### **INTERCESSIONS FOR SUNDAY, December 14, 2025**

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil. We pray for Vernon, our Rector; Helen, our Deacon; Pat, our Honorary Assistant; Anna, our Bishop; Shane, our Primate; Chris, our Nat'l Indigenous Archbishop; and John, our Metropolitan. We pray for Abbey Church & Emmaus Community.

We offer healing prayers for Roland & family, Heather-Anne A., Vera H., Bexs & all their family, Randy M., Ryan & family, Ed C., Eileen & Eleanor O., Al, Zarra, Soren, Shirley M., Sharon M., Steve C., Colleen J., Manly P., Jane F., Gary, Patrick, Cameron F., Leanne T, Joann, Chris A., Margaret O., Debbie G., Christine, Kerilee M., Kevin, Glenda S. & family, Tammy W., Cami and Joanne S.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES Monday, December 15th – Sunday, December 21st, 2025

Monday-Friday	8:30 am	Morning Prayer (except Stats) (Zoom*)
Tuesday	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Advent Study (zoom) Contemplative Prayer (Church Proper)
Wednesday	11:00 am 12:30 pm 4:00 pm	Mid Week BCP Service Advent Study (St. Luke) Sunday Lunch Volunteer Meeting (Hall)
Thursday	1:00 pm 1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting (St. Mark) Stewardship Meeting (Vernon's office) Parish Choir Practice (St. Luke)
Saturday	5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Advent Lessons & Carols (Church Proper) Potluck Dinner (Hall)
Sunday	8:00 am 8:45 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	BCP Holy Communion Post Service Fellowship (St. Matthew) Holy Eucharist Service (in person & livestream) Post Service Fellowship (Hall)

<sup>\*</sup> Please contact the office to arrange for a Zoom link invitation

## **READINGS FOR SUNDAY, December 21st**

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm: 80:1-7, 17-19
Epistle: Romans 1:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please look in your mail slot, for a CHRISTMAS LETTER. Thank you!

**ALSO: 2026 Offering Envelopes** are ready! Please pick up your 2026 offering envelopes in the narthex.

**STILL LOOKING FOR CHILDREN!** Your own, your grandchildren, a neighbour – ALL AGES! to participate in a pageant for the CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE at 4 PM. Please contact Michele at jtorros54@gmail.com for more details!

**THIS AFTERNOON AT 4 PM** — Join us for **OUR THRESHOLD SERVICE**, a gentle, openhearted space of scripture, prayer, music, and reflection. Musicians welcome! **Come as you are. Come curious. Come and cross the Threshold.** 

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING for the life of Lois H. will take place Saturday, December 20, 2025 at 11 AM, followed by a reception in the hall.

## NEXT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20th at 5:00 PM: Advent Lessons & Carols

As we make our way through the deep longing of Advent, our hearts lean toward Christmas—toward the shimmering promise of the greatest gift ever given: the birth of our Lord. In this holy mystery, God becomes one of us, taking on our flesh, our story, our hope. Amid the swirl of busyness and the tangle of emotions this season brings, may we gather close to the wonder of a newborn child, the One who is Godwith-us—Emmanuel. Joy to the world, light for all people. Glory in the highest, and peace upon the earth. Please join us for this service. *Rev. Vernon* 

**POT-LUCK** WILL FOLLOW the Lessons & Carols service. No sign-up needed! All welcome.

**CHRISTMAS meal on December 24:** We are hosting a free meal for the community at 1 pm on Christmas Eve. If you'd like to be part of this hospitality for our community, please contact Dolph.



# CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAUL'S

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> 4:00 PM Family Christmas Service

8:00 PM Candlelight Service

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 10:00 AM Christmas Day Service