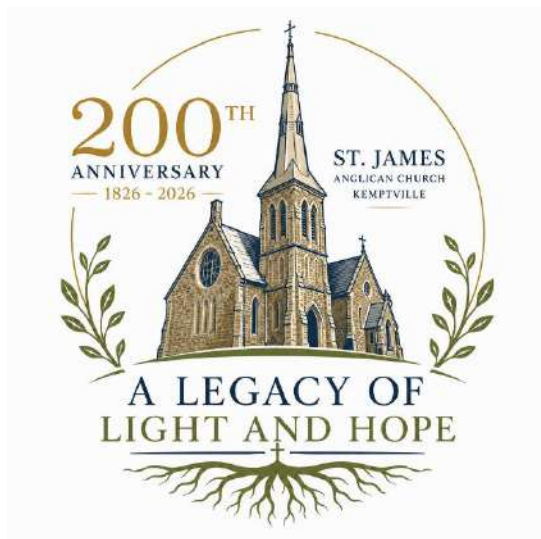




St James News & Notes, Friday, June 5, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, June 7, HOLY EUCHARIST, 8AM & 10:30AM

Readings: *Genesis 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26*

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

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

FROM THE RECTOR:

Ordinary Time in the Anglican Tradition

Ordinary Time is the longest season of the Church Year in the Anglican tradition. It begins after the Season of Epiphany and resumes after the Day of Pentecost, continuing until the First Sunday of Advent. Despite its name, Ordinary Time is far from ordinary in significance. The word "ordinary" comes from the idea of counting the ordered weeks of the liturgical year.

During this season, the Church focuses on the life, teachings, ministry, and mission of Jesus Christ. Through the regular reading of Scripture and participation in worship, Christians are invited to grow in faith, deepen their discipleship, and live out the Gospel in their daily lives.

The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green, symbolizing growth, hope, and new life. Just as plants grow steadily over time, the faithful are called to mature spiritually through prayer, worship, study of God's Word, and service to others.

Ordinary Time reminds us that God is present not only in the great feasts and celebrations of the Church, but also in the routines of everyday life. It is a season for faithful living, encouraging us to follow Christ daily and to share his love with the world through acts of compassion, justice, and service.

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18)
The Reverend Rogério de Assis, M.Ed.

FROM OUR BISHOP:

Fr. Rogério asked our bishop to compose a prayer for our Bicentennial year, and here is his response:

Rogério,

Here is the prayer I have composed for the parish of St. James for its bicentennial.

**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.**

I hope this works for the parish and I am proud to have contributed to your celebration by writing it.

+William

The Rt Rev. William G. Cliff | XIII Bishop of Ontario

We will start to pray this prayer this Sunday, and it will be prayed in every main service we have here during this year until the end of our festivities.

<i>Fr. Rogério is always available for pastoral visits</i>, either in home or in hospital. He can be reached at revrogerio.assis@gmail.com, or (437) 299-5057.
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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 pastoral emergencies during July. He can be contacted at Rev. Andrew Wilson grenvillenorthanglicans@gmail.com or 613-371-9710. Likewise, Fr. Andrew will be on vacation from June 8 to June 22, and Fr. Rogério will be the contact for emergency pastoral care for Fr. Andrew's parishes during this time.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE ...

Fr. Rogério and the Wardens are pleased to announce that we have a new Music Director! Wendy Earl will bring her musical skill and infectious enthusiasm to St. James starting next Sunday, June 14. She has been an organist/choir director for 40 years.

Wendy says:

- that we should bring our "outside" voices to church, as she expects to hear us all singing!
- that her worship music will be uplifting, joyful, thankful, and that we should go home humming the last hymn every Sunday.
- and that we can come and visit the organ, and her, anytime.

During the interim, while St. James has been without an organist, David Brent has been graciously sharing his gift of worship music with us. **Thank you, David, for leading our "joyful noise"!**

DID YOU KNOW ...

We have a logo for our 200th Anniversary (see above!). Thanks to Michelle Hauser and Father Rogério for the creation of this remarkable logo.

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.

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 ECCO COMMITTEE:

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

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. All women in the parish are invited to attend and bring a friend!



This morning on June 5th, Tyler and the crew at FTR Roofing and Exteriors completed the job of changing all the light bulbs in the Nave. In effect, bringing Light to the Legacy and Hope of St. James!

Another project complete for our 200th Bicentennial Anniversary.

Terry Nicholls, Property Committee & People's Warden

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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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