# HAPPY CANADA DAY!

## Collect for Today:

Almighty God, whose wisdom and whose love are over all, accept the prayers we offer for our nation. Give integrity to its citizens and wisdom to those in authority, that harmony and



justice may be secured in obedience to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **WE ARE HIRING!**

As we hope everyone knows, the parish is seeking a priest and an administrative assistant. Please share the posting for the administrative assistant with all your connections - it's on the front page of the website. A great job with a great parish community!

## WE ARE HIRING!

CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT





As the Administrative Assistant you'll support the Church's mission, working with the clergy, staff and volunteers on the many administrative and clerical needs of the parish. You'll have a special focus on parish communications, preparing worship documents, updating the website and managing digital and paper files. You'll work with people in the office and virtually.



#### **FROM CANON BARB**

We are now officially in the "Green" phase of our Covid status with the diocese. All Covid restrictions are lifted except for the vaccination status of staff, volunteers, leaseholders and contractors., who must be fully vaccinated. It appears that this will be a permanent qualification just as police check is for those working with vulnerable people. Those who are vaccinated may find themselves getting a positive COVID test even if they do not feel sick or feeling only mildly sick. The Diocese is finding that even mild bouts of this disease have become very disruptive especially as more clergy must isolate and fewer retired clergy are available to fill-in.

What has changed is that we no longer must wear a mask or socially distance in the church even when we are singing. However, many of you continue to do this. I will wear a mask when I am serving communion as I am asking all ecumenical ministers administering the chalice to do. I suggest that if you are in a situation where socially distancing is not possible that you wear a mask. I am serving communion at the chancel steps to avoid crowding as people go up and down. The choir may be singing which may increase the aerosols as a spreader in the chancel. Please be aware of others as you come forward and return to your seat. Come down the centre aisle and go back by the side aisles.

I am very impressed by the work that your leaders in this Parish are doing especially the wardens and the people who have worked to put in the new audio and visual equipment to up grade our live streaming ability. Thanks to Rebecca, and Nancy we have a working office that is bravely dealing with the necessary changes in the office now that Swan has left and a new administrator has not yet been hired. Please give these people and all the others who offer their help and support all the help and cooperation that you can.

Over the summer I will be working with several people to develop a program for creation season which will begin in September and end on October 3, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This is about care for God's creation in this time of climate change and other developments that threaten the health of this world. I hope that we can offer services that will appeal to all age groups and strengthen us for providing leadership in this important topic.

## JUNE 12 PARISH GET-TOGETHER - PHOTOS??

Everyone able to attend the get-together in the auditorium after the June 12 Trinity Sunday service had a wonderful time. If you took any photos, please send to <a href="mailto:info@holytrinity-thornhill.ca">info@holytrinity-thornhill.ca</a> for the NewsBreak! I can't believe I didn't get any pictures!

We were able to video Hilary Irving-Brown and Linda Gould introducing the family of Zawuda Tesfay, the individual we've sponsored from Eritrea. Watch it on the <u>website</u>.

Here's Zawuda's brother, Mebrahtom and cousin Yohannes. Zawuda was in quarantine with Linda and Hilary.



#### SPEAKING OF PHOTOS.....

Canon Stephen was amazing about taking photos of parishioners and parish events. Please take out your phone or camera and capture moments in photos to share. Thanks!

#### PARISH NEWS – CONTRIBUTE HERE

To all groups and all parish members - please send your notices and updates to <a href="mailto:info@holytrinity-thornhill.ca">info@holytrinity-thornhill.ca</a> so that they can be included in an upcoming NewsBreak. I'm aiming to do a NewsBreak every two weeks. Wish me luck!

#### CHANGING LIVES: YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

Gloria Ade-Akhani and her four children, Egheghe, Efe, Seni and Aase are safely in Nigeria to lay her husband and their father, Barrister Akeens Ade-Akhani, to rest. Without your generosity the cost of the travel would have prevented or seriously delayed their ability to be there. Here is Gloria accepting the parish purse filled for her family. And the same day Aase read the Psalm. We look forward to welcoming them back!





#### **COMMUNION WINE: FROM CANON BARB**

Taking the wine is and has been for many years a choice. Although the level of alcohol and the silver in the chalice is an effective disinfection and the chalice is wiped after serving each person, if you are uncomfortable sharing the cup you may touch the base or return to your seat.

## **VIRTUAL CHAPEL MINISTRY IN ACTION!**

Thanks to Andrew Gould we can now show the words of the service to those worshipping virtually. Yahoo! The only words **not** on the screen are those spoken in the sermon. The Zoom closed captioning does not work well - often inserting pretty disturbing phrasing(!) - so we won't be using it. I am working with Canon Barb and Brother Reg to publish their sermons with the bulletin to ensure our worship is fully accessible. In the meantime, for those who want closed captioning, please click to the YouTube live stream and select "CC" there.

#### JUDITH IS RETIRING!

We wish Judith Sinclair a wonderful retirement! Judith began managing Church School in 2008, including summer church camps. Thank you Judith! We will miss you!

There is nothing more rewarding than serving our children - introducing them to the love of Christ. Their questions and insights grow our faith! Please consider volunteering your time and energy to working with our youngest parishioners to learn what we know - Jesus Loves Us - no matter what we've done, said or thought....we are blessed!