



**November 30th, 2017**

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS:**

First Reading – 2 Kings 23: 1-3

Psalm 119: 57-64

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

**HEADS UP! LEADERS FOR THIS COMING SUNDAY:**

Greeters: Youth representative & Luke Bayly

Leader: Youth representative

Counters: Mary Austin & Kuwook Cha

Prayers of the People: Voahangy Rajarison

PowerPoint: Keith Blizard

Refreshments: Anna Vanomaro & Voahangy Rajarison

Altar Guild: Shirley Harvey & Nevilla Parris

**CHOIR PRACTICES: UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICES:** Friday rehearsals 7- 8:15pm: **Dec 1, 8, 15**

**ADULTS' CHOIR PRACTICES:** Sunday Rehearsals 12:30-1:15pm: **Dec 2 (Sat. 10-noon)**, Sun. Dec 3, 10

**COMBINED CHOIR PRACTICE:** Saturday dress rehearsal- Dec 16 at 10-11:30am

**Sat. Dec. 2 – LA GUIGNOLÉE DE LA CAFÉTÉRIA COMMUNAUTAIRE MULTICAF**

Cette année, la guignolée aura lieu le samedi 2 décembre de 10h00 à 14h00. Nous sommes présentement à la recherche de conducteurs bénévoles. Veuillez me contacter par courriel ou téléphone pour confirmer votre participation ou pour toutes questions : Lena Agobian- [lena.agobian@multicaf.org](mailto:lena.agobian@multicaf.org) ou au 514-733-0554 poste 206. En espérant vous revoir en grand nombre

**THIS SUNDAY, Dec. 3 – ST. PETER'S ADVENT PARTY & ART SHOW**

Come join us after the service this Sunday. Adults will decorate the church, children will decorate the Christmas tree, we will sing carols together around the piano, look at any new art on the walls, and eat desserts together. **Volunteers are needed to provide desserts!**

**Sat. Dec. 9 – PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**

Parents, your next Parents' Night Out is coming soon! Send your kids for a fun evening from 4-7:30pm. Supper and activities provided.

**Sat. Dec. 9 – HARMONIA CONCERT**

The Harmonia Christmas concert "Moonlight, Starlight, Candlelight" is December 9 at 3 pm at St. George's Church, featuring Dancing Day by John Rutter. \$20 General Admission, \$15 Students and Seniors, Free for children under 12. Tickets will be available from Judy McLaughlan (514-697-3833), Martha McKinney and Young Sim.

### **Sat. Dec. 16 – ST. LAURENT CHURCH NETWORK CHRISTMAS BUFFET**

The St. Laurent Church Network is hosting an evening, inviting especially immigrants, to celebrate the birth and incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ at 1775 Blvd. Édouard-Laurin, St. Laurent. The evening includes a cold buffet, fun children's activities, a short gospel message in Arabic, each child will receive a \$10 gift card for Dollarama and families will go home with the Jesus film on DVD. If you can help provide food, see the sign up list on:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AoUvZyZYaq\\_GgfWG\\_3UXZJIYTpPmAkw1P-iOcmdKkQ/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AoUvZyZYaq_GgfWG_3UXZJIYTpPmAkw1P-iOcmdKkQ/edit?usp=sharing)

or if you would like to volunteer at the evening, sign-up at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IZi8lm8BgpQcQU0-xhroHvcrpS2J1esZZ88Mb3pOG4/edit?usp=sharing>

For more information: Pamela Gebauer at 514 878 3035, or speak to Chad Polito or Kristi Luger.

### **Sun. Dec. 17- LESSONS & CAROLS 11am**

This is a great service to invite friends or family, and a marvelous way to prepare for Christmas.

### **Sat. 24 Dec - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 7:30pm**

Come celebrate together the birth of Jesus! (This is a child-friendly service.) Joining us will be Dr. Wendy and Bishop Grant LeMarquand, home from Ethiopia.

**There is NO 11am service on December 24th.**

### **2018 CALENDAR HAVE ARRIVED**

If you have previously ordered a calendar from the office, please pick yours up from the back of the church this Sunday. If you still need to pay, please put your payment in an envelope labelled "Calendar" marked also with your name. Many thanks.

### **GLORIA GRAHAM**

If you would like to send Gloria Graham a Christmas card her address is: 100 Beaconsfield Blvd, Beaconsfield, H9W 3Z7

### **BETTY NASH**

Some of our members will remember Betty Nash, who was very active in St Peter's for many years. Betty passed away this week. A memorial service in the new year will be for family only. Condolences may be passed to the family through Chris.

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Our givings to end of November 2017 are \$90,002, versus \$108,375 to end of November 2016. (So we are \$18,373 behind the same time last year.) Our budgeted givings for all of 2017 are \$125,000 (compared to \$124,857 givings for 2016), so in December we need to receive \$34,998 to meet this year's budget.

### **WHY THE ART?**

From time to time visitors and newer members ask why we hang art in our worship space. Our beautiful windows, made by stained-glass artists years ago, give glory to God through their beauty and the biblical images they portray. Yet we also have much creativity among of our own members today, and so we seek to celebrate and share in these gifts--which we do by exhibiting their work. Furthermore, you may notice that most of these works are not "religious", yet by placing these works within our space of worship, we are reminded that worship is not confined to words and songs in our worship space, but that our ordinary acts of creativity can themselves be forms of worship, glorifying the Creator of beauty and creativity.

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## SERMONS ONLINE

Our Sunday sermons are now updated weekly, available on our website under the "Sermons" button on the homepage ([www.stpeterstmr.org](http://www.stpeterstmr.org); [www.stpetersvmr.org](http://www.stpetersvmr.org))

## BEQUESTS AND MEMORIALS

Corporation wishes to remind our members that a valuable means to support St Peter's financially is by providing bequests through wills, or providing memorials in memory of loved ones. Contributions of this nature are gratefully received and will be suitably acknowledged.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

If you would like to contribute to the Christmas altar flowers, please include your offering in an envelope marked "Christmas Altar Flowers" in the collection plate. Many thanks!

## LEARNING THE BIBLE BY VIDEO

New video for this week, Matthew (part 2) <https://thebibleproject.com/videos/matthew-14-28/>

## OUR CATECHISM GOES WEEKLY

To begin the new year in the church calendar, we will be reproducing in our weekly bulletin and Pulse Stages 1 & 2 of the St. Peters' Catechism, for use at home, individually or with family members. The first item is found below (the Philippians Creed.)

A catechism is a summary or overview of core beliefs, practices, and commitments of Christian faith; its purpose is to teach these core elements in a format that is easily remembered.

In the Early Church period (the first few centuries after Jesus' life), learning the local catechism was a requirement for baptism—and catechism classes normally lasted for three years! Today, however, catechism may come before or after baptism. Indeed, it can be done at any stage of one's journey of faith, whether as a new believer or as a long-term believer.

### 1. The Philippians Creed

The centre of Christian faith is Jesus Christ. In Hebrew his name is Y'shua ben Yosef—Jesus son of Joseph. 'Christ' is not Jesus' last name; rather, 'Christ' is a title adapted from Greek, meaning Messiah, or 'the Anointed One'—the one appointed by God to be humanity's Saviour. Another title for Jesus is 'Emmanuel', which is Hebrew for 'God with us'. Several texts in the New Testament are creed-like affirmations about Jesus, drawn from the life of the early Church, and the most substantial of these is Philippians 2:6-11. The word 'creed' comes from the Latin word *credo*, meaning 'I believe'. Creeds are short summaries of what the Church believes – 'This is what we believe!'

### Philippians 2:6-11

*Jesus, though being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage. Rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness; and being found in appearance as a human being, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Questions for review: In this text...

- Who is Jesus?
- What did Jesus not do?
- What did Jesus do?
- What attitudes and verbs are used to describe Jesus?
- As disciples, we are to imitate Jesus. How might we imitate his attitudes here?
- What response is anticipated at the name of Jesus?

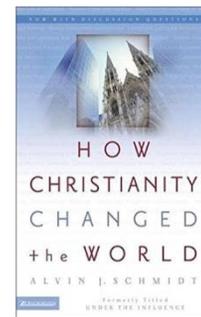
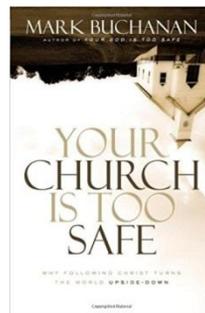
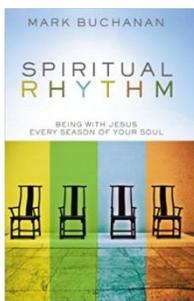
### NEW BOOKS IN OUR CHURCH LIBRARY

Please sign books out in the black binder over in the back corner. Return books after 2 weeks.

**Mark Buchanan:** *Spiritual Rhythm- Being with Jesus every Season of your Soul*

**Mark Buchanan:** *Your Church is Too Safe- Why following Christ turns the world upside-down*

**Alvin J. Schmidt:** *How Christianity Changed the World*



### PLEASE PRAY FOR

These members and friends of St. Peter's have significant health concerns. Please keep them in your prayers: Gérard Lavallée, Ave McDowell, Munroe and Judy Hammond, Gloria Graham, Wajd and Sally Khalil.