



Dear Friend of the Cathedral

Three pieces of news about this Sunday

1. Bishop Mary will be presiding at all three services this Sunday, June 6th, celebrating her ordination to the diaconate on Pentecost Sunday, June 7, 1981.
2. Nicholas Capozzoli, Acting Director of Music, has sent us an update on the music you will hear in the 10:30 service. He wrote:

Starting this Sunday at the 10:30 service, you'll notice different musical settings of the Glory to God, Holy, Holy, Holy, and Lamb of God. They are singable for those on Zoom, yet relaxed to reflect our summer mode. Right before we receive, or spiritually receive, Communion, we typically sing the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God), a reference to John 1:29: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" Starting on Sunday, we will sing "new" lyrics. Our liturgical guidebook, the Book of Alternative Services, allows for a number of texts besides the oft-used Agnus Dei. Singing different words for a familiar act will refresh our minds and senses. This Sunday's refrain references a familiar story from the Gospel of Luke, in which two disciples walk with Jesus on the road to Emmaus, but they only recognize him once he breaks bread. The verses of this so-called "Fraction Anthem" come from 1 Corinthians 10.

- R. The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
- V. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.
- V. One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

3. Also this Sunday, but after the service, Lisa Middlemiss wants you to know that if you attend the in person 10:30 am service on Sunday June 6th, you will catch a **mini fair trade kiosk** on your way out the Cathedral doors. Father's Day is fast approaching and we have fair trade chocolate, coffee and tea which make for sustainable gifts and are likely to be popular.

Or you have the option of placing an order at fairtrade@montrealcathedral.ca and Lisa or Joseph will deliver to your doorstep at a scheduled time. Please see the current fair trade inventory here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/0/d/1RMenh5mth8204T6DQmq5IAPzUN38SiatEn4iXwMb69c/htmlview?urp=gmail_link&gxids=7628#gid=0

Last Sunday

Adrian has written his monthly letter about the Last Sunday in the Month Lunch. His letters are so interesting I think we should bind them into an album and place them in the archives for the delight of future generations. Adrian wrote:

Saturday morning John, Donna and I were off to a bit earlier start (8:15) to do our shopping for the lunch because I had to open The Word at 11 and John had discovered on Friday that Union was blocked by construction which meant we wouldn't have easy access to unload the groceries. After circling the neighbourhood we did manage to find our way via Rene Levesque, Robert Bourassa and St. Catherine to Union.

The lunch was sponsored by two wonderful Cathedral members who wish to remain anonymous. People, and particularly Cathedral members, have been overwhelmingly generous during the pandemic. I usually have sponsors lined up two months ahead. At the moment I have sponsors lined up until the end of August.

This time round John served up pork (four slices each!) potatoes, carrots and gravy and vegetarian lasagna. John, Donna, Carol and I were delighted that Bertrand was able to come and help us stuff Peggy's delicious cookies into baggies. Imagine 5 cookies and a brownie in each baggie!

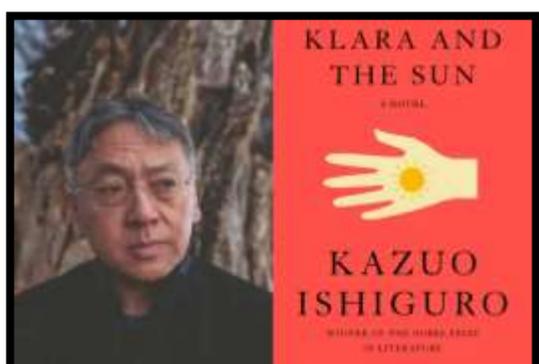
Our crowd was as enthusiastic as ever. Many of them sat down near us and enjoyed their lunch immediately. At one point, probably inspired by the energy generated by the cookies, there was a cry of "Go Habs, Go!"

This week



The monthly **Contemplative Prayer group** will be meeting Tuesday at 6:00 pm. The theme will be Divine Compassion. Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84034989612>

There are walk-in **Eucharists in the Cathedral at 12:15 every Wednesday and Friday**. You might like to join the congregation this Wednesday when Stephen Petrie will be celebrating in tandem with Bertrand in a special good-bye to the cathedral. Stephen is moving to PEI to be closer to his grandson and we will be wishing him Godspeed. I gather he is promising to continue his help putting Sunday bulletins together, an invaluable volunteer contribution.



The Cathedral's **English Reading Group** will have its next meeting on June 27 to talk about *Clara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro, the first novel he has written since winning the Nobel Prize for Literature. Klara is an Artificial Friend who has been acquired as a companion for 14-year-old Josie.

The Dean's Survey – have you filled it in?

The Dean wrote a special letter last week asking us to reflect on our experience of the pandemic, and inviting us to take part in a cathedral-wide survey to help the Cathedral leadership think about our future. Bertrand wrote that “by filling in the survey you will enable us to take what we have learnt into the ‘post-pandemic’ Cathedral and reshape our ministries and mission as well as our common life.”

- English version: <https://forms.gle/9CwyzoNQH68XPR6U6>
- Version française: <https://forms.gle/tVAhrZ6nrnHuoHc38>

Christian Unity

Last week's newsletter also mentioned an on-line celebration of Christian Unity taking place this Saturday. The 2021 theme – *Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit* (John 15:5-9) – calls us to pray and to work for reconciliation and unity in the church, with our human family, and with all of creation.

CROSS-CANADA ONLINE CELEBRATION of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

“Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit” (Jn 15:5-9)

June 5, 2021 3:00-4:00 p.m. (EDT)

CÉLÉBRATION PANCANADIENNE EN LIGNE de la Semaine de prière pour l'unité des chrétiens

« Demeurez dans mon amour et vous porterez du fruit en abondance » (Jn 15,5-9)

Le 5 juin 2021, de 15 h 00 à 16 h 00 (HAE)

THE CANADIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES / LE CONSEIL CANADIEN DES ÉGLISES

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Residential Schools

We have all been deeply saddened by the discovery of the hidden graves of 215 children buried on the grounds of Kamloops Indian Residential School. In the Montreal Anglican website Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson wrote:

Our sympathy, shame, grief and repentance for the past MUST be followed by concrete actions: Clean water, adequate housing, good schools and medical services on reserves, supporting the UNDRIP, changing our racist attitudes, learning how to engage with the TRC Calls to Action



If you want to help - The Montreal Anglican Church is collecting donations to the Anglican Healing Fund set up as a result of the TRC. Copy and paste this link to read more about our diocese's reaction. <https://www.montreal.anglican.ca/latest-news/2021/5/31/our-sympathy-shame-and-grief-for-the-past-must-be-followed-by-concrete-actions>

There is also an excellent webpage put out by the Anglican Church of Canada which includes a list of Anglican residential schools, recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the apology made by Michael Peers in 1993 and the paths to healing the church has been following <https://www.anglican.ca/tr/apology/>

Jane Aitkens has tracked down a sermon preached by then Bishop of Montreal, Andrew Hutchison, at the special Diocesan Synod in 2003 which was convened to approve a contribution of \$500,000 towards the Residential Schools settlement. He acknowledged that some good did come out of these schools and that there were good teachers, but also spoke at length about “a dark side of that history as well which we must also own. ... We have been asked, across Canada, as members of the Anglican Church, to recognize that, even though there are many parts of the church where there were no schools (including this diocese), we are part of one church. And the history we inherit is one history, for better or for worse. We take credit for and responsibility for all of it.” I can send you a copy of Bishop Andrew's address to Synod, if you would like to read it. ann.elbourne@montrealcathedral.ca

Brenda Linn sends a heart-felt thank you to those who wrote to the senate about Bill C-15. The response from Christ Church Cathedral was immediate - and much appreciated. She suggests that if you are looking for a way to respond to last week's horrible discovery in Kamloops, and if you have not yet done so, it's still not too late to write to Senator Dan Christmas about Bill C-15 which calls for the incorporation of the United Nations Declaration on the Right of Indigenous Peoples into Canadian Law. Information on the Faith in the Declaration website. <https://www.faithinthedeclaration.ca/take-action-1>

Brenda also reminds us that it was 10 years ago that Taddy Stringer and Gwenda Wells went to Ottawa to represent the Montreal Diocese in a Canada-wide, Kairos-led demonstration against delay in implementing these provisions.

The Cathedral Community is also committed to supporting the Black Lives Matter movement. Some of us watched a moving and stirring presentation by Charmaine Nelson about the history of slavery in Canada which drew on her research into ads for runaway slaves. The event is still available for you to watch on YouTube <https://youtu.be/J7LI7ROVjI8>.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

RUNAWAY from the Printing-Office in Quebec, on Sunday night the twenty-fifth instant, a Negro Lad named JOE, born in Africa, about twenty years of age, about five feet and an half high, full round face, a little marked with the small-pox, speaks English and French tolerably; he had on when he went away a new green fur-cap, a blue suit of cloaths, a pair of grey worsted stockings and Canadian macassins. All persons are hereby forewarned from harbouring or aiding him to escape, as they may depend on being prosecuted to the utmost rigour of the Law, and whoever will give information where he is harboured, or bring him back, shall have EIGHT DOLLARS Reward from THE PRINTER.

Remembering two past Cathedral parishioners

Last week we announced that **Bob Coolidge** had died. His son Miles has sent us the following obituary.

Robert Tytus Coolidge passed peacefully at his home in downtown Montreal on May 26, 2021 at the age of 88. His son, Miles, was with him. Born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1933, he is survived by his ex-wife Ellen Coolidge, his brothers Lawrence and Nathaniel Coolidge, and his sons Christopher, Matthew and Miles Coolidge, and four grandchildren. Robert battled debilitating seizures in his final months with remarkable fortitude.

As a permanent resident of Quebec since accepting a position at Montreal's Loyola University as Professor of Medieval History in 1962, Robert nevertheless embraced his identity as a U.S. citizen with pride. He maintained a childhood fascination with genealogy throughout his adult life, tracing his ancestry to forebears such as Thomas Jefferson, Pocahontus and James Rolfe, as well as, appropriately for a medievalist, Charlemagne. His enthusiasm for genealogy served him well for his 27-year tenure as Historian for the Monticello Association in Charlottesville, Virginia.



Robert's professional life was propelled by his education at the Massachusetts institutions Fay School, Groton School and Harvard University, where he received his Bachelor's degree in 1955. He met his wife-to-be Ellen Leonard Osborne at UC Berkeley while pursuing a Master's degree there in History. After their marriage they relocated to Oxford, UK while he completed his studies at Oxford University's Oriel College, receiving a BLitt and welcoming his first son Christopher into the world, in 1962.

Robert and his family spent many summers at their camp on New Hampshire's Squam Lake, surrounded by his brothers, uncles and aunts, and many cousins. Here he nurtured longstanding interests in the natural environment, advocating forcefully for wise watershed management, with special attention to the lake's Common Loon and Bald Eagle populations. His love of nature blended with his deeply felt Christian faith at Squam Lake's outdoor Chocorua Island Chapel, which he described as his favorite place on Earth.

Robert's Christian faith guided much of his life. His studies at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts led to his ordination as a Permanent Deacon in 1967. He was a devoted parishioner of Christ Church Cathedral in Montreal, where he also served as Deacon, for many years. Robert expressed his passion for this office by founding the Montreal Fund for the Diaconate in 1984, a registered non-profit that supported Diaconal studies for the Anglican Church throughout Canada. His life and memory will be celebrated at Christ Church Cathedral in the weeks to follow, after which he will be interred surrounded by family in Hamilton, Massachusetts.

Vivian Lewin has contributed an appreciation of **Pat Munroe** who died last year.



Pat Munro, a long-time parishioner of the Cathedral with her parents and family (her sister Audrey MacDermot was Parish Secretary between 1962 and 1973) passed away in May 2020. Her husband of 66 years, Robert, died the following week. Carolyn Roper remembers Pat and Robert helping to gather and display Audrey's artworks (including many in the possession of Cathedral members) for a memorial exhibition; she also tells how, when some children were chasing each other in a corridor in the old Fulford hall one Sunday after church, Carolyn's daughter Jennifer fell through a window and might have bled to death (she had cut an artery in her arm) had not Pat, a former nurse, come from the kitchen with clean towels and the skill to stanch the wound. Pat had been a very regular donor to the Cathedral, and she made additional gifts towards restoring the windows and towards the Spire campaign. Recently, we received a bequest from her estate—and we give thanks for her faithfulness and exemplary generosity.

- ✓ If you are reviewing your own estate plans, do provide for the Cathedral! Jane Aitkens can answer your questions about how to do this. treasurer@montrealcathedral.ca

And here to end this letter are photographs of two former Cathedral parishioners who are very much alive and well and living in the Yukon – Jeffrey Mackie and Natasha Henderson. Jeffrey was ordained priest last week. Natasha is teaching and painting.



Ann Elbourne

With thanks to Nick, Adrian, Vivian, Jane, and Miles Coolidge for their contributions, and to Elizabeth and Marie-Claire for their finishing touches.

June 6, 2021