

HTAC Messenger Article Ordinary Time I June-August 2023

Sanctifying Time

In our last article, we explored God's hallowing of the seventh day in the week of creation. Because He ceased from his activity on that day, it was set apart from the other six. It was made holy, and God invites His covenant people to participate in that holiness. The weekly day of rest is a means by which God draws his people into His own otherness. For us to be "in" this world but not "of" it and thereby fulfill our call to live as ambassadors of Christ as we sojourn in this land, we must utilize the Lord's day of rest as a sort of spiritual embassy that provides rejuvenation to our souls. We saw that since the resurrection of God's Son by nature, Jesus Christ our Lord, on the first day of the week, it has been customary to make that day of rest Sunday. Thus Sunday ought to be a treasure to the people of God, which we vehemently defend, cordoning it off to everything except the corporate worship of the Lord and family-based refreshment.

This weekly communion with God, family, and Christian brethren serves as the foundation of God's design for the sanctification of time, but it does not constitute the whole. The Lord also wants us to mark each day of our lives prominently with the signs of His presence. Look what he says to the Israelites through Moses just before they enter the Promised Land:

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates (Deut. 6:4-9).

The Lord desires for His people to bring Him into their everyday lives, even into the seemingly mundane aspects of them. They were especially to take every opportunity to relate the things of God to their children, that the whole people might not forget Him. This emphasis aligns with the Lord's command for daily sacrifices to be offered to him at the Tabernacle in the morning and evening: "Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs a year old day by day regularly. One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight" (Ex. 29:38-39). Among other things, this marking of morning and night with official acts of worship functioned to sanctify time, that is, to indicate that the entirety of the day, from the time we wake until we go to sleep, belongs to God. His people begin and end their day with Him, in hopes that the remainder of the day, such as the sitting down, rising up, and walking on the way that is mentioned above, will be done with the Lord in mind as well.

As we move forward into the monarchy of Israel (think King David and beyond), a practice develops of praising and offering thanks to God both morning and evening based upon the pattern of the sacrifices. The Psalmist thus says

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy (Ps. 92:1-4)

This pattern continued in the Christian era, especially in the monastic community. Eventually several specific hours of prayer develop, known as the "Canonical Hours," which are set apart as times of prayer, Scripture reading, and thanksgiving unto the Lord. This practice was modified during the English Reformation to consist, as in ancient times, of two services: morning and evening. These services are what we call the "Daily Office," which constitute Morning and Evening Prayer as provided in the Book of Common Prayer. This marking of the time of each day with prayer, praise, and Bible readings has been a feature of the believing community for thousands of years, and God is calling us at HTAC to the same!

As your Rector, I urge you to answer this Divine call to keep time holy. This is important not only for yourselves, but especially for your children. Particularly if you have young children, their faith depends on yours. The relationship that you hope they will have with God as adults must be cultivated now. A weak, compromised, or indifferent display of faith from parents now will surely reap the same or worse in the lives of your children later. Rather, let us be sure to mark the beginning and end of each day with the Lord for the sake of our entire family. If you currently do not seek the Lord outside of Sundays, start small so as not to intimidate yourself right off the bat. Our new Book of Common Prayer (2019 version) has a simplified form of the Daily Office known as "Family Prayer" (found on pg. 67). There are services for Morning, Noon, Evening, and Close of Day. If you read it through at a normal pace, it take perhaps four minutes. If you are a person who is not currently engaging any daily devotions, or you have school-aged children and have not been doing such with them, I implore you to add this to your day. Start with the Morning and Close of Day services. Begin simply by reading what is on the page. Then, as you get used to such, take the opportunity provided in the rubrics after the Scripture reading to offer up your own prayers. As that becomes customary, move to adding a longer Scripture reading. Pick a book of the Bible, and read a chapter each day, adding it either to your Morning or Evening service. Even with added extemporaneous prayer and a chapter of Scripture, you are only looking at ten minutes of your time. What is ten minutes out of the nine hundred and sixty minutes you are awake each day? As you, and, if applicable, your family, adapts to this new, godly routine, just watch as the Lord transforms you into the person He desires for you to be. Just remember, the happiness for which you seek is actually found in Him: "Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart" (Ps. 37:4).

Fr. Shawn+

Visits from our Bishops:

This is an exciting year! We expect to have visits from both our Diocesan Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Dan Gifford, and our Bishop Emeritus, The Rt. Rev. Donald Harvey. The special events taking place, probably in September or October, will be an Ordination, the Installation of Fr. Shawn as our Rector, Confirmations and a clergy retreat. More information will be sent out as it becomes available.

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A Prayer for Clergy and People:

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Anglican Service Book p. 637)

Dear Members and Friends of Holy Trinity Anglican Church,

On April 16th, I was honored and delighted to make this announcement following Sunday service: *Our Diocesan Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dan Gifford, called to inform me he had appointed Fr. Shawn Fowler as Rector of HTAC, effective immediately.* At this news, the whole church erupted in cheers and a spontaneous singing of the Doxology in praise of Our Lord who enabled this wonderful development.

During his time of covering for Fr. Michael's sabbatical and then as Interim Rector, Fr. Shawn showed himself to be a godly, faith filled man, caring to all and an enthusiastic teacher. We are truly blessed to have him with us, together with his wonderful wife, Cate, and their girls, Lily and Clara.

This appointment was achieved more quickly than we dared to hope. Thank you to all who completed surveys that were extremely helpful to the Canonical Committee in the work of preparing the Parish Profile. The members of the Canonical Committee (John Bottini, Kathleen Demers, Emily Morse, David Tucker and I) worked hard and well together. Once the Profile was completed, Fr. Shawn reiterated his desire to become our priest. He met with the Committee and then we wholeheartedly recommended him to the Bishop for his consideration. During the whole process, Archdeacon Darrell Critch advised the Committee and was our liaison with the Bishop; we are very grateful to Fr. Darrell for his expertise and cheerful support. Bishop Dan had a telephone conversation with Fr. Shawn, and then immediately called me with the news of the appointment.

This is an exciting event in our church life. We look forward to many years of growth, both in numbers and in faith under Fr. Shawn's godly leadership. The formal Installation service will probably be held in September. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating Fr. Shawn and will support him in his ministry with us.

Wishing you all God's peace, Monica Walker Rector's Warden Chair of Canonical Committee

PS: If you do not have a copy of the Parish Profile or the Survey Summary, and would like one, please contact me at walkermonica@comcast.net or 508-272-6900. Thank you!

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NEW TIMING FOR THE MESSENGER

This issue of the "Messenger" is the first that will follow the new timing for its publication. The newsletter will now follow the seasons of the church year. This covers the following times:

- Pentecost through the first half of the long Season of Trinity (approximately the beginning of September).
- The second half of Trinity (roughly September, October, November).
- Advent, Christmas and Epiphany
- Lent and Easter

Your submissions to the "Messenger" are always welcome. Please try to keep articles to no more than 300 words. Longer articles will be included only if space allows. We want to include upcoming events and ongoing activities as well as articles of interest submitted by our readers. We also need to keep the newsletter to a reasonable length.

Any questions or concerns, please contact me. Thank you! Monica Walker (walkermonica@comcast.net or 508-272-6900)

CHURCH PICNIC





Sunday, August 6 1:00 p.m. At the home of Steve and Monica Walker Lunenburg, MA



All invited!

Come, celebrate a time of fellowship with all your Holy Trinity friends!

Enjoy burgers, hot dogs, and other picnic foods

Horseshoes, cornhole, and other games for old and young!

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share if you are able

To sign up and any questions:

Monica Walker

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SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The program begins June 26th and will run through August 25th. Once again, we will partner with the City of Marlborough providing breakfast and lunch to the children in our neighborhood, with some major changes. We will return to pre-covid, sit-down and consume the meals in two sessions: breakfast 8:30-9:30 and lunch 11:30-12:30. Volunteers are needed, please, to help with this ministry. Please and Thank You! You may sign up for a breakfast or lunch or both sessions on as many days as you would like. Please contact me for more details.

Kathleen Demers 508-624-7642 or nanakay105@aol.com

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Food during Christian Fellowship:

We all enjoy the light lunch between Mass and Christian Education each Sunday. If you are able to commit to bringing food on an occasional specific Sunday, that would be greatly appreciated. Please don't leave it to just a few people! For more information, or to offer help, please contact Joan Balk (508-835-2085 or jcbalk@aol.com). Please note: During July, when there will be no Adult Christian Education on Sunday, we will have coffee and cookies, etc, rather than a full lunch.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOOD PANTRY

"For I was hungry and you gave Me food" (St. Matthew 25:35a)

You are invited to contribute to the Food Pantry on any given Sunday. Needed items right now are canned soups, tuna, and chicken; boxes of pasta and pasta sauce; mayonnaise and boxes of cereal. Canned vegetables and fruits are NOT needed at this time, thank you. Canned food with flip tops are preferable, please. Please place your offering in the box provided in the Narthex. Thank you and God Bless You!

Also, if you are in need of food, please visit our Food Pantry located in the Fellowship Hall, or speak with Fr. Shawn or Kathleen Demers.



PRAYER AND FASTING

Over the summer months there will be no official Week of Fasting and Day of Prayer. This can be difficult to schedule with so many regular participants taking vacation at different times. Please do continue to fast and pray diligently for our Church family and look for an announcement about this in the next "Messenger".

If you are not familiar with our monthly practice of Fasting and Prayer, it is as follows: During one week each month we have six days set apart for prayer and fasting. One or more persons sign-up to fast on each of the days appointed (Monday through Saturday). Our week of fasting concludes with a Day of Prayer on the Saturday from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. A minimum of eleven persons sign-up to pray in their own home for one hour. This way at least one person will be fasting every day that week on behalf of the church family and at least one person will be praying from approximately sunup to sundown on the Day of Prayer.

Come Holy Spirit! Fall upon us! Come in power!

Just Me and My Shadow

"Just Me and My Shadow" is a luncheon fellowship group for those who live alone and others who simply would enjoy some company and fellowship. We meet once a month (usually the third Wednesday) for lunch and fellowship. People <u>do not</u> need to belong to our church family in order to attend. <u>All are welcome</u>. Thus, please feel welcome to invite a family member, friend, or neighbor who lives alone or someone in need of a little company and fellowship. If you are unable to afford the meal, <u>PLEASE</u> do not let this stop you from joining in the group. Just let Fr. Shawn know (860-207-2210 or shawnfowler86@gmail.com) and he will cover all or part of your meal. Please join us on Wednesday, June 21 and Wednesday, August 16 at 1:00 p.m. at the Longhorn Restaurant, Boston Post Road West, Marlborough. We will not meet in July owing to Vacation Bible School that week.

SECOND SATURDAY



Thank you to everyone who has given of their time and energy to help maintain our buildings and grounds! But, as always, there is plenty more to do. Please, please help as you are able! We would like to spruce up our buildings and grounds. Please watch the Enews for information on tasks needing attention. Upcoming Second Saturdays are June 10, July 8, and August 12.



Huzzah! We are engaged in an epic battle for the hearts and minds of our youth. Thankfully, God has given his children armor to wear in this battle. With this VBS, children will learn how they can be part of God's kingdom through salvation in his Son and will be equipped with the armor of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom who stand strong in today's battle for truth. The children will enjoy Bible stories, songs, skits, old-world games with fun new twists, special craft and science creations, and fun extra activities such as a presentation from Animal Adventures and a Friday evening performance for family and friends.

Registration information: contact Monica Walker at walkermonica@comcast.net or 508-272-6900.

Cost is \$35 per child. Scholarships are available.

Registration deadline is June 19th, 2023

Tell your family, friends and neighbors – join us at Keepers of the Kingdom!

If you are interested in volunteering for VBS, we would love to have you - contact Monica!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd enables children to encounter God through developmentally appropriate presentations, centers, and prayer with a strong focus on Scripture, liturgy, and the whole of sacred history. The program helps the children develop a personal relationship with the Lord. This year we have been blessed with several children new to our church and the Atrium. We now have two groups, the older ones led by Diana Newton Wood; the younger group led by either Monica Walker or Cate Fowler. Parents and others assist in the Atrium each week for which we are very grateful. Some of the parents are taking Atrium Assistant training online which is a great blessing. We are about to break for the summer and look forward to seeing all our young people in the Atrium again in September. For more information, please contact Monica Walker, Diana Newton Wood, or Cate Fowler.

A Prayer for the Care of Children:

Almighty God, heavenly Father, who has blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Anglican Service Book, p. 650)

FAMILY NEWS

Happy Birthday:

June: Richard Ayisi - 1st; Elizabeth McGinnis - 1st; Diane Place - 3rd; Fr. Praveen Mutalik - 8th; Joseph Bottini – 12th; Rebecca McKinnon – 14th; Johnnie Briggs – 17th; Don Richards – 23rd; Christine McKinnon - 26th.

July: Fr. Shawn Fowler - 2nd; Olivia Favreau - 8th; Tim Dunphy - 13th; Stephen Bottini - 13th; Dcn. Suzy Kenyon – 14th; Fr. Michael McKinnon – 16th; Diana Newton Wood – 16th; Diane Byrne – 18th; Linda McGillicuddy – 21st; Deidre Taylor – 23rd; Marilou Kelso – 25th; Clara Fowler – 31st. August: David Baker – 2nd; Gregg Dunphy – 6th; Dustin Hassard Jr. – 7th; Rosa DeMartinis – 17th; James Carlson – 23rd; Susan Lindsay – 25th; Liz Temple – 27th.

Happy Anniversary:

William and Brenda Keeler on June 5th Tom and Dcn. Rhonda Cotton on June 18th Fr. Bob Cummins and Karen Panasevich-Cummins on July 9th Mike and Dcn. Suzy Kenyon on July 18th Don and Judy Richards on July 22nd Fr. Shawn and Cate Fowler on August 1st Steve and Monica Walker on August 31st.

Dcn. Ted and Sue Powell on June 8th John and Tanya Bottini on June 21st Qi and Michele Yang on July 9th Pastor John and Sue Lindsay on July 20th Dan and Emily Morse on July 27th Fr. Praveen and Karen Mutalik on August 17th

ANGLICANS FOR LIFE

"You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in Your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed" (Psalm 139:16, NLT)

- Baby bottle campaign: We are running this campaign from Mothers' Day through Fathers' Day to benefit the first Concern Pregnancy Resource Center in Marlborough (//firtstconcern.org). Please take a baby bottle from the entrance of the church, fill it with change, bills or check and return it on Fathers' Day. Sending a big thank you in advance!
- 40 days for life campaign: The spring 40 days for life campaign ended April 2nd. 680 babies were saved world wide through peaceful prayer vigils. Check www.40daysforlife.org.
- Brochures and other information: There is a huge amount of information regarding Sanctity of Life issues on the walls in the Narthex (entrance to the church) that you may take home. Please visit the website www.anglicansforlife.org which lists the many great programs going on right now. The list is too long to mention everything!
- Please continue to pray for the unborn, the sick, all those who society feels are a burden.
- Newsletter of Anglicans for Life: The current newsletter from Anglicans for Life is on our table at the entrance of the church. It may also be viewed at https://anglicansforlife.org/publications/. You can also keep up to date with Life Issues by going to www.Liveaction.org.
- Donations of clothes, etc: Donations of baby and toddlers diapers, clothing, etc. benefit First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center (www.firstconcern.org). We also service the young mothers in the neighborhood when needed. Donations may be left in the entrance to the church or the playpen in the Fellowship Hall. You may also contact Kathleen to arrange a drop off time.
- Anglicans for Life is an international Pro-Life Ministry within the Anglican Communion, upholding and proclaiming the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Our local Chapter seeks to raise awareness regarding alternatives to abortion...Let us help you! If you are being called to help with this vital ministry, or if you would like to have information on how we can help, please speak to our co-Coordinators Kathleen Demers (508-624-7642) and Marjorie Franko (978-369-8192). Thank you!

Holy Eucharist

Live Streaming: The Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass is live streamed each week. Said Mass is offered each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

June

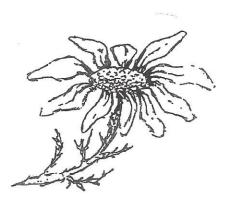
Sun, June 4	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Trinity Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
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Sun, June 11	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Trinity 1	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
•	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sun, June 18	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Trinity 2	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sun, June 25	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Nativity of St. John Baptist	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
<u>.</u>	10:00 a.m.	Solemn High Mass



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Sun, July 2	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Sts. Peter and Paul	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Solemn High Mass
Sun, July 9	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Trinity 5	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sun, July 16	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Trinity 6	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
•	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sun, July 23	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Trinity 7	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
•	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sun, July 30	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Trinity 8	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer

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August

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Sun, August 6	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Transfiguration	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Solemn High Mass
Sun, August 13	8:00 a.m.	Said Mass
Trinity 10	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist



Sun, August 20 Blessed Virgin Mary Sun, August 27 Trinity 12 8:00 a.m. Said Mass
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. Solemn High Mass
8:00 a.m. Said Mass
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist



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ALTAR FLOWERS and SANCTUARY LAMP



If you would like to commemorate a loved one by donating the cost of the altar flowers or Sanctuary Lamp, please contact Tanya Bottini (508-877-8736), or email JBottini1@verizon.net for details and to sign up for a particular Sunday. You are welcome to donate in memory, in thanksgiving, or in honor of one or more people. The Holy Eucharist will also be offered for your intention. Thank you!

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Notes of Note:

- The Intercessory Prayer Group is led by Martha Ayisi. Those participating in this ministry are committed to pray for the clergy of HTAC and their families. They pray for the Holy Spirit to bless the members of our church family, our several ministries and our financial worship. They also pray for God's protection upon us all.
- Noonday Prayer on Tuesdays: This will continue via Zoom. All are welcome. Following Noonday Prayer we offer a time of free prayer for all who are able to join in.
- Adult Christian Education is offered each Sunday at 12:15 p.m. This will not be held in July.
- Wednesday Bible Study is offered at 10:00 a.m. in person and via Zoom. At present we are studying Genesis. Please join us! This is cancelled July 19th owing to Vacation Bible School.
- Men's Group: All men are invited to join us for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. followed by discussion. This is usually the fourth Saturday of the month. For more information, please contact Dan Morse at 978-808-0901, or dwmorse@live.com.
- Women's Fellowship: This is held, usually the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m., either in person or via Zoom. For more information, please contact Cate Fowler at caitlynkfowler@gmail.com.
- Special Collection for the Rector's Discretionary Fund in 2023: Sundays, July 9, October 8.
- Special Collection for the Non-Stipendiary Clergy Fund in 2023: Sundays, August 13, November 12.
- Special Collection to help fund June's Table in 2023: Sundays, June 11, September 10, December 10.
- Prayer requests: please email Emily Morse at emmorse@comcast.net or call/text Emily on 978-808-8608.
- Parish Council meetings: Any member of the parish is welcome to observe any regular Parish Council meeting. At present these meetings are held via Zoom.
- Fr. Shawn is off every Monday and Saturday. He will be present for special Services and events in the life of our church family that fall on these days. On these two days, please only call him in the event of an emergency. Thank you.

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT MESSENGER

The deadline for the next issue of this newsletter that will cover September through the end of the Trinity Season is Sunday, August 20, 2023. Please hand your items to me, or e-mail them to me at walkermonica@comcast.net. Thank you! Monica Walker

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Rt. Rev. Dan Gifford The Rt. Rev. Donald F. Harvey Father Shawn Fowler (Voluntown, CT)

Father Robert Cummins, PhD (Harvard, MA) Father Praveen Mutalik (Marlborough, MA)

Deacon Rhonda Cotton (Harvard, MA)

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Monica Walker Marta Burbeck John Bottini Lynne Krebs **Dustin Hassard**

Jay O'Leary Donald Richards

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508-272-6900 (Rector's Warden)

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508-494-2410 (Clerk)

508-624-9705

Senior Warden Emeritus

Contact Information for Fr. Shawn and Holy Trinity Anglican Church

In case of an emergency, please call Fr. Shawn any time, including his days off at 860-207-2210.

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Fr. Shawn's days off are Monday and Saturday.

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• Church website: www.holytrinitymarlborough.org

Like Holy Trinity on Facebook: facebook.com/HTACMass

• Our Diocesan Website: www.anglicannetwork.ca

Our Provincial Website: www.anglicanchurch.net

Please let us know!

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If you, or a family member, is sick or in the hospital, please inform Fr. Shawn or another clergy person. They will arrange visits, and holy communion if requested.

> WILL CALL UPON GOD ... IN THE EVENING AND MORNING AND AT NOON-DAY ... AND HE SHALL HEAR MY VOICE