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ALL SAINTS' ALIVE

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Welcome back to All Saints Alive! Wow! Time sure does fly as the saying goes...and in our last newsletter, we were wondering if March would come arrive as a 'lion or a lamb'. The good news is that March came in blustery fashion....so we can expect a nice day next Tuesday!

In our newsletter today, we share information on the approach of Holy Week. This Sunday we celebrate 'Passion' or 'Palm' Sunday.

Also, this newsletter is our 'in memorial' edition, as we remember those who we said an earthly goodbye to in 2025. Thanks to Mary Lou Dunn, we present to you the names and photos of these individuals.

A couple of weeks ago I heard a song on the radio that caught my attention. The Tenors were singing, "Can't You Hear the Angels Calling". Both the music and the words were captivating and I encourage you to google the song and the lyrics. Here are a few lines....

"Don't cry, dry your eyes.

Can't you hear the angels calling, me up? Up above?
Can't you hear the angels calling me home? Me home?
They're calling me home"

It's often hard for us to say goodbye to our loved ones when the angels call them home. And while we may find it difficult, they are moving on to the place that has been made for them through the life of Jesus. As we approach Holy Week, we know what Christ experienced in His final days, the final supper with His disciples, the mock trial, His death on the cross and His Resurrection, were done so that we could have Everlasting Life....the Life that our family members and friends are now experiencing. And we know that when we get the call from the angels, we will once again be united with those who went on before us.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER MICHAEL

Father Michael shares with us, the significance of March 25th in our church calendar....



THE ANNUNCIATION BY HENRY OSSAWA TURNER, OIL ON CANVAS, 1898.

Today, as I write my submissions for this month's All Saints Alive, is March 25th, known in the church calendar as the Feast of Annunciation. This feast day commemorates the Angel Gabriel's visit to Mary to tell her that she will be the mother of Jesus (Luke 1:26-38). It's an unusual date for a feast day because the church traditionally does not observe feast days during Lent.

You might wonder why the church decided on March 25th to celebrate this event? The answer doesn't have anything to do with the time from Jesus' conception to birth, as attractive as that theory may be. From its early centuries, the church believed that the start of the spring equinox (25 March in the old Julian calendar) was the same day as God's creation of the world. The church reasoned that since Adam, the first man, was created in spring, then Jesus, the new man who saves us from the sin of Adam, must also have been conceived in spring. The church also believed that Jesus must have died on 25 March, since the ancient world thought that famous people die on the date of their birth.

While we don't normally celebrate this Feast, for Anglicans the Annunciation can be a way of remembering and honouring Mary's willingness to do the will of God. It's also a way of entering Holy Week by reminding ourselves that God is active in the world and works to bring about our salvation. J.R.R. Tolkien, who had a deep Christian faith, chose 25 March as the date in *The Lord of the Rings* when Frodo saves Middle Earth by throwing the Ring into Mt Doom!

NEWS AND UPDATES

All Saints resident historian, Mary Lou Dunn, shares with us a 'history bite' about Easter Lilies.

It's thought that Easter lilies came to symbolize Christ, not only because they embody purity—the trumpet shaped blooms recall the horns that heralded the resurrection of Christ. As well, the life cycle of the Easter lilies, which grow from a bulb for several years beneath the earth, then blossoming into magnificent flowers, recalls Jesus' death and resurrection. What other springtime flower could possibly represent Easter and Christ better?



Father Michael's Book Club recently met to conclude its discussion on Rev. Maggie Helwig's book, "Encampment". He shares a summary of the discussion and the thoughts about this special book.



REV. MAGGIE HELWIG AT THE ENCAMPMENT AT ST STEPHEN IN THE FIELDS.

This Tuesday a small group of parishioners concluded our book study of *Encampment: Resistance, Grace, and an Unhoused Community* by the Rev Maggie Helwig.

Mother Maggie as she is affectionately known in our Diocese is currently the priest at St Stephen in the Fields in the Kensington Market area of Toronto. *Encampment* is her chronicle of an unhoused community that called the grounds of St Stephen's home from the period of Covid to the encampment's forced removal by the City of Toronto in November 2025.

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NEWS AND UPDATES

Father Michael's Book Club Continued...

Our discussions were shaped by several questions:

What does the book teach us about the unhoused?

What does the book teach us about ourselves?

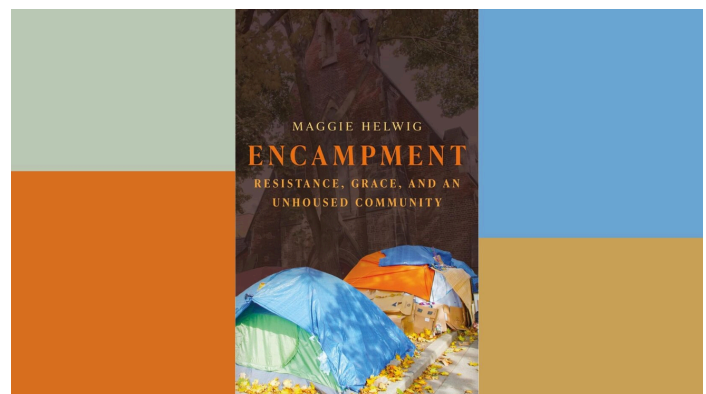
What does the book teach us about God and the church?

First, the word “unhoused” is Helwig’s, and is intended to help us avoid some of the stigma around the more common word “homeless”. We resonated with Helwig’s explanations for the housing crisis: the gentification of neighbourhoods, housing becoming a source of wealth rather than remaining a basic human need, and the lack of resources for treating addiction and mental health needs. We agreed with Helwig’s analysis because we see these trends happening all around us.

Second, the book teaches us that the unhoused can seem different from us, and yet are like us in ways that matter. Again and again, Mother Maggie teaches that the unhoused are beloved children of God and thus are no different from us. They have names and stories. They can be artistic, creative, and compassionate. They experience an ongoing dislocation that can leave them disoriented and despairing, and their mental states can often be intimidating to people like ourselves. But, as the book teaches us, we are called to love, even when our neighbours can seem frightening and unlovable.

Finally the book teaches us that the role of churches is to be places that are “safe for the most vulnerable”. This ideal can be difficult to reach in practice because of limiting factors such as insurance requirements, aging volunteers, and a lack of skills to deal with people in mental and physical distress. So we live into our baptismal calling as we can. We need to address two questions. First, how can we minister to those in need around us? Second, do we have prejudices or blind spots that keep us from seeing those in need around us?

Last Sunday, an unhoused woman who comes to All Saints frequently told me that she likes our church because “Everywhere I go people tell me to get out, but you guys tell me to come in”. That comment for me summed up the kind of church that Mother Maggie calls us to be.



NEWS AND UPDATES

Five years ago, we were still trying to find our way through Covid. As part of our All Saints Alive newsletters, Gill Elias was kind enough to provide us with her “Covid Cooking Corner Recipes”. We have searched the ASA archives and are pleased to share this recipe from the past....it combines a bit of Collingwood Whiskey and Mother Nature’s special nectar, maple syrup—into a very special dessert. Enjoy!!

Covid Cooking Corner - As I type this I don’t know whether to jump up and down for joy at this beautiful weather or to stamp my feet in frustration at another stay at home order. However, as both of these things are out of my hands, I’ll opt for the former and spend a little more time in my garden.

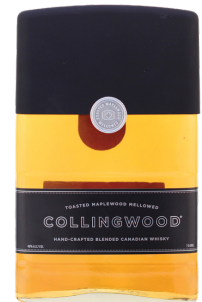
With the warmer days and cool nights the Maple Syrup production will be in full swing. So what better way to celebrate the start of spring than with a delicious dessert that uses this sweet sap and our very own Collingwood Whiskey?

Many cooks are afraid of Crème Brulee but there are two little secrets which will guarantee your success.... Firstly, add the hot cream to the eggs very slowly. You want to warm them up slowly...not scare them to death. Secondly, don’t overcook your Brulee. When it’s ready, it will still have a little jiggle in the middle. Remember it will continue cooking after you take it out of the oven. Give this recipe a try....I know you’ll love it.

Collingwood Maple Whiskey Crème Brulee Serves 6-8

Ingredients

- 5 large egg yolks
- ½ cup pure maple syrup
- ¼ cup Collingwood Rye whiskey
- 2 ¼ cups whipping cream
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- 4 tsp. maple sugar (for topping) or brown sugar



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 300*f
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the whiskey, vanilla and the egg yolks until smooth
3. Heat the whipping cream until it just begins to simmer. Add the ½ cup maple syrup, stir until warm.
4. Add a small amount of the cream mixture to the eggs and whisk. This will warm the eggs up gently and prevent them from cooking.
5. Next add the remaining cream to the eggs and whisk thoroughly.
6. Pour the custard/ cream mixture into the 6-8 ramekins.
7. Place the ramekins in a roasting pan that is at least 3 inches deep.
8. Pour 1½ inches of hot water around the ramekins (this will prevent the outsides from over- cooking) and place the roasting pan in the oven.
9. Bake for 45 minutes or until the centres are just set.
10. Remove the custards from the water bath and chill.
11. Before serving, sprinkle each ramekin with 1 tsp. of maple (or brown) sugar and place under a hot broiler until caramelized and all melted. (Don’t walk away this will happen fast)...or use a blow torch if you have one.
12. Replace in the fridge to chill.

Just before serving top the Brulee with a dribble of the Collingwood whiskey and serve with your favourite berries.

NEWS AND UPDATES

At the final Après Ski Service for 2026, Father Michael, Rev. Sharon and Canon Gord presented and blessed a number of prayer shawls that have been created by members of our Parish. These special shawls are given to individuals in our Parish and community who are in need of a spiritual uplifting as they work their way through a difficult experience.



UPCOMING SERVICES

As we approach Holy Week, please keep in mind the special services that will be held at All Saints in the next 10 days.

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29 - 9:30 A.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2 - 7 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3 - 12 NOON

EASTER VIGIL SATURDAY, APRIL 4 - 8 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - 9:30 A.M.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYERS--In your prayers this week, please remember those whose names are found on our church Pray List. We also pray for their caregivers and for all who assist others in need.

Please pray for these people during the week:

Eric Vignola

SSN

Irene McVeigh

John

Gail

Sean

Terry

Patricia

Rickey Lemire

Stephanie Plewes Howard

Lindsay

Jim Cunningham

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the parish of All Saints resides on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabe and Wendt Peoples. This acknowledgement reminds us of our responsibility to the ancestral lands on which we live, share, learn and pray.

MEMORIALS



Emma 'Rose'
Sutherland,
Rosaland
(nee Masters)



Gwen Tkatch



Francis (Fran)
Mae Bonwick
(nee Mirrlees)



Marilyn
(nee Radcliffe)
Knowles



John Roger Thomas



Lisa Gail Martin



Anne Elizabeth
Loughlin



Eleonore Gould



Stanley
Theodore Bain



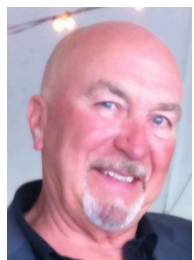
Paul Arthur Reid



Brian Donald
Ruppert



John "Jack"
Walker



John
Christopher
"Chris"
Bunting



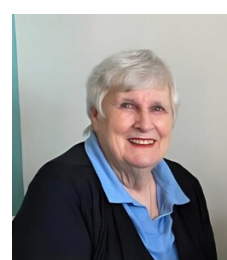
Karen Leung
(Yuk Sim)



(Joan) Moyra
Biggar (Johnson)



Dorothy June
Crowe



Rosemary F
Stephens (Winks)



Sheila Valerie
Dixon (Bond)

David Allister MacDonald March 5
Grenville Coe March 18
Beverly Ann Gamble April 15
Calem Kay McNaught April 23
Lennox Steven Dennis Jamieson August 6



Robert Dale Wills Robert Dale Willis August 17
Susan Armstrong August 21
Donnalene Lorraine Todd September 14
John Kenneth Trudgeon November 2
Audrey Hackshaw December 8

