



Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sunday April 6, 2025
8:30 am

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The Right Reverend Dr. Todd Townshend, Bishop of Huron
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The Reverend Diana Boland, Curate

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Gathering of the Community

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Proclamation of the Word

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Communion	

We invite all Christians who are baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity, regardless of denomination, to join with us in receiving the church's highest offering of praise to God, the Holy Eucharist.

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Blessing	

Outreach Lunch Today!

Please join us today after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Lower Hall for our next Outreach Lunch. We will be learning about the beautiful work that The Rotary Hospice of Stratford-Perth does in our community. Home-made stews and good fellowship will be shared.

Easter Memorial Flowers – 2025

Parishioners wishing to donate towards the 2025 Easter Memorial Altar Flowers may contact either:

- Susan LeBrun at susan.lily@wightman.ca
 - Kelly Strasler at office@stjamesstratford.ca
- Or call the office: 519-271-3272

Please provide your dedication, and the amount you wish to contribute by Monday April 14th.

NOTICES FOR APRIL 6th

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

The 5th Sunday of Lent in the BCP was known as Passion Sunday. It was called that because it is the Sunday that we begin to direct our attention primarily to the cross and sacrifice of our Lord. We are not pretending that the resurrection didn't happen, but are, instead, remembering and being attentive to the cross and all that Christ's sacrifice accomplished. To aid in that, we veil the crosses in the church, because all the crosses in the church are reminders of the resurrection. We choose to direct our focus elsewhere for the last week of Lent and through Holy Week, so that when the time comes to celebrate the resurrection at Easter, the joy and new life we feel will be all the more powerful.

Rev'd Canon Rob Lemon

Canon Rob is away this weekend for a little bit of time off. He will be back to work as usual on Tuesday.

Lenten Series: Last Date!

On Tuesday April 8th we will gather in the St. Stephens' lower parish hall for the final session of the *Jesus Shaped Life* series we started last fall. We will gather for supper at 5:30 pm and then explore some signs of life that we encounter in faith. Thank you to all who have attended these sessions. It has been an enjoyable experience of great conversation and fellowship.

Food Bank Wish List

We're hoping the Easter Bunny comes to the Food Bank this week or next! If you happen to see him, mention that we'd like treats that will make some children smile on Easter Sunday – individually packaged Easter eggs, chocolate bunnies or other stuff that you'll be tempted to eat before it gets to the Food Bank.

In The Beholder's Eye Art Project

Wonderful efforts of our creative community! Only 1 display is left in April & May. An opportunity for Everyone: You, a Family Member, a Friend or a Neighbour. **St. James-Stratford 2025 Art Display: February to May.**

Focus Library

Feel free to browse a new selection covering a few genres: Antidotes to Anxiety (Meditation, Poetry, Fiction); Lenten Study on Discipleship; and in time, Mysticism.

Council of Churches Lenten Lunches

Be sure to catch one (or more!) of the 2025 Lenten Lunch Series presented by Stratford & District Council of Churches and Kiwanis Club of Stratford. They take place on Wednesday's starting at 12:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church – 50 Well Street in Stratford. Call Sharon Twamley 519-273-1995 to book lunch.