

November 29, 2015

1st Sunday of Advent

Readings: JEREMIAH 33:14-16

LUKE 21:25-36

Advent 1 “Wait, Watch, and Worship”

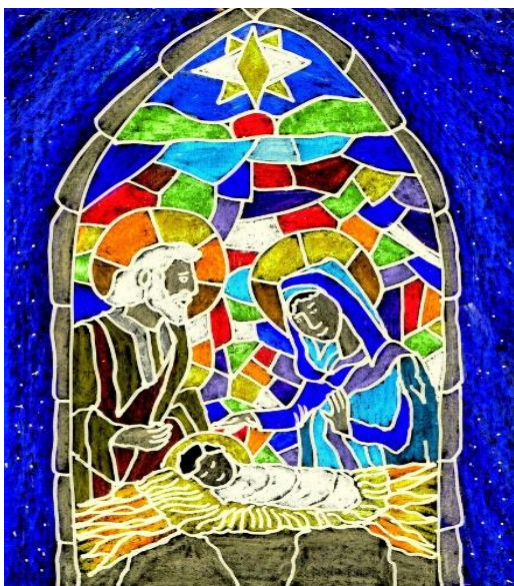
The ‘*Conspiracy of Advent*’ is to Spend Less, Love All, Give More, and Worship Fully.

To quote the Advent Conspiracy website, “Can Christmas still change the world? The Christmas story is a story of love, hope, redemption and relationship. So, what happened? How did it turn into stuff, stress and debt? Somehow, we’ve traded the best story in the world for the story of what’s on sale.”

It is not enough to say no to the way Christmas is celebrated by many; we need to say yes to a different way of celebrating. Let’s conspire to change the way we celebrate Christmas. Invite your world into a better Christmas story!

For a sneak peek of what our **Advent Conspiracy** will look like, [watch this video](#)

Parish News



‘Conspiracy of Advent’: Spend Less, Love All, Give More, and Worship Fully.

Please send us a picture of how you experience God in your life. How do you reflect how God engages with you through the week? It may be a family picture, a special work moment, a vacation somewhere; something that makes the connection between yourself and the divine.

Send your pictures to rector@incarnationchurch.ca

November 29th- “Spend less”

December 6th- “Love All” - speaker Rev. Scott McLeod - Refugee coordinator for Diocese of Niagara

December 13th- “Give More”- speaker Enver Domingo in conjunction with International Human Rights day

December 20th- “Worship Fully”- Youth Christmas Presentation

December 20, 4 PM,
Incarnation Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service.

A service filled with music led by an expanded Incarnation Choir, with carol singing, guest musicians, ending with a candle-lit sanctuary. Please mark your calendars and invite friends.



Refugee Sponsorship –

If you would like to support the Diocese of Niagara 140th Anniversary Campaign, envelopes are available on the greeter’s table. Also, below and attached to the email is a template of a letter you may wish to use to solicit support from people around you- friends, family, colleagues

Dear Friends and Family,

As you know, the global refugee crisis is at historical proportions. My church, Church of the Incarnation, is stepping up and has made an application to sponsor a refugee family and then assist them in getting re-settled somewhere here in southern Ontario. We need to fund raise approximately \$25,000 to privately sponsor a family or 4-5 people and to date, without much effort we have raised about \$3000 so far. This application is not associated with the 25,000 refugees that the Federal Government has committed to bringing in. We expect our application to take about 12 to 16 months. We will certainly keep you informed as we move through this process

If you have ever wondered how you personally can help a refugee family that is in need of a home, please consider making a tax-deductible donation to my church, Church of the Incarnation. Every little bit helps! I will be collecting cheques made out to “Church of the Incarnation” between now and December 20. Please write, “Refugee Fund” in the notes section of your cheque.

Please contact me if you need any more information.

Thank you for your consideration and support.



The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence

The [16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence](http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/commemoration/vaw-vff/index-en.html) began on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on November 25 and ends on International Human Rights Day, December 10. To show your support, wear a white ribbon in honouring this important occasion. Ribbons are available at Incarnation
For more information and to take the pledge to end violence visit:
<http://www.swc-cfc.gc.ca/commemoration/vaw-vff/index-en.html>

Parish Council Meeting

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Sunday, November 29, after the 10:00 service.
Please have your reports to Jim Stevens by Friday November 27

faithcommitment 2016

Faith Commitment Forms –
The 2016 Faith Commitment toolkits have been mailed out. Please give this some thoughtful consideration and return your completed forms to the office by November 29.

Should you require additional information or need assistance to complete your 2016 Faith Commitment cards, please contact Lois Maclauchlan (905-827-6152 or loismacl@sympatico.ca), or Mac Morrison (905-469-0524 or mmorrison12@cogeco.ca)



Youth Group Meeting Sunday, November 29

Thanks to all who have been participating and building this group. Let's keep the energy going - Bring your ideas and enthusiasm!



Poinsettias

We'll have a selection of poinsettias available for purchase starting Sunday December 13. You can buy one for your home, or purchase one in memory of someone. Those purchased in memory of, will be used as decoration throughout the church, and the names will be included in our prayers. (Poinsettias may not be exactly as shown)

Choir Practice



Choir Practice – Wednesdays at 7:30

Christmas Choir rehearsals begin on November 11 at 7:30 to prepare for our Lessons and Carols service on December 20, and the Christmas Eve 7 and 10:30 PM services. All are welcome to join.

The Christmas Market

Christmas Market – Many thanks!

Many, many thanks to all the volunteers, shoppers and especially the committee members for making this year's Christmas Market our most successful yet.

Wrap-up meeting – Tuesday, December 1 at 7pm



Contemplative Fire Service – Sunday, December 13, 8:00pm.

Are you looking for time to reflect, meditate and recharge your spiritual life? Each meeting begins with a communal sharing of food followed by quiet and intentional reflection in the gathering area. The response to this service has been very encouraging. We continue to see new faces at each meeting and look forward to growing this community.

For more information, please speak to Michael. All are welcome.



Wing and a Prayer - Thursday, November 26

We meet at 6:30pm at Monaghan's. Cost: \$25 per person including food and drink. RSVP Rob Moniuk (Robert@Moniuk.ca).

Everyone is welcome!

Community News



Syl Apps Youth Centre

Christmas Wish List

The Syl apps Youth Centre is looking for gift items suitable for youth aged 12-19. See the attachments to this email for more information about how you can help make Christmas morning more joyful youths struggling with mental health



Oakville Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday, December 2, doors open at 6:45am, Le Dome Banquet Centre

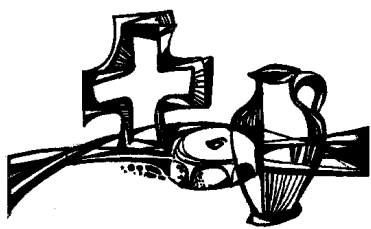
The featured speaker is Mike Reinders, the President of Maple Reinders Group a family and employee owned construction company focusing on buildings and environmental facilities. Mike will speak about his experiences and how he tries to live out his faith in all of his activities, while balancing his commitments to family, church, work and leisure.

Please see Michael if you're interested in attending.

This & That



Volunteering – needed for altar prep, greeters, hosts and coffee preparation. **Youth** can gain some volunteer high school hours. Training will be provided. Contact Claudine Boulert, at boulert@rogers.com for more information, or call 905-825-2851.



Receiving Communion

All people at Incarnation are invited to receive the bread and wine at communion. The bread is received from the priest who stands between the servers who offer wine from the common cup; choose whatever side is free. You may choose to receive from an individual wine cups available to the left of the altar. Take one, consume the wine and replace the empty cup in the same spot. We hope this provides an inclusive approach to communion whereALL are welcome.

Volunteer Schedule

	November 29	December 6
Bread Making	L. Hickey	A. Moniuk
Altar Prep	M. Stevens	W. MacDougall
Coffee	J. Lockhart	Bowden
Coffee	A. Turner-Sommer	Gowing
Host	F. Berrizbeitia	A. MacNaughton
Reader 1	K. Pitt	B. Hanna-Morrison
Gospel	S. Hutchinson	K. Pitt
Prayers	J. Grieve	L. Hickey
Server 1	A. Turner-Sommer	D. Bold
Server 2	P. Moffat	J. Stevens
Wine Cups	C. Boulert	Z. Boulert
Counting	J. Raitt	A. MacDougall