



St James News & Notes, Friday, May 29, 2026

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TRINITY SUNDAY

Sunday, May31, HOLY EUCHARIST with healing ministry, 8AM & 10:30AM

Readings: *Genesis 1:1—2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20*

MID-WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE, Wednesday, June 3, 10:30am

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

FROM THE RECTOR:

The Feast of the Holy Trinity celebrates the central mystery of the Christian faith: one God in three Persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is not three gods, but one God revealed in perfect communion of love. The Trinity reminds us that God is relationship, unity, care, and constant presence in the life of His people.

As we contemplate the Holy Trinity, we are also invited to live in communion with one another, cultivating love, peace, forgiveness, and fraternity. The Father creates and sustains us, the Son saves us and walks beside us, and the Holy Spirit strengthens and guides us each day.

More than trying to fully understand this mystery with our minds, the Church invites us to experience it through faith and through the practice of love. Every time we make the sign of the cross, we proclaim this sacred truth: we belong to the One and Triune God, source of all grace and blessing.

May the celebration of the Holy Trinity renew in us the assurance that we are never alone, for the love of the Father, the grace of the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit remain with us today and always. Amen.

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.

DID YOU KNOW ...

Our Evensong service planned for June 7, 2026, has been postponed. We will not have an organist for that service, and what is Evensong without the beautiful music! As soon as the service is rescheduled, we will let everyone know the new date.

Fr. Rogério will be taking his vacation during the month of July. He has invited The Rev. David Ward to be our visiting priest on the 4 Sundays of July, and Fr. Andrew Wilson will be our parish contact for emergency hospital visits or funerals during July.

Another note about summer services: during July and August we will have only one service on Sundays at 10am. The mid-week service on Wednesdays will be suspended for July and August, and recommence in September. Also, all nursing home services are suspended in July and August.

FROM THE NEW COMMANDMENTS MINISTRY:

Members of the men's group have come together to launch a new ministry called **New Commandments**, centered on putting Christ's words— "love one another" —into action. This ministry is dedicated to supporting members of our congregation who may be facing challenges due to illness, aging, or the loss of a spouse. Support may include household chores such as mowing and gardening, minor repairs, and—most importantly—being present to offer companionship, care, and encouragement.

Teams of men will visit care receivers' homes one Saturday morning each month for a few hours of service.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry, please contact Fr. Rogerio.

If you are interested in being part of this support team, please reach out to Bill Haldenby directly.

FROM THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP:

The Women's Fellowship group will meet on the 4th Saturday of each month. Our next meeting will be June 27 at 10 am. A guest speaker will talk about Legacy Giving. All women in the parish are invited to attend and bring a friend!

FROM THE 200th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE:

We have placed a guestbook on the table at the back of the church. Our goal is for visitors to register their attendance at our church during this bicentennial year, either for worship services or events and concerts. Parishioners, if you attend an event, please sign the guestbook. This guestbook will become part of our parish archives.

We are researching how to provide a selection of T-shirts, Ball caps, Aprons, and Tote Bags with our St. James logo on them. Stay tuned for more information on ordering items to promote our bicentennial year!

FROM THE ECCO COMMITTEE:

GIFT CARDS CAN BE PURCHASED WITH CASH, CHEQUE made out to St. James Anglican Church, or **E-TRANSFER** to treasurer@stjameskemptville.com

UPCOMING BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

JUNE 7, 2026 - EVENSONG, 7PM, POSTPONED

JUNE 21, 2026 - PARISH BBQ, after the 10:30AM service, MEN'S STUDY GROUP hosting

FROM THE ALTAR GUILD:

Flowers are placed on the Altar each week to glorify God and bring beauty into our church. Often times, flowers are placed in memory of loved ones at Christmas and Easter. But you can also make an offering and have flowers on the Altar to celebrate other life events. Is there a new baby in your life? Celebrating a special birthday or anniversary?

The Altar Guild will be placing a sign-up sheet at the back of the church as an invitation to sign up for flowers. A sign-up sheet will be placed at the beginning of each month in advance of the next month. Flowers will be purchased for you by the Altar Guild.

Once you have signed up for flowers, feel free to send me an email and let me know who/why you are remembering or what you are celebrating. We can have this noted as a slide on the screen, if you like, or it can remain anonymous if you prefer.

A donation to the altar guild of \$40 for the flowers is encouraged, but not required.

Thank you for giving this opportunity your consideration.

Jo-Anne Black

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Services at Kemptville Retirement, Southbridge, and Bayfield homes, Thursday, June 4.

Parish Advisory Council, after the 10:30am service, Sunday, June 7.

Parish Father's Day BBQ, Sunday, June 21, after the 10:30am service.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday through Friday, 9am – 1pm.
Fr. Rogério can be reached at revrogerio.assis@gmail.com, or (437) 299-5057.

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

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St. James YouTube account: <https://www.youtube.com/@StJamesAnglicanKemptville>

Attention All Artists!

*You are invited to celebrate the
200th anniversary
of the founding of St. James Anglican Church
in Kemptville, ON.*

*Join us for a creative day of painting, sketching,
and photography in and around the historic
church, including the historic graveyard.
St. James is renowned for its many stained glass
windows*

Event Details

Date: Saturday, May 30, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: St. James
Anglican Church,
35 Clothier St. W,
Kemptville, ON

Activities:

Create art on-site
Explore the church
and grounds
Light lunch provided
Optional:
Guided graveyard tour
after 3:00 PM
Admission: \$15

Contact

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