



Connections

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Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. Isaiah 6: 3

COMING SOON



In the Church calendar the first Sunday after Pentecost is Trinity Sunday, honouring the Holy Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The concept of the trinity can never be completely understood or rationalized, but it is clearly taught in Scripture. Understanding of this and all scriptural doctrine is by faith, which comes through the work of the Holy Spirit; . On Trinity Sunday, the Christian Church ponders what the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have done to accomplish our salvation. We remember the Father as our Creator, the Son as our Saviour and the Holy Spirit as our Comforter.



For many families the most important event in June is Fathers Day, June 16, when they celebrate their own dads. Some fathers are young, raising little ones along with their wives, and others are in the sunset years, enjoying their adult sons and daughters.

A wise friend once said "Spend time with your father. Take a walk. Talk. Reminisce. Tell him you love him. Give him a hug. As years go by both of you will fondly remember the great times you spent together on Father's Days." Cheers to you, daddies!

June 16 is also National Indigenous Peoples Sunday. This year, with the final report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, the day calls on all Canadians to recognize the faults of the past and vow to do better in the future.



A MILESTONE FOR OUR DEACON

We are delighted that Deacon Jacquie has faithfully served in this parish for many years. We celebrate with her the twentieth anniversary of her ordination to the diaconate on June 16.



Summer time is picnic time



On June 23, after the 10am service, we will all gather in our backyard for the Christ Church picnic. There will be games and activities for all ages, from the littlest ones to their grannies and grandpas.

This will mark the completion of a great Sunday School season. A special thank-you to the teachers and coordinator Deb Anthony.... and to the children!

Bring a picnic lunch for your family, filled with the goodies you like best - refreshments will be provided.

If June 23rd should be a rainy day, we will still picnic together, but we will use the church hall for the festivities.

Concert to benefit students in Ghana



On June 29 at 8pm Elvis Presley will be in our building in the person of Dorian Baxter, well-known Elvis impersonator and entertainer. This promises to be a fun night, and the proceeds will help university students in Ghana acquire skills and knowledge for a better future for their people in this African country. Tickets are just \$20 - see Eleanor for tickets or Guy Babineau for information.

Giants in Christian History

On June 24 the church remembers John the Baptist, who baptized Jesus, recognizing him as the promised Messiah for whom the Jews had been waiting for generations. John was a prophet of priestly origin. He believed and taught his followers that the Day of Judgment was coming soon, and baptized repentant people in preparation for this event.

John is the patron saint of the Province of Québec, and June 24 is a holiday in that province in his honour.

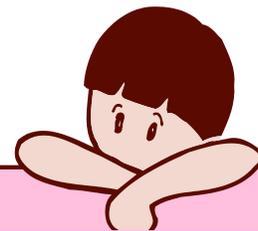
Two of the greatest of the followers of Jesus, Peter and Paul, are remembered on June 29. They could not have been more different. Peter was a close associate of Jesus from the beginning of his public ministry. Paul never met Jesus, and was a persecutor of Christians until the Lord intervened directly on the road to Damascus and changed his life.

Peter was a fisherman, not illiterate, but not a student of the Mosaic Law. Paul was a Pharisee, highly educated and zealous about the rituals of his Jewish faith.

Peter's name was originally Simon, until Jesus gave him the new name of Peter, meaning rock, and said, "Upon this rock I will build my church." (*Matt. 16: 18*) Paul's name had been Saul of Tarsus, until he changed it to Paul to represent his new life in Christ.

Peter became the wise leader of the church in Jerusalem, while Paul travelled great distances for twenty years to establish congregations in Asia Minor and at least three in Europe.

These two men, so different and yet so united in their passion for the faith, are recognized as the most influential apostles in the early days of Christianity. In fact Paul, because of his many letters to young churches, is considered to be one of the greatest religious leaders of all time.



BAPTISM – SACRAMENT OF BELONGING

On **SUNDAY, JULY 14**, we will welcome new members into the world-wide Christian fellowship through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

BAPTISM ... Where does it come from? What symbols do we use, and why? Why is it important in becoming a Christian?

SACRAMENT ... What is it? What does it represent to a Christian?

BELONGING ... How does it feel when you belong? What are the responsibilities of belonging?

These are just a few of the questions which are explored in depth by parents, godparents and sponsors in our **BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM**. Participation in this program is a pre-requirement for the baptism of infants and adults. If older children are to be baptized, they will participate in a special program designed for them. These programs will be offered during the weeks leading up to Baptismal Sunday.

The early Christians professed their faith that **JESUS IS LORD**. In the helter-skelter of today's modern living, Baptism can be the springboard to a free and abundant life

For further information and to register for Baptism, please contact Pastor Pam. The Christ Church phone number is 416-261-4169



YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR FAITH

COMMUNITY: Vigg, Annet, Carol, Cathy, Barb, Dushy, Anne, Joan, John, Corinne, Bill, Myrna.

Scripture readings June 16 Proverbs 8: 1 to 4 and 22 to 31, Psalm 8, Romans 5: 1 to 5, John 16: 12 to 15

Readings June 23 1 Kings 19: 1 to 4 (5 to 7) and 8 to 15a, Psalm 42, Galatians 3: 23 to 29, Luke 8: 26 to 39

Readings June 30 2 Kings 2: 1, 2 and 6 to 14, Psalm 77: 1, 2 and 11 to 20, Galatians 5: 1 and 13 to 25, Luke 9: 51 to 62

