



Dear Friend of the Cathedral

Remembering the departed

I'm writing this letter on Halloween, a beloved festival which is nevertheless bittersweet, being the Eve of All Saints and the day before All Souls when we think of those close to us who have died. The sadness continues the following Sunday which we will keep as Remembrance Sunday for all who have died in war. Here is what is planned for our worship these two Sundays.

November 3. The morning services follow our usual pattern except for the **baptism at 10:30 am of Nathan**, son of Nathalie Gagnon who has been a member of the cathedral choir for many years and **Erika** his godmother. Nathan's grandfather, Yves-Eugène Joseph, will officiate at both baptisms.

Evensong at 4:00 pm will be a special service celebrating the completion of the first stage of the Spire restoration. It will be followed by a reception at which you can hear more about the exciting second stage, starting in Spring next year, when the top third of the spire will be lowered to the ground.

Jean Daniel will preside and Sarah Wicks preach at the **6:00 pm bilingual contemporary communion service** which is held in the Cathedral on the first and third Sunday of each month.

November 10, Remembrance Sunday. The 10:30 am service, attended by the Grenadier Guards, will be a sung Mattins ending with the usual ceremony of Remembrance when a bugler will play the Last Post and Reveille, and the congregation will sing the Canadian National Anthem. In the final benediction the priest asks "Will you strive for all that makes for peace? ... Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?... Will you work for a just future for all humanity?" and the answer from the congregation each time is "We will."

The 4:00 pm service will be a Requiem Eucharist for All Souls when we will remember people who have died. There will be a sheet at the back of the church this Sunday where you can write the names of one or two people especially dear to you. The names will be read out during the service.

Can you fit everything in?

November 10 is perhaps the busiest Sunday so far this year. However, it is possible – just - to participate in everything: Mattins at 10:30 am, coffee hour, **stir up your Christmas cake** at 12:00 pm (or pick up your ingredients to bake later) **Risen Leaves**, in Fulford Hall 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, a rare books workshop led by two librarians from the Jewish Public library who will bring some examples from their collection of Jewish texts originally owned by victims of the Holocaust, and finally the Requiem for All Souls at 4:00 pm.

Volunteer help

The Cathedral needs additional help tending our **altar linens**. If you are seeking a quiet, behind-the-scenes, contemplative ministry, contact Deborah.Meister@montrealcathedral.ca. Training is provided.

On my way to the cathedral on Tuesday I ran into Ann Doherty who was catching a bus to go shopping at Costco. This reminded me that we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Ann, Irene and the team who faithfully provide **delicious refreshments every Sunday** after the 10:30 eucharist. They would love to have a few more people helping them.

Would you like to be a salesperson at the **Fair Trade Christmas Boutique November 23rd from 10:00 am – 3:30 pm**, at the Cathedral? Dix Mille Villages, Pointe Claire, is bringing a selection of merchandise created by artisans around the world who have been paid a fair price for their products. You will find small and larger items such as Christmas decorations, scarves and toques, socks, cards, jewelry and much more, making for excellent – and ethical Christmas gifts! 15% of proceeds will be donated to charity (St. Michael's Mission serving the homeless in Montreal's urban core).

Music – music – music

1. Phil Dutton and Anna Lewton-Brain, choir members, announced in church two Sundays ago that Vocal Ensemble One Equall Musick will be holding its annual Afternoon Tea and Concert fundraiser Sunday, November 10th @3pm in Dawson Hall at St James United Church. The event will include a three service tea with sandwiches, scones and cream and dessert, interspersed with music. Also there will be raffle prizes and a pottery silent auction. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from Phil Dutton or Anna Lewton-Brain or online at oneequallmusick.org
2. On Saturday November 23 Musica Orbium will be holding a concert "**Hommage**" in memory of **Patrick Wedd** at 7:30 pm in the Église du Très-Saint-Nom-de-Jésus. Information and tickets at www.musicaorbium.ca Orbium was Patrick's secular choir.
3. Jonathan will direct the cathedral's traditional **Sing along Messiah** on Saturday December 14. Tell your friends and save the date!
4. You can also expect the traditional choral services during the Christmas season, starting with **Advent Carols** on December 1.
5. **Oasis concert** this Saturday features Marc-Antoine d'Aragon, baritone and Philippe Prud'homme, piano, in a programme of music by Mozart and Schumann oasis@montrealcathedral.ca

Finally, here is a lovely message from Janet King regarding the generosity of several cathedral members who responded to an **appeal for tools** to help Sohail who was sponsored as an immigrant to Canada by the cathedral and supported with his family for a year. He now has a job looking after an apartment building. She wrote:

"I gave to Sohail two boxes/bags of donated tools : the look of delight on his face as he unpacked them was wonderful to behold _ "I had these, in my country, ah--yes" - as he learnt the English names for each, and showed me how to use them, he asked me to tell everyone who passed on to him the drill, drill bits, pliers, screws, hammers, etc. that having these again makes him feel so much more capable as a man - as vs. a refugee father still learning language in a new world where his children are happy and much better in French than he will ever be. Many thanks on behalf of the family."

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