



Dear Friend of the Cathedral,

Nuit Blance

Nuit blanche last Saturday was a great success, thanks to Esther-Ruth Teel who directed the concerts presented by Sapphonix and Earth World collaborative, to Bertrand and Nick Capozzoli who led the Gregorian chant which began the programme and to Carlos Torres who organised the people greeting and counting our 2 882 visitors. Bertrand wrote to thank everyone for their hard work saying, “Despite the weather, Montrealers were out in force, and the combination of the golden arches and a stunning cathedral meant that they came in and stayed to enjoyed beautiful and thought provoking performances.” The Cathedral lit with purple lights was a striking sight.

Quiet Morning

This Saturday you are invited to come for a quiet morning of Prayer, Teaching, Meditation and Communion led by Ralph Leavitt, Honorary Assistant at the cathedral: 9 am to 12:15, in the Cathedral in St. John’s Chapel.

Liturgical note

You may have noticed that the words we used to respond to the first two Scripture readings were different last Sunday, and you have may have wondered why. The clergy chose to “try on” a new set of words out of concern that our customary response, “Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches,” is theologically flawed on two counts: 1) God does not speak only to the churches, but to the world. 2) Attaching it to the Hebrew bible reading effaces the fact that those words were originally written to God’s Jewish community, not to the churches, which seems disrespectful. The clergy considered the Episcopal Church USA response, “Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people,” but elected to introduce a response from the Iona Community, which highlights that God speaks to us not only through scripture but also through our own prayerful response to the world and within ourselves. We’ll be interested to hear your thoughts at the end of Lent!

Reader For the word of God in Scripture,

For the word of God around us,

For the word of God within us.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Last Sunday’s Lunch, a report from Adrian King-Edwards

What a delight the lunch was this month! The whole operation went so smoothly that by the time we were halfway through I was nervously looking over my shoulder wondering what inevitable disaster was imminent. By now our “new” regulars are seasoned pros. I must particularly mention Derek Kenny, Trevor Taylor and their daughters Alex and Lexi who show up promptly at 8 am to set up the 17 tables and then stay on right through serving the lunch and participating in clean up as well. A big thank you.

The lunch this month was sponsored by two Cathedral members who wish to remain anonymous. Thank you from everybody for your generosity.

Peggy baked a record 900 cookies, which magically disappeared. The saddest moment was when one of our volunteers, who was actually helping pack the cookies in baggies, expressed great sorrow at having given up cookies for Lent. Apparently he was too self-conscious to ask the Dean for a dispensation.

With everything running so well I have turned my attention to community building among our guests at each table. We have noticed that frequently people who choose to sit at the same table each month are encouraged if they are welcomed by the same server. Several servers report that they are meeting four or five regulars at their tables who enjoy seeing each other every month.

Bertrand commented “We have been in contact with Accueil Bonneau to discuss initiatives around Food Security, and one of the questions that we are currently thinking about is whether having a social worker during the lunch and immediately after might be helpful to signpost some people to resources they could access. We will continue to progress that thinking.”

PWRDF

The PWRDF is the Anglican Church of Canada’s official social conscience and fund raising organisation. Currently they are supporting response to the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, relief for drought in Kenya and the Indigenous Responsive Grants fund. On Sunday, Peggy Simpson, our PWRDF rep urged us to participate in the Lent project created by PWRDF, a calendar designed to make us aware of how rich we are compared with many Indigenous Communities. Money raised will go to the Indigenous Responsive Grants fund which allocates money to projects designed by the Indigenous communities themselves. Copies are available in the church or by contacting Ann Elbourne at (ann.elbourne@montrealcathedral.ca).

[Read more about Indigenous Responsive Grants here.](#)

Jesus at the Movies

All are welcome to join us for a film and discussion on the Fridays in Lent. The film to be shown next Friday, March 10th, is a beautiful and moving animated film appropriate for ages 10 and up. Families are encouraged to attend, as are all adults. Starting 6:00 p.m. in Fulford. (Enter at 1444 Union.)

Oasis Musicale

This Saturday, March 4, at 2pm, String Crossings: Solo Works on Four Instruments with Gracie Carney. A concert exploring music written for solo stringed instruments played on four distinct instruments: Baroque Violin, Standard Modern Violin, Scordatura Violin, and Scordatura Viola.

March 11, Ellen Torrie and Leah Weitzner of Duo Caldera are excited to present the exquisitely beautiful music of Benedictine monk and music theorist, Adriano Banchieri.

If you’re interested in finding out more about the two groups who created the concerts for Nuit blanche:

[Sapphonix](#) is a queer arts collective founded by Esther-Ruth Teel and Maria Gajraj.

[Earth World Collaborative](#) is a creative force generating new works of music, art, film, and literature through collaboration. Founded in 2018 by Adrian Foster and Joel Peters.

Every Woman Counts

This is the slogan for 2023 International Women’s Day on March 8. We certainly honour women at the Cathedral. Two wardens and our Associate Priest are women, so are several of our vergers – all unthinkable only 50 years ago when I first came to the cathedral. We are lucky. There is much to be done in many other places.

Thank you to contributors, especially Deborah, Adrian, Bertrand, and to Danforth for formatting mailchimp and Michel for French translation.

Ann Elbourne
March 2, 2023

Happening This Week at the Cathedral

Click the plus button next any event title to view the detailed event page on our website. There, you’ll find the Zoom links, the event livestream, location details, and more.

Saturday	
9:00 a.m.	Observing a Holy Lent: Mini-Retreat +
2:00 p.m.	Oasis Concert: Gracie Carney +
Sunday	
8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion +
9:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist in French +
10:30 a.m.	Choral Eucharist +
4:00 p.m.	Choral Evensong +
6:00 p.m.	Cathedral@6 Ecumenical Eucharist +
Monday	
9:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer <i>on Zoom</i> +
12:00 p.m.	Brown Bag Bible Study <i>on Zoom</i> +
12:15 p.m.	Midday Eucharist +
Tuesday	
12:15 p.m.	Midday Eucharist +
7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer and Bible Discussion in French <i>on Zoom</i> +
Wednesday	
12:15 p.m.	Midday Eucharist +
6:00 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study and Supper <i>with St. Martha’s Chapel</i> +
Thursday	
12:15 p.m.	Midday Eucharist +
Friday	
12:15 p.m.	Midday Eucharist +
6:00 p.m.	Jesus at the Movies <i>in Fulford Hall</i> +
Saturday	
2:00 p.m.	Oasis Concert: Perle Musicali +

Masks are recommended during worship services.
We have masks available for anyone who needs one.

If you are experiencing cold and flu symptoms, or if you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days, please stay home and watch our livestream instead.

[Click here to join the livestream](#)

Looking Ahead to Holy Week and Easter

Mark your calendars!

April 2 Palm Sunday	
8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion +
9:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist in French +
10:30 a.m.	Choral Eucharist +
4:00 p.m.	Choral Evensong +
6:00 p.m.	Cathedral@6 Ecumenical Eucharist +
April 3 Holy Monday	
12:15 p.m.	Midday Eucharist +
7:30 p.m.	Sung Compline in English +
April 4 Holy Tuesday	
12:15 p.m.	Midday Eucharist +
7:30 p.m.	Sung Compline in French +
April 5 Holy Wednesday	
12:15 p.m.	Midday Eucharist +
7:30 p.m.	Tenebrae +
April 6 Maundy Thursday	
12:15 p.m.	Midday Eucharist +
7:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Liturgy +
April 7 Good Friday	
11:00 a.m.	The Story of Good Friday +
1:00 p.m.	Good Friday Liturgy +
April 8 Holy Saturday	
7:30 p.m.	The Great Vigil of Easter +
April 9 Easter Sunday	
8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion +
9:00 a.m.	Eucharist in French with Choir +
10:30 a.m.	Choral Eucharist +
4:00 p.m.	Choral Evensong +