
TRINITY TRACT - LOVE IS OUR GREATEST GIFT

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My Brothers and sisters in Christ,

When I was a girl my Mom would urge me when I was saying my prayers to “count my blessings.’ It was a good way of reminding myself to be thankful for all that God had given me. I would thank God for my Mom and Dad, my home, my friend Pearl and chocolate cookies, among other things. This simple exercise taught me that all that was good in my life, all that brought me joy was given to me through the grace of God.

As I grew older I found myself asking for more from God and thanking him less. It seemed that as life became more challenging there were fewer blessings to count. I remember mentioning this to my Mom when I was in my my twenties. Her reply was firm, “Count your Blessings!” She taught me that even in the midst of heartbreak and suffering we are blessed by the steadfast presence of our God. When we begin our prayers by giving thanks the blessings become apparent.

Here at Trinity, we have much to be thankful for. Love is our greatest gift. It is God’s greatest gift to us. Love is the greatest gift we have to offer. On Thanksgiving Sunday, we will share in the love of Christ as Kaiden Taylor receives the sacrament of Holy Baptism. We also have the privilege of celebrating Marianne Davis’ 100th Birthday. Thanks be to God for 100 years of blessings - Happy Birthday Marianne!

Today our church family will share in our Thanksgiving meal as we gather at the table of the Lord to share in the Eucharist. In fact, the word *eucharist* means “thanksgiving”. So each Sunday as we celebrate the Eucharist we share in a thanksgiving feast in which we count our blessings!

This weekend many of us will gather around tables with family and friends, to give thanks for the blessings of our lives. There will good things to eat and fellowship to share. I hope that we will remember to give thanks to our Lord, the source of all our blessings.

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, the heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Happy Thanksgiving!

Your Sister in Christ,



Canon Joyce Sanchez, Incumbent, Trinity Memorial Church



Trinity's 1st ART AUCTION held Sept 22-25

Thank you to all the artists who contributed to this event, and to all the volunteers who helped to make it happen! We raised \$2000 which will go towards Trinity's debt repayment.

Trinity artists: K. Zacy Benner, Michele Bertol, Marguerite Bilodeau, Eustace Brathwaite, Marcia Hughes, Susan Mullan, Rene Sanchez, Pamela Tait

Rene Sanchez & Susan Mullan

Trinity's 2nd Annual Neighbourhood BLOCK PARTY held Sept 25

Thank you to all who participated, and to our Deacon Jessica Bickford for all the organization! It was a great success – fantastic music, great food, amazing Art Auction, Children's face painting and games, and great to have participation from the NDG Food Depot. Over \$1100 was raised which will go towards Trinity's debt repayment.

EVENTS @ TRINITY

- Fri Oct 21 7pm "Clergy's Got Talent" Talent Show – all welcome!
Tues Oct 25 7pm **Parish Council** – Parishioners: please come out for this
Sat Nov 5 **Family Day – Art Day with Zacy, followed by Phoenix Service**
Nov 18-20 **Stewardship Workshop** – for all parishioners! More details to follow
Sat Dec 3 **Family Day Activity followed by Phoenix Service**
Sun Dec 11 6pm **Trinity Christmas Concert** \$15 donation

EVENTS in NDG & MONTREAL

- Thurs Oct 20 6pm **Mile End Mission Benefit Dinner @** Crystal reception hall in Ville Saint-Laurent. 25th anniversary, special guests from the Mission's past, live music, a raffle, live auction and dancing! Tickets \$200 per person with tax receipt for \$125. For more info: 514-274-3401, or lou.hachey@gmail.com
Fri Oct 28 7pm **William Countryman: The Scriptures in the Church - Past, Present, Future @** Fulford Hall – author of one of the EFM interlude books!
Sat Nov 5 9:30am-2:30pm **St Thomas' Fall Fair**, 6897 Somerled Ave, Baking, preserves + pickles, crafts, antiques, used books, jewellery, winter clothing + boots. Lunch served. Donations gratefully received!
Sat Nov 12 10am-2pm **St Philip's Christmas Bazaar**, Church Hall, 7505 Sherbrooke St. W, Linens, preserves, candy, baked goods, books, lunch 11:15am-1:30pm
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Trinity Incumbent, Corporation, Lay Leaders, Parish Organization Leaders

Incumbent: Canon Joyce Sanchez
Incumbent's Warden: Phyllis Mayers
Music Director & Organist: Chris Grocholski
Lay Readers: Ivan Austin, Rae Phillips
Pastoral Visitor: Velma Jones
People's Warden: Nancy Greene-Grégoire
Deputy People's Warden: Christine Blackette
Treasurer: Sandra Holder
Synod Delegate: Phyllis Mayers
Alternates to Synod: Monica Bynoe, Evan Davies
Altar Guild: Sheila Alleyne
Communications: Nancy Greene-Grégoire
Finance: Russell Brooks

Fundraising: Phyllis Mayers
Gardening: Catherine Mouldoux
Human Resources: Dion Lewis
Maintenance: Frank Dottin
Men's Fellowship: Frank Dottin
Mothers' Union: Cynthia Brooks, Quinda Sobers
Parish Communicator: Gloria Smith
Refugee Support: Nancy Greene-Grégoire
Servers' Guild: Patrick Branch
Sidespersons Coordinator: Lionel Reid
Vestry Clerk: Nancy Greene-Grégoire
