirit of Christmas"**  
a fund-raising concert for  
the St. James Food Ministry

## **Christmas Memorial Altar Flowers – 2024**

Parishioners wishing to donate towards the  
**2024 Christmas Memorial Altar Flowers**

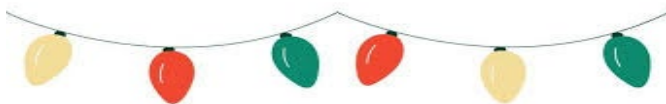
for the church may contact either:

\*Susan Lebrun at [susan.lily@wightman.ca](mailto:susan.lily@wightman.ca)

\*Kelly Strasler at [office@stjamesstratford.ca](mailto:office@stjamesstratford.ca)

\*Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex

**Please provide your dedication, and amount  
you wish to contribute by December 16<sup>th</sup>.**



## **NOTICES FOR DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **St. James 2024 Annual Christmas Letter**

The Christmas letters are now ready for pick-up in the office (Monday to Friday 9am to 12pm) or at the back of the church on Sunday. If you know of a parishioner who cannot come in to pick up their letter, please consider taking it to them if you can.

### **DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> - ACW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

**10:30 AM - Coffee and Catching up**

**11:00 AM - Business**

**12:00 PM - Entertainment; Singing; Presents**

**1:00 PM - TURKEY WITH ALL THE TIMINGS**

Please RSVP with Karen Haslam 519-273-5398 or

[karenhaslam@wightman.ca](mailto:karenhaslam@wightman.ca)

**Confirmation** – A Deanery Confirmation is scheduled for February 2, 2025. If you wish to be confirmed or to reaffirm your faith please speak to Rob Lemon. There will be a youth confirmation prep group and an adult preparation group. Come out and grow in your faith.

## **Weekly Offering Envelopes**

The 2025 Weekly Offering Envelopes are now available. They can be picked up during the week at the Parish Office. Alternatively, they will be located in the Nave on Sundays. If you are interested in signing up for weekly envelopes, please call the office to arrange 519-271-3572.

## **St. James Parish Office Holiday Hours**

The St. James Parish Office will be open on Monday December 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12pm, and then closed until January 2nd.

## **Upcoming Readings - Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Luke 3: 7-18

Isaiah 12: 2-6

Chancel Team #3

Philippians 4: 4-7

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Dec. 17 - \*St. James Community Foodbank -9:30 to 11:00 a.m.  
\*Grief Support Group at 1:30 p.m. in the Club Room
- Dec. 18 - \*Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. BCP Service.  
\*Chimes Concert at 12:00 p.m.  
\*Christian Meditation at 4:30 p.m. in the Nave  
\*English Conversation Café at 6:30 p.m. in the Lower Hall.
- Dec. 19- \*Celtic Worship Service on ZOOM at 10:00 a.m.  
\*ACW Christmas Luncheon starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Lower Hall.  
\*Choir Practice at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Hall
- Dec. 20 - \*Treasure Hunt Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.  
\*Coventry Litany of Reconciliation at 12:00 p.m.  
\*Community Meal at 5:00 p.m. in the Lower Hall.
- Dec. 21 - \*Christian Meditation at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave
- Dec. 22- \*Holy Communion BCP Service at 8:30 a.m.  
\*Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.  
\*"A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols" at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.