

Dear Friend of the Cathedral,

As November grows darker and gloomier a series of special services and weekend events at the Cathedral will uplift and inspire us.

All Saints

This Sunday, October 30, celebrates All Saints.

We will welcome the Girls Choir from Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa at the 10:30 Choral Eucharist, joining our choir to sing a mass setting by Herbert Howells and an anthem by Charles Ives. The Ottawa choir will sing Evensong on their own. Nick hopes that many of us will come to this service to support them.

We will also welcome the family of Cécilia Rose Jean who will be baptised at the 10:30 service.

A special group of saints is invited to help Adrian and Donna serve a delicious hot lunch to a crowd of people in need of a good meal. Please join them in Fulford Hall after the 10:30 Eucharist.

Remembrance Sunday November 13

This year the 10:30 morning service will be choral Matins, attended by the Grenadier Guards. Director of Music Nick Capolozzi explains that like Evensong, Matins is one of the offices from our daily cycle of prayer. It includes psalmody, scripture readings, canticles (songs from the Bible), and prayers. In the Anglican cathedral tradition, much of Matins and Evensong is led by the choir. They do not perform for or replace the congregation, but rather sing on the congregation's behalf and inspire them to deeper prayer. However, on this occasion we are using a simpler, contemporary format with lots of congregational participation so it will feel accessible even if you're unfamiliar with Matins.

The 4 pm evening service that day will be an occasion for us to remember our family members and friends who have died. Nick writes that it will be a service of music and readings. The Cathedral Choir will sing the Requiem of contemporary Canadian composer Eleanor Daley. It is an unconventional Requiem—it is not a Requiem Mass with the familiar Latin movements. Instead, Daley draws from scripture, the Book of Common Prayer, and contemporary Canadian poetry to create a beautiful multi-movement work. This is the first time our choir has sung this piece, and it will surely make this service one to remember.

During this service the Dean and the celebrant will read the list of names that people have asked to be included. Please send the names to ann.elbourne@montrealcathedral.ca by the end of the day on November 7, or write them on the sheet at the back of the church (which will be available this Sunday and next Sunday). If you'd like to give flowers in memory of a loved one, the list of donors will be included in the bulletins on the 13th. Please contact Julie Wang (flowers@montrealcathedral.ca) and let her know who you are commemorating and how much you wish to donate. Note the deadline for the bulletin is November 7.

The Feast of Christ the King November 20

This is our patronal festival and we will be celebrating with a special joint bilingual service at 10:30 followed by an intercultural lunch.

Michèle Rattray-Huish is inviting each of us to bring a special dish from our homeland – or one that is special for any reason - to share at the lunch. She suggests that during the lunch participants might like to present their dish, explaining its importance to them or in their culture.

Please let the organisers know whether you will attend and what dish you intend to bring by sending an email to peoples.warden@montrealcathedral.ca at the latest by Sunday, November 13.

Making it Real: an invitation from the Diocesan Anti-Racism task force, November 12



The Anti Racism Task Force of the Diocese of Montreal invites you to be a part of an important morning of fellowship, inquiry and collaboration that leads to action.

Join us at Fulford Hall (1444 Union Ave. 2nd floor), 9 am to noon on Saturday, November 12 in order to show your support towards anti-racism. **We need ALL HANDS in order to achieve our ambitious goals.**

Edward Yankie and Dion Lewis are co-chairs of this task force. In an interview with Lee Ann Matthews, Dion said:

The point is to see if we can get more people talking to each other. There's a lot of good work being done individually that's not being shared with the rest of us. So this is an opportunity for people to network, collaborate and encourage others to get involved! We need to get more heads together, to share ideas and brainstorm. The goal is to help one another, offer support and get things done.

We all have to listen to each other and figure out a way to go forward into action. The Task Force wants to make it easier for that to happen.

We know that anti Racism work matters, we have heard this sentiment from so many Anglicans in Montreal. This event is a tangible opportunity for you to take action.

A Lunch for Wise Saints and Sinners, November 29

If you are retirement age or above, you are warmly invited to lunch in Fulford on Tuesday, November 29 from 12:00p.m. – 2:00 p.m. to renew old friendships and make new ones. The Cathedral is providing the lunch; you need only bring yourself. Please RSVP to deborah.meister@montrealcathedral.ca by November 23rd. (If fewer than four are able to attend on that date, we will postpone the event.)

Comment from Ann – This is a great opportunity for we “oldies” to present our ideas about the kind of group we’d like to create.

Advent Crafting Opportunities, November 26 and December 11

All are invited to an intergenerational advent-wreath-making party on Saturday, November 26th at 11:00 a.m. in Fulford Hall. We have enough supplies for 24 participants, so please RSVP quickly to deborah.meister@montrealcathedral.ca if you’d like to participate. The cost will be \$10/wreath for supplies; that’s only a fraction of the real cost, so if you are able to give a bit more, that would be welcome.

Julie Wang has also offered to teach us how to make beautiful miniature Christmas trees out of boxwood on December 11th if there is interest. Please RSVP by November 25th so we can order supplies for that. Cost will be \$20/tree, although support will be available if you really want to participate and can’t afford that. Julie says the trees make beautiful Christmas gifts!

It’s not too late to join!

Montreal Dio presents: ***What Next for the Church? Congregational Ministry in a Pandemic-Shaped World.*** A one-day conference on Saturday, October 29th, 2022, 9:00am to 4:00pm, at the Church of St. Mark and St. Peter in Saint Laurent. [Click here to learn more and to register.](#)



The most recent E-news from the Diocese has information about a survey on domestic violence which readers of this newsletter might like to complete. It has been put together by Christian Direction who have been working for the past year on the Rapha Quebec Project, a study into domestic abuse and the Church in Quebec. The survey is now open and online, in French or English. [Click here to take the survey](#). The objectives of the survey are to:

1. *Identify the beliefs and attitudes of Québec Christians and churches with regard to domestic abuse.*
2. *Determine whether domestic violence is a problem currently being experienced within Christian communities and churches in Québec.*
3. *Understand why victims do or do not disclose their experiences of domestic abuse to other churchgoers or church leaders, and to reveal how the church has responded to such disclosures of domestic abuse.*

The survey is open to all current or former churchgoing adults (18 yrs+) of all genders who have participated in Christian community in Québec. A respondent does not have to have been a survivor of domestic abuse to participate! They hope that 1001 people will take this survey, so perhaps we can help the group reach their target.

Collect for All Saints Day from the Book of Common Prayer



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Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of your Son: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

May we be inspired by the example of so many good people who have gone before.

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