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## CATHÉDRALE CHRIST CHURCH MONTRÉAL

Dear Friend of the Cathedral,

The letter this week will present us with some challenges, starting with a reflection by Deborah on the work of Augustine, a saint being honoured this week in our series Speaking of Saints.

### **Speaking of Saints**

Friday this week brings us St. Augustine, not the great theologian from Africa, but the first Archbishop of Canterbury. Christianity had existed in Britain since the Roman Empire, but in 596, Pope Gregory the Great sent missionaries to evangelize the Angles and Saxons. Led by Augustine, these Benedictine monks arrived in Kent with a silver cross and a picture of Jesus. They occupied a disused church in Canterbury, then converted the King of Kent and lived among his people.

Augustine's example may be inspiring to us, who need to find ways to present the teachings of Christ in a formerly-Christian culture. What would you bring? How do your own words and life show people the grace of God?

These may be good questions to bring to the ESJAG Lunch Meeting on Sunday after the 10:30 service.

### **Ecological and Social Justice Action Group**

Brenda Linn invites **all who are interested** in what the Ecological and Social Justice Action Group has been doing - or might tackle next year - to join us at this meeting. We are in **FULFORD B** - which means you will see another group in the hall when you arrive. You are not in the wrong place. We are on the other side of the partition, so turn left past the double doors

On the agenda, information about projects, and questions about our follow-up to issues raised:

- Michele Rattray-Huish's film, COP15 Faith Groups
- Taddy on COP, indigenous connection
- PWRDF – Kahnawake visit
- Community Garden/Healing Forest/Communion Forest – Communitas?
- Centre de Justice Réparatrice and Michael Lapsley
- Truth and Reconciliation Commemoration Day – Journées de la Culture
- Bill McKibben – Third Act
- Amnesty
- Other business, new ideas

**We welcome people who are passionate about protecting the environment and who care deeply about social justice. Notice the word ACTION in ESJAG's title. Your ideas for a programme of activities in the coming year are important, particularly if you are new to the group.**

## **The End of the World with Discussion to Follow**

Climate change, war, authoritarian ascendancy — Does it feel like the world is falling apart? When better to read **Revelation**, the last book of the Bible? (You know, the one you've always been scared to read...)

The Brown Bag Bible Study will be starting a five-week series on Revelation **Monday, May 29th**, exploring with faith and scholarship how this book might speak to us in our own day. Each session will be online, from noon to 1:00. All are welcome to join us. (Eating lunch while online is fine.) [The link is here](#) or on the website calendar. If you can, please read chapters 1-3 before our first session.

## **Celebrations on Trinity Sunday**

Trinity Sunday is on **June 4<sup>th</sup>**, a Sunday when we will be celebrating our community in several ways:

- During that service we will celebrate the long and faithful ministry of George Deare as head server. George is stepping down after more than 5 decades of leadership in that role.
- Also during the service we will be thanking and saying goodbye to the choir before their well-earned summer break. The mass setting at 10:30 will be the joyful Missa Brevis by Jonathan Dove. That afternoon the choir will sing a final Evensong. We look forward to their return in September.
- After the morning service there will be a multi-cultural community lunch. Participants are asked, if possible, to bring a dish that is meaningful to them– but all are welcome, with or without a contribution. There is always an abundance of food at these lunches! Julie Wang is coordinating a group of volunteers and will welcome help.

## Who Are We?

As Deborah said in her reflection about Augustine's mission, "How do our own words and life show people the grace of God?"

This year, the theme of Les journées de la culture, September 30 – October 1, is community. A small steering committee is starting to plan an exciting project to place a time capsule that weekend somewhere in the cathedral, giving a snapshot of our community as it renews itself after the pandemic.

We want your participation. What should we place in this capsule? Director of Music Nick Capozzoli and Organist Owen Spicer are already beginning to think how they should represent Cathedral music. Please send me your ideas to publish in June newsletters. We are planning a summer "Forum" to consider and vote on all ideas.

We want to include biographies of current Cathedral members. Each of you is invited to fill one side of a sheet of paper, 8.5 by 11, telling us about yourself, your origins and how you came to the Cathedral. What does the Cathedral mean to you? How do you participate in its life? If you would like to include a photograph in your page that would be lovely. All these autobiographies will be bound together into a book – and, with permission from the authors, copies could be displayed during JDC. The deadline for receiving submissions will be the end of July.

in conjunction with a group of Esperanto enthusiasts led by Yevgeniya Amis and Joel Amis who are former parishioners. They will be placing some memorabilia in the capsule to commemorate the Esperanto gathering at the Cathedral in 2022 and sharing some costs. More information about this next week.

## **Oasis Concerts, Saturdays at 2 pm**

### **May 20: Chansons Sacrées et Profanes**

A program exploring expressions of the sublime in Medieval song. From the divinity and miracles of the heavens to the sensuality and happenings of everyday people, musicians often blurred the boundaries between the sacred and the profane. Featuring Leah Weitzner, Namgon Lee, and Ellis Reyes Montes.

### **May 27: Ebony and Ivory**

This piano recital by Luke Welch will feature works by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor as part of his tour to celebrate his new recording, released in May, 2023. This celebrated 'Anglo-African' composer was deemed the 'Black Mahler' in recognition of his excellence as a violinist, composer, and conductor. The performance also includes works by Frederic Chopin. Featuring Luke Welch.

You can learn more about Oasis Concerts [on the Cathedral website](#).

## **Talking About Books**

Join author Mark Abley and the Cathedral's English book group by zoom on Sunday May 28 at 7 pm to hear Mark read his favourite incident from *Strange Bewildering Times*, an account of an exciting, sometimes dangerous and almost always challenging trip from Istanbul to Kathmandu in 1978, the last year when students like Mark and his companion Clare followed the Hippie Trail with a large backpack and almost no money. [Click here for the Zoom link](#).

## **National Patriots' Day / La journée nationale des Patriotes**

Are you up for a challenge? We hope you find some activities to interest you in this week's letter and that you'll be inspired by St Augustine to follow God's word.

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## 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.

<b>Sunday</b>	
8:00 a.m.	<b>Holy Communion</b> +
9:00 a.m.	<b>Sung Eucharist in French</b> +
10:30 a.m.	<b>Choral Eucharist</b> +
4:00 p.m.	<b>Choral Evensong</b> +
<b>Monday</b>	
<i>CATHEDRAL CLOSED</i>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	
12:15 p.m.	<b>Midday Eucharist</b> +
7:00 p.m.	<b>Evening Prayer and Bible Discussion in French</b> on Zoom +
<b>Wednesday</b>	
12:15 p.m.	<b>Midday Eucharist</b> +
6:00 p.m.	<b>Young Adult Supper</b> with St. Martha's Chapel +
<b>Thursday</b>	
12:15 p.m.	<b>Midday Eucharist</b> +

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**Saturday**

2:00 p.m. **Oasis Concert: Ebony and Ivory** +

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.

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