

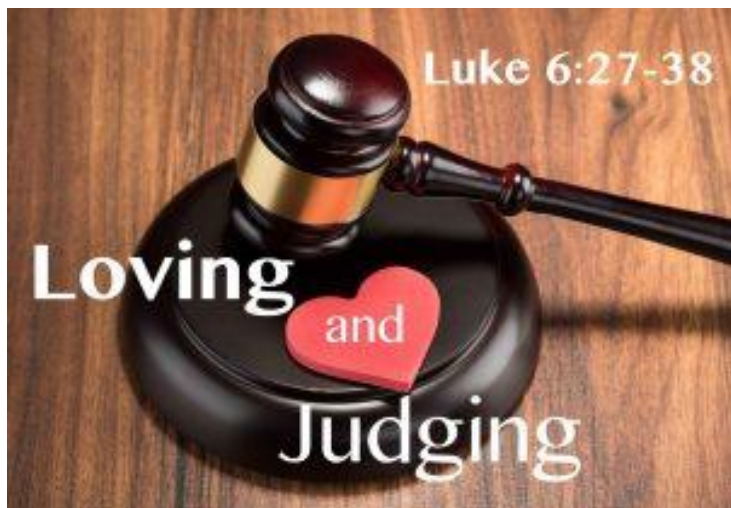
# EPIPHANY THIS WEEK

February 21 - 27, 2025

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Thursday 9:30 – 12:00. You can reach Carrie, our Parish Administrator at the phone number or e-mail address above. In case of a Pastoral Emergency, please contact Carrie, or the Wardens at [wardens@epiphanysudbury.org](mailto:wardens@epiphanysudbury.org).



**WORSHIP FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**~ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 ~**

**8:30am - Please note there will not be an 8:30am service until further notice.**

**10:30am - Main Worship with music, with Holy Eucharist, (BAS) The Ven Glen Miller, Archdeacon of Sudbury-Manitoulin Deanery, preaching and presiding.**

**READINGS FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER THE EPIPHANY:** Genesis 45:3-11, 15;

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40; 1Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:** When reflecting on Luke 6:27-38, consider questions like: What specific situations in your life might require you to actively bless those who curse you or do good to those who hate you?; How can you practically integrate the concept of "giving to everyone who asks" into your daily life?; What internal barriers might prevent you from fully embracing this radical love, and how can you overcome them?; Do you believe that this teaching is relevant in today's world, and if so, how can it be applied to current societal issues?

**AT HOME PRAYERS:** *Morning* – Dear Lord, thank you for allowing me to awake to yet another beautiful day. I am grateful for the beauty of the sun and Your other creations. Despite sometimes forgetting to proclaim my thanks, I am overjoyed by the wonders around me. Thank You for my life. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

*Evening* – In this evening hour of my day, O Lord, I turn to you in this brief moment of peace. As the day winds down, I give You thanks and ask for Your blessing on me and my loved ones. Grant us peace in the balance of this day and all our days. Amen.



**PLEASE REMEMBER,** if you are not feeling well, or have any ill symptoms such as coughing, fever, fatigue, or a sore throat, please stay home and join us for the worship services that will be offered online. We are delighted to welcome you online if you are not able to join us in person.



**THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING:** for the Church of the Epiphany takes place this Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, following our 10:30am worship. Vestry report booklet was e-mailed to parishioners last Sunday. Following our service, you are invited to go to the Algoma Room and grab a coffee/tea and then return to the church to begin the meeting.

As a reminder, the Diocesan Rules Governing Vestry Qualifications are as follows:



All persons are entitled to a vote when they:

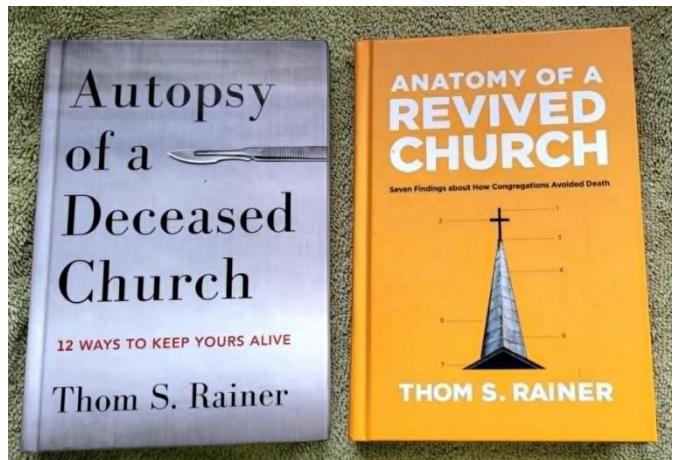
- a. Are baptized.
- b. Are the full age of 16 years.
- c. Are habitual attendants at divine service.
- d. Have contributed during the year immediately preceding to the working expense of the Church.



**ASH WEDNESDAY:** and the beginning of the season on Lent, is on Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be just one service this year, at 7:00pm. Archdeacon Glen will be our celebrant and preacher.



**UPCOMING BOOK STUDY:** Members of our Parish Council have put their hearts and heads together and are now preparing to offer a new Book Study. Our book study will include two books, both by Thom Rainer. The first is, *Autopsy of a Deceased Church: 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive*, and the second book is, *Anatomy of a Revived Church: Seven Findings about How Congregations Avoided Death*. If you need any help with going about sharing books or purchasing your own copies, please speak with Dr. Andrew Adegbite. We hope that as many of you as possible will join us in this Book Study.



**NOTE:** With Rev. Elizabeth on Medical leave, we are not sure when this book study will begin, we are still planning the book study, however. Keep watching here for more information.



**A NOTE FROM THE OUTREACH GROUP:** An outreach opportunity for the month of February comes through requests from two of the Downtown support groups who look after our most vulnerable neighbours. If you are able, please support these special agencies.

**Sudbury Outreach Support (SOS)** writes that it “is in need of blankets, comforters, and sleeping bags. We also need gloves and mitts. We have purchased many boxes of hand warmers and we are currently out of them. A tent gives someone shelter, we currently don’t have any, also candles provide some warmth, suitcases on wheels are always needed. We open every Sunday directly across from the Sudbury Arena, beside Via Rail from 11:00 until 2:00 for donations. Thank you for your support”

**The Elgin Street Mission** requests through a Facebook post that they looking for long underwear and sweatpants, both men’s and women’s in sizes med to XL. (these items only, as this is the only clothing need). Drop off is at the kitchen door (ring the bell) off the back lane between 8 am and 1 pm only.





**SPRING IS COMING, EVEN IF WIARTON WILLIE DIDN'T THINK SO!** The Women's Bible Study Group has decided to repeat the Balcony Garden Project in 2025. All net proceeds again going to the Sudbury Food Bank. However, we are an aging group so we are hoping we can find a couple of others to help us with summer oversight of the garden. In the heat of the summer we have discovered that we must water daily. We have decided that the best way to be sure the garden gets the needed care is to have a team of 7 people who will commit to be available for the same day each week during the growing season. We will also need one or two others who can be

available to fill in for the "regulars" when they will not be available. If you might be interested in helping with this project in any way more information is available by calling Barbara Bolton at 705-674-1691.



**LET US PRAY**

**FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY:** Rev. Elizabeth, Kevin Doonan; Andrew Adegbite; Marion Collinson; Jane Kivisto; Ruth Amyot; Wilson Biswas.

**FOR THOSE IN NEED:** Sheila; William; Joy; Penny; Myrna; Maybourne; Karen and Corrine; Joanne; Frances; Pat; Carol, Bob and Riley; Nick and Ellen; Marg; Carol Ann.

**PRAYER FOR AN ELECTION:** Lord God, as the provincial election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our province, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN SUDBURY:** Let us pray. God of justice and grace, we give thanks for the rich history, culture, and contributions of African-Canadian people in Sudbury, and beyond. We remember and honour those who have paved the way, who have fought for equality, and who continue to inspire everyone with their resilience. Help us to recognize the beauty of diversity in our community so that we may work toward greater unity, understanding, and respect for all people. May we listen, learn, and stand together in the fight against injustice. Guide our hearts to celebrate, support, and uplift our Black neighbours, today and always. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



**Watch us LIVE** on Sunday Mornings at 10:30 at [www.epiphanysudbury.org/our-services](http://www.epiphanysudbury.org/our-services)

**Announcements for ETW** should be sent to [etw@epiphanysudbury.org](mailto:etw@epiphanysudbury.org) by NOON each Thursday.

**Donate Online:** You can make a donation to the Epiphany, via PayPal, by clicking the "Donate Now" button at the top or bottom of each page on our website.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** The Church of the Epiphany strives to be Fragrance Free, or Fragrance Reduced.

Please refrain from wearing or using strong fragrances, things such as cologne/perfume, scented lotion, fabric softener etc. while in our building.

Those with breathing issues and fragrance sensitivities will be grateful. Thank You!