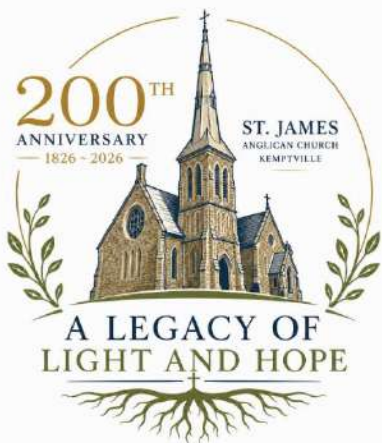




PRAYER FOR OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR:

O Lord God, the keeper of all our days,
We give you thanks and praise for all the ways
You have watched over and cared for St. James' parish.
May we continue to serve in your name;
Steadfastly proclaim your goodness;
And readily testify to all your blessings;
So all the world may come under your loving banner.
This we ask through Jesus Christ the Lord,
Who with the Holy Spirit is ever One God, world without end.
Amen.

St James News & Notes, Friday, August 21, 2026

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 23, Blue Sky Service and Parish Picnic, 10am, Rideau River Provincial Park

***Readings:* Exodus 1:8—2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20**

***MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE* suspended until September, 2026**

***LITANY OF RECONCILIATION*, every Friday, 12noon at the Church Doors.**

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 9am – 1pm

FROM THE RECTOR:

Cultivating Spirituality Amid Our Many Commitments

We are living through a time filled with commitments, projects, and responsibilities in our church. We have much ahead of us, and each of these initiatives is an opportunity to serve God and our community. However, in the midst of so many tasks, we need to be careful that doing does not replace being.

The life of the Church cannot be sustained by meetings, events, campaigns, or activities alone. Above all, we are a community of faith, called to remain in Christ. Therefore, cultivating both personal and communal spirituality must remain at the heart of everything we do. Personal spirituality invites us to make time for prayer, Scripture, silence, and reflection. It is in this space of intimacy with God that we renew our strength, discern our path, and find the peace we need to serve.

At the same time, we need to nurture our spirituality as a community. When we pray together, listen to one another, study Scripture, celebrate the Eucharist, and share our experiences of faith, we strengthen the bonds that truly make us the Church.

We have many important projects ahead of us, but none is more important than our journey with God and with one another. We do not want simply to do things for the Church; we want to be a living, spiritual, and welcoming Church.

May every commitment we make be accompanied by prayer, every project be rooted in discernment, and every activity be an expression of our faith. In this way, we can move forward together—not simply busy, but spiritually strengthened, united, and open to the work of the Holy Spirit.

Let's continue the good work for God through our church, moving forward in a positive direction, and more and more people will be reached for Him, the way, the truth, and the life.

Your Rector

Fr. Rogério

The Reverend Rogério de Assis, M.Ed .

Fr. Rogério is always available for pastoral visits, either in home or in hospital. He can be reached at revrogerio.assis@gmail.com, or (437) 299-5057.



COFFEE 

— WITH THE — *Rector*

Let's share a coffee!
I would love to get to know you better,
listen to your stories, your ideas,
and pray with you.

-  **I'll come to you!**
I invite you to have coffee
at your home.
-  **Conversations that build up**
Meaningful conversations that
strengthen our faith community.
-  **Walking together**
Your voice matters.
Your presence makes a difference.

 **Interested in a visit?**
Contact me or the church office
and we'll set a time! 


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*The church
is people.
It's conversation.
It's community.* 

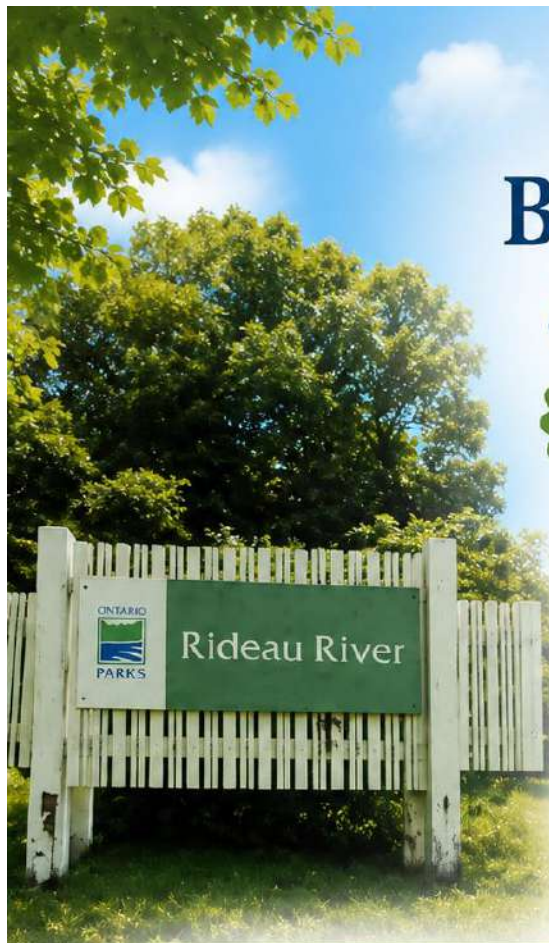
 So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens,
but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.
Ephesians 2:19

BLUE SKY SERVICE AND PARISH PICNIC REMINDERS:

The Day Pass is **\$18.00 per vehicle**, or Senior Day Pass with proof of age is **\$14.00 per vehicle**. We will be carpooling to Rideau River Provincial Park. For those who want to carpool, please meet at the church at 9:15am. The service will start at 10am.

Things to bring: chair, umbrella, sun screen, bug spray, hat, games (cornhole, bocce, beachball, baseball and bat, etc.)

We have reserved a picnic shelter, so that will help if the weather turns.



⇒ **YOU'RE INVITED!** ⇐

BLUE SKY SERVICE & PARISH PICNIC

Faith, Fellowship & Fun!

- **RIDEAU RIVER PROVINCIAL PARK**
2680 Donnelly Drive
Kemptville, ON
- **23 AUGUST 2026**
Service starts at 10:00am
- **PICNIC TO FOLLOW**
Bring your family and join the fun!

Hotdogs & burgers, water and pop will be provided by the ACW Ladies

PLEASE BRING & SHARE
Salads, desserts, snacks or any other items you'd like to share.

All are welcome!
LET'S CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER!



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OPEN HOUSE AT ST. JAMES:

Our next Open House is Saturday, Aug. 29. Fr. Rogério and David Finnie will be greeting visitors.

FALL EDITION OF VOICES OF ST JAMES NEWSLETTER:

The next edition of our quarterly newsletter will be published September 18. Carole needs short articles from all parish groups ... what did you do during the summer? What are the plans for Fall in your group? She also needs any news about events coming up.

Please send your news to Carole ***by Friday, Sept. 4.***

The quarterly newsletters will be on our new website in hopes that we can attract new members to St. James!

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT:

Choir practice will start on Wednesday, September 9th, at 7 pm in the chancel. Everyone is welcome. Speak with Wendy Earl for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Blue Sky Service & Parish Picnic, Sunday, August 23, 10am (see announcement above)

Open House at St. James, Saturday, August 29, 10am-12noon

Bible Study, Thursday, September 10, 7pm (see announcement below)

Cemetery Memorial Service, Sunday, September 13, 10:30am

Brazilian BBQ, Saturday, September 19, noon-3pm (see announcement below)

Parish Advisory Council Meeting, Sunday, September 20, after the 10:30am service

Bible Study, Thursday, September 24, 7pm (see announcement below)

Open House at St. James, Saturday, September 26, 10am-12noon

Evensong Service, Sunday, September 27, 7pm

ACW Regional Meeting, Wednesday, September 30, at St. James, Kemptville



BRAZILIAN BBQ
ALL YOU CAN EAT

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH
35 Clothier St W, Kemptville, ON

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Come hungry, leave happy!

TICKETS FOR THE BRAZILIAN BBQ ARE ON SALE NOW IN THE OFFICE AND ON SUNDAYS.

WE ONLY HAVE 40 TICKETS LEFT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

PURCHASE TICKETS NOW SO YOU WON'T MISS THIS GREAT EVENT!

PLEASE NOTE: CHILDREN UP TO 5 YEARS OLD EAT FREE, CHILDREN 6-12 YEARS OLD EAT FOR \$25



Our Bible Study Program is starting!

Beginning on September 10 at 7:00 p.m., our Bible Study will meet every second and fourth Thursday of each month.

We will use a method called Indaba, a model of respectful and participatory conversation developed within the Anglican Communion and highlighted through the Lambeth Conference. This approach gives everyone an opportunity to participate, listen to one another, and share their thoughts and reflections on Scripture.

Each session we will study the Gospel reading appointed for the coming Sunday. This will give us the opportunity to go deeper into the Gospel, hear different perspectives, and prepare our hearts and minds for our Sunday worship.



Everyone is welcome! Come, listen, share, and grow together in faith.



First meeting: Thursday, September 10

Gospel Reading Conversation: Matthew 18: 21-35

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. James Anglican Church

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." — Psalm 119:105

WHAT'S NEW in the ST JAMES DIGITAL WORLD? Follow us!

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