



FEBRUARY FOCUS 2020

ASH WEDNESDAY

Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes.
Wednesday, February 26th, Services at 11 am & 7:30 pm

- **FAMILY DAY – February 17th - Church Closed.**
 - **FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**
 - ✓ The choir will sing a Spiritual at 10:30 am;
 - ✓ A film celebrating Black Heritage will be screened
 - ✓ Meat patties will be on sale at the coffee hour.
 - **DIOCESAN BLACK HERITAGE SERVICE - Sunday, February 23rd - 4 pm, St. Paul, Bloor Street.**
 - **CONTEMPORARY FAMILY SERVICE – Sunday, February 9th** the theme of the service will be “salt and light” based on Matthew 5:13-20
 - **FAMILY NIGHT – Pot Luck Supper Saturday, February 29th, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm, The Power of Light will be explored, so bring a flashlight as we go into the Wilderness!**
 - **Café 65 A Gathering Place for Seniors - 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 12 – 2 pm Soup ‘n Sandwich Lunch \$10. February 5th – “Soul Music” – singer, Janelle Heath February 19th “Around the World in Song” singer, Miro Letko**
 - **ANNUAL GENERAL VESTRY, Sunday, February 23rd – 12 noon.** A light lunch will be served.
 - **ADVISORY BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, February 18th, 7 pm,** to review and approve for Vestry the proposed 2020 Budget. All members are encouraged to attend. RSVP Ronald Joshua if you are unable to attend. Thank you.
 - **FORWARD DAY BY DAY** Daily readings be found at: http://prayer.forwardmovement.org/forward_day_by_day.php?d=27&m=1&y=2017#.WlW_ab7pnuc.email
 - **CLERGY PRE-LENTEN DAY:** Topic “Choose Life”. February 18th at St. John the Baptist (Dixie). Speaker Archbishop Linda Nicholls - elected in July 2019 as 14th Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada.
- VESTRY MOTION 2020: Taking Action on Climate Change.** Copies of this year’s motion is available at the Information Table or by going to <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/parish-life/social-justice-and-advocacy/social-justice-vestry-motion/>
- **VESTRY LETTERS 2020** from Bishop Andrew Asbil and Bishop Kevin Robertson are available at the Information Table.

FAITHWORKS 2020

This year our Faith Works goal is \$1000.

Donations can be made payable to Church of the Ascension or by participating in **Toonie Lenten Sundays – March 1 – April 5.**

Almost every day, a treat we may buy, Coffee, tea, or maybe apple pie - Now for Lent, one treat we stop and put the cost in the Ascension pot!

Coin holders available at the Information Table



VALENTINE’S WITH “ELVIS” – Great 50’s 60’s music with Joe Zambri, Elvis Tribute Artist and Martin O’Boyle, Singer/Guitarist, Saturday, February 15th, 7pm – 9:30 pm. \$20 - Proceeds to Raise the Roof Campaign.

- **SQUARE CREDIT CARD CREDIT PAYMENTS** - Buying tickets for Café 65, Valentine’s with Elvis or making a contribution to the Ascension, you will soon be able to do that with your credit card. Using a Square Credit Card Reader, fund raising for our Church will be more convenient for donors who don’t carry cash with them or who wish to make a donation over the phone. More information about Square Payments will soon be available.
- **HELPING OUR ENVIORNMENT** - To reduce the use of paper cups, please bring your own mug and take it home with you. Sunday paper handouts can also be left in the Blue Recycling Bin under the Information Table.



THANK YOU – To all who have given so generously to the first stage to repair and re-shingle our deteriorating Church and Parish Hall roofs

totaling over \$152, 000. This cost was met by a \$100,000 no interest 8-year loan from the Diocese that must be repaid at \$1,042 per month; As we have about 100 families who give regularly to the Ascension, an additional \$11 per family ensures that the roof is paid for. Our goal is to raise \$ 154,000 To date we have raised \$55,000.



Blue envelopes will be handed out Sunday, February 2nd to help parishioners keep track of their monthly roof donations from their regular giving.



- **LENTEN STUDY** - During Lent Christians prepare to celebrate God's redemption of the world in Jesus at Easter. *Live Lent: Care for God's Creation* will help broaden your view of Christ's redeeming mission - a mission Christians are called to share. With weekly themes and prayers shaped around the first Genesis account of creation, it explores the urgent need for humans to value and protect the abundance God has created. For each day of Lent, it offers a Bible reading, a short reflection and an action to help you live in greater harmony with God, neighbour and nature. Booklets \$2 each. Sign up at the Information Table if you are interested in participating.

- **KID’S CLUB – Pick A Book – Any Book** and tell why you picked the book you chose and what does it tell you about God and how does it help you to be a Christian.

- **2019 OFFICAL RECEIPTS FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES** – will be mailed out before February 29th. Thank you for your generous support of the Ascension.
- **FOOD BANK SUNDAY FOCUS CHICK PEAS**

HOLY DAY IN FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 2nd

The Presentation of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple