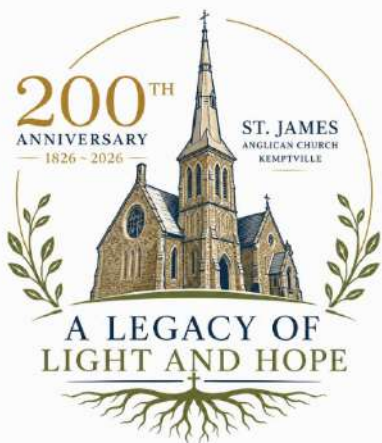




PRAYER FOR OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR:

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, September 25, 2026

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SEASON OF CREATION

Sunday, September 27, HOLY EUCHARIST with healing ministry, 8am & 10:30am

Sunday, September 27, EVENSONG, 7pm

Readings: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

ACW REGIONAL HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE, Wednesday, September 30, 10am

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

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

FROM THE RECTOR:

This week I want to give thanks for everyone who was in any way involved in our Brazilian BBQ. So many volunteers sold tickets, did advertising, set up the location, and served the meats, rice, salads, and dessert. The food was delicious, and the atmosphere was joyful. "Thank you" hardly seems enough for all of the people from our church and from the Brazilian community who planned and operated this fundraiser for our parish. After expenses were paid, the proceeds of the BBQ came to \$4,500!

Our friend, Mark Hauser, Communications Officer for the diocese, attended the BBQ and took photos. You will find his article in the diocesan *eNews Weekly*:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1JZXAgwiY8/>

The Reverend Rogério de Assis, M.Ed.

The A.C.W. Leeds & Grenville Regional Meeting is being held on Wednesday, September 30 at St. James Kemptville. The meeting begins at 9:10am, Holy Eucharist led by Bishop William Cliff at 10am, lunch, and then the business portion of the meeting after lunch. We welcome all ladies and priests from the churches in our region for this annual meeting.



FROM THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

Exit signs and accessibility signs have been installed at the church in our ongoing efforts to bring St. James up to current safety standards.



SAFE CHURCH TRAINING SESSION:

All church officers and volunteers who hold positions of power and trust must attend a Safe Church Training Session. The Ven. Jane Humphreys, Diocesan Executive Officer, will be conducting the training session for our parish on Saturday, October 17, from 3-5pm.

LAST SUNDAY TO GET YOUR ORDER IN!

200TH ANNIVERSARY JIGSAW PUZZLES

Get your orders in TODAY for the St James 200th Anniversary puzzle.
Each 500-piece puzzle is \$35.00 with \$5.00 going to the St. James 200th Anniversary fund.

Thank you to all who have signed up for the puzzles so far. This is the last Sunday to sign up for the puzzles if you have not had a chance. Our goal is to sell 50 puzzles.

Puzzle orders must be paid for by Sunday, October 4.

Please give the money to Terry Nicholls, People's Warden, and write "puzzles" on your cheque so the treasurer can identify the payment.

You can also e-transfer your puzzle payment to:

treasurer.stjamesanglican@cogeco.net

and put "puzzles" in the message section to identify the payment.

GIFT CARD ORDERS:

This is the last Sunday to submit your gift card order. Please email your order to mandynicholl48@gmail.com and e-transfer the payment to

treasurer.stjamesanglican@cogeco.net

or pay Terry Nicholls. ***Please identify that the money is for the gift cards in both instances.***

FROM THE ALTAR GUILD:

The Altar Guild has brought forth a new opportunity for the members of the church to offer flowers on the altar each week. Traditionally, people make a donation to the altar guild and collectively, flowers, greenery and offerings are placed on the altar during the Christmas and Easter seasons in memory of loved ones. This had been presented to the congregation in the form of a list of names on the slides prior to the start of the church service and in a paper copy provided to the parishioners.

Placing flowers on the altar is a thoughtful way to remember loved ones who have passed. But we also have received blessings from our Lord. Giving thanks for a celebration, graduation, birthday, anniversary, or another life event, is another way to honour the gifts we have received.

If you would like to do this, please sign your name to the list at the back of the church. A donation of \$40 is suggested, but not required. Please place your donation on the offertory plate along with a note of who/what you are honouring with your donation, so that the information can be added to the weekly slide presentation.

Flowers may be brought, on occasion, but this not preferred. If this is how you chose to make your donation, please speak directly with Jo-Anne Black (in person, by email or call/text). Dropping off flowers will need to be coordinated with the Altar Guild Team on that week, usually Friday or Saturday morning. Forms will still need to be completed so the information is relayed on the slides.

Forms and envelopes are found at the back of the church.

Please be aware that flowers are not placed on the altar during the church seasons of Advent or Lent.

Thank you,

Jo-Anne Black

sjblackrn@gmail.com

[613-614-9364](tel:613-614-9364)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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

Evensong Service, Sunday, September 27, 7pm

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

Monthly Nursing Home Services, Thursday, October 1, 10am, 2pm, and 3pm

Pet Blessing Service, Sunday, October 4, 10:30am

Bible Study, Thursday, October 8, 7pm, **Matthew 22:1-14**

Women's Fellowship Group, Saturday, October 17, 10-11:30am

Safe Church Training Session, Saturday, October 17, 3-5pm

Bicentennial Guest Speaker, Sunday, October 18, 10:30am service (no 8am service),
The Ven. Jane Humphreys, Diocesan Executive Officer



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.

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