

3 Reflections on Mother's Day

"A printed card means nothing except that you are too lazy to write to the woman who has done more for you than anyone in the world." These are the words of Anna Jarvis, founder of the Mother's Day holiday in the United States. It seems within a decade of creating the holiday, Ms. Jarvis was already soured by its commercialization, and I can't say I blame her.

Here's the thing, go check out a human physiology DVD from your local library and watch the section on birth. Yeah, your mom endured that so you can be here today, so a \$3 card every 12 months doesn't really compensate her for the effort. In fact, it's almost an insult.

That's why I don't buy my mom cards, and I don't send her flowers, at least not on the second Sunday in May. Instead I usually make her a ridiculous drawing that depicts Lando Calrissian and me playing golf. And I do this without a trace of guilt, because the rest of the year I make a conscious effort to give my mother all the love and honor she deserves. I think Ms. Jarvis would approve.

—Chad Gibbs is the author of *God and Football* (Zondervan, August 2010).



Our first child was born last July, so this Mother's Day will be my first as an actual mom. As a child, Mother's Day consisted of making homemade cards, taking mom breakfast in bed and doing what we could to give her a "day off" from mothering.

I think, when God looks at my relationship with my mother, He sees an old blanket full of holes. Some of the holes have been patched up, but gaping ones remain. I often wish my mom and I could go back and stop the tears in our relationship when the damage was still minimal and easier to repair. I worry about the hurts my son and I will inflict on each other in the years to come and how holey our blanket might look when he is my age.

I've spent the last several days with my mom and her family, mourning and celebrating the sudden loss of her father. In light of his unexpected passing, I've decided that the best way for me to celebrate my mom this Sunday is to get to work on some of those bigger holes in need of mending in our relationship, in hopes that our son will see us offering each other grace for past wounds and do the same for me some day.

—Sara Sterley is Deputy Editor of the Burnside Writers Collective and a regular contributor to RELEVANT Magazine.



C.S. Lewis counted four; but what's the word for a seemingly insane Love? Love that incites bitter arguments, only to dissolve them within seconds? That cheerfully inflicts pain, however deserved? As a stay-home dad, I enjoy that part: "My ears can't hear ugly talk." "Supper will taste that much better." "Why did the cat bite you? Maybe because you poked her with chopsticks?" Mom taught me how to speak: LIKE A MOM. For a long time—until I had a child, right—I imagined Mom was the insane one. What else could explain a Love that so deranged my plans? Mom's Love didn't make demands, exactly;

but if I forgot to call, Love deftly conjured Guilt. "Sounds like you're keeping busy." I meant to call! "We probably wouldn't have been home anyway." I'M SUCCESSFUL—ISN'T THIS WHAT YOU WANTED???" "What I want isn't important." Time to chalk up Mother Love on the big board, along with ... Agape! Eros! Storge! Philia! (Give your Mom a call, now, will ya?)

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This Week at Inca



Claim That Tune Fundraiser

Do you have a favourite hymn or piece of “church” music that you would love to hear on a Sunday morning? Would you like to surprise a friend or family member with one of their favourite hymns performed in their honour? If the answer is yes, then this fundraiser is for you. *Claim that Tune* is a new fundraiser which allows individuals to participate in the selection of music at our Sunday morning services. All proceeds will be used to support the general work of the Church of the Incarnation and our wonderful music program.

Option 1 – Choose an Old Favourite - Minimum Donation - \$25*

Choose a hymn from Voices United or our library of sheet music. Charlene and the Music Committee will consult with you and your pick will be featured on a Sunday of your choice.

Option 2 – Choose a New Favourite - Minimum Donation - \$50*

Suggest a new piece of music. Charlene and the Music Committee will review your choice and its availability. Upon acceptance, Charlene and the Music Committee will consult with you on dates and your pick will be featured on a Sunday of your choice. If your new music is for a particular season (e.g. Christmas) be sure to give Charlene lots of notice. Once acquired, this new piece of music will become part of the Incarnation musical library and available for future use.

**Please note, depending upon the cost of the music copyright, you may be required to contribute to the acquisition costs in addition to the minimum donation amount.*

Claim That Tune donation envelopes are available on the Greeters’ table.



Saturday Jazz Series continues – doors open 6:30, music starts at 7pm

May 26th The Karen Thornton Band - As a child of the 70’s, you’ll hear folk and soul influences in her song writing, as well as the jazz voicing she learned from the standards.

Over the years Karen has fronted her own Jazz Trio, R&B band and sang with the Russ Little Big Band, recorded jingles and back up for other artists.

June 23rd Melissa Lauren Band <https://www.melissalaurenmusic.ca>

Tickets - \$15 at the door. Come anytime. Refreshments, light snacks, and burgers available for purchase.



Spring Cleaning Continues Outdoors!

~~Saturday May 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m~~

RESCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MAY 26 9-4PM

PIZZA WILL BE SERVED!!

- General pickup on our property
- Placement of crushed stone in driveway
- Repair of fence on west side of property
- Raking and clearing of area to south of Church
- Wash exterior windows
- And many other exterior ODD JOBS



Karma Yoga Returns, Friday, May 18

Great news! We’re starting up another round of sessions in a few weeks. We’ll be meeting at the church every Friday at 7 PM starting May 18th. As soon as it warms up outside, we are looking at moving the sessions to the grass on Wednesdays.

The classes are \$5 each, which helps keep them running, and is payable to Eryl before the start of each class. We look forward to seeing you on your mat



Contemplative Fire - Thank you

The organizers of Contemplative Fire would like to thank all those who attended and gained spiritual comfort in our gatherings.

We have made the difficult decisions to end these gatherings. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please talk to Michael



Christmas Market Meeting

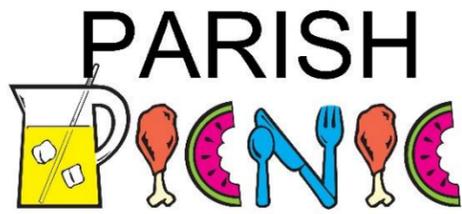
The Christmas Market team will be meeting on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 in the chapel. Never too early to plan!

Start thinking about gently loved items for our trinkets and treasures table, gifts for our gift baskets and items for our silent auction.



Wing and a Prayer – May 24

We meet at 6:30pm at Monaghan’s. Cost: \$25 per person including food and drink. RSVP Winkie Macdougall. Everyone is welcome!



PICNIC IN THE PARK – June 3

Please mark your calendars for a Picnic in the Park following the service on June 3rd. We will have a fun time to kick off summer with a relaxed picnic in our beautiful green space. Bring your lawn chair or blanket for comfort. There will be activities for the kids and of course, lots of food!

Sign-up sheets are on the back table



Incarnation Choir Rehearsals Wednesdays at 7:15

If you are interested in sharing your voice, please join us at one of our Wednesday rehearsals, or speak to Charlene after a 10:00 service.

Rehearsal is cancelled on May 23, and our last few rehearsals of the season will be held on May 16, 30 and June 6.

Special guest Vocalist on June 3

Enjoy a musical treat on June 3 as we welcome Elisabeth Dubois to sing the solo in Rossini's piece for Choir and Soprano, "I Will Give Thanks Unto Thee".

Please join us for this special morning!

Community News



Halton Green Screens

Halton Green Screens shows environmental films on the second Thursday of the month film.ca on Speers Road. For more details, go to [Halton Green Screens](#)

May 10 – More Than Honey - is a film on the relationship between mankind and honeybees, about nature and about our future

June 14 – Amateur Film Festival



Witnessing For Peace

The work of Christian Peacemakers International will be featured in a public meeting to be held on **Friday, May 11th at 7:30** here at Incarnation

Fr. Robert Holmes, who has participated several times in Peacemaker teams, will give an illustrated presentation about the impact of the Israeli military occupation upon the daily lives of Palestinians. Included in the evening will be a video describing the Nakbah which is the Palestinian word for the loss of their land and homes which took place when Israel declared its unilateral independence 70 years ago in 1948.



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This & That



ECO Justice Group: The Problem with Plastics

The eco justice group will continue to look at this problem over the next few weeks and present sustainable solutions to common single- use plastic household items. If you have an idea to share, bring it along with you to church. Together we can be part of the solution, not part of the problem.



Looking to Volunteer?

We have lots of way you can get involved. Positions include: altar prep, greeters, readers, hosts and coffee preparation. **Youth** can gain some volunteer high school hours. Training will be provided. Contact Julia Lockhart if you are interested in helping out. Don't forget to mark changes to the schedule on the master copy in the office.



Milk Bag Collection

We're still collecting Milk bags for the kids at Ellengale Public School



Our recycling efforts! New procedures

Thank you to all our hard-working volunteers who prepare the coffee and help with the set-up and clean-up of our premises. The daycare has been testing a new green bin routine with much success. We have almost completely eliminated critter attacks!

- Start a new **SMALL** green bin for each service or event. Before leaving, tie off the bag and move the **SMALL** green bin waste to the shed and deposit into the **LARGE** green bin. This will eliminate any critter attacks. No green bins are to be left in the kitchen or out the back door after each event. If you don't know where the key to the shed is located, please ask a Warden or office staff.
- Green bin liners are located in one of the 3 stacked multi-coloured baskets in the kitchen on the counter by the small sink
- All recycling must be emptied after each coffee hour or event. The large blue recycling bins are located at the back door. Please dump all recycling into the larger bins before leaving the church.



Changes to Order of Service or Bulletin News - Any changes need to be sent to the office by Tuesday, noon. office@incarnationchurch.ca

Nametags let people know who you are and make it helpful for people to put names to faces, especially for newcomers



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 where all are welcome.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	May13	May 20
Bread Making	J. Lockhart	A. Moniuk
Altar Prep	B. Hanna-Morrison	A. Moniuk
Coffee 1	J. Lockhart	P. Moffat
Coffee 2	A. Turner-Sommer	J. Smith
Host 1	P. Moffat	D. Anderson
Host 2	J. Smith	W. Macdougall
Reader 1	J. Bowden	M. Stevens
Gospel	J. Lockhart	G. Chambers
Prayers	J. Grieve	M. Russell
Server 1	P. Moffat	W. Burk
Server 2	A. Moniuk	T. Burk
Wine Cups	E. Rago	S. Williams
WSRF	M. Morrison	V. Moniuk
Counting	P. Moffat	J. Raitt

Please Note:

Thanks to all of you who update the master copy in the office – very helpful for me!

There are a few printed copies of the May-June schedule in the office, or

[DOWNLOAD THE MAY/JUNE SCHEDULE HERE](#)