

2503 Côte St-Charles  
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# UNITED NEWS

From the Hudson Pastoral Charge

December 2022

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## Gifts with Vision

Gift a gift in someone's name (or just on your own behalf) and make a difference in the world. Go to <https://giftswithvision.ca/> and find the ideal Christmas gift that will make a difference and not add to anyone's clutter. The perfect gift for the person who has everything!

## Fundscrip Cards

A wide array of retail categories such as groceries, gas, home improvement, department stores, restaurants, coffee shops, clothing stores and many more are available. Buying them this way will save you time, energy, and let you help raise funds. Contact Mona at 450-458-7545 or [mojoli@msn.com](mailto:mojoli@msn.com). Deadline to order in time for Christmas is December 10.

## Christmas Flowers

Lisa & John will once again be selling flowers this holiday season. Cyclamen, Poinsettias, Cactus, Kalanchoe & Calandiva will be available all throughout December! Another great gift idea for a family member or friend!

## From the Minister

Advent - From the Latin, "coming, arrival". In this season we anticipate the three-fold arrival of Christ - Christ in the manger in Bethlehem, Christ incarnate in the world; Christ in our hearts and our lives of this day; and the return of Christ. It is a time of anticipation AND preparation. We prepare to celebrate the birth - with the ongoing risk of the gift of Jesus being obliterated by the wrappings and trappings of what Christmas has become in the world, with the mad dash to spend as much as we can on gifts and more. We prepare for Christ's arrival in our lives - by paying more attention to God's word spoken through scripture, shared in worship, imbued by the Spirit. And we prepare for the return... by doing exactly the same thing, and turning the Word into action, boldly acting for justice, peace and love.



## Work Done at the Cote, and Next Steps

At the Cote Church major work has been completed - with the pouring of the foundation for the elevator extension, installation of effective drainage and the complete waterproofing of the foundation of the whole building. The next steps include two request for quotes - one primarily for interior 'demolition' (removing of walls, etc; and one primarily for construction. We hope to have that documentation ready by December 12 so that work can continue, especially inside, during the winter months.

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## ZOOM INFORMATION:

Click <https://zoom.us/j/4939842064>

Or call: 438-809-7799,

Use meeting ID 493 98 42 064 #

If ever you are asked for a password,  
we will use 458

### Blue Christmas

A jolly, jolly world.... But you may not be feeling jolly all the time. Well, Santa Claus may be jolly, but that is not the message of the gospels. Jesus was incarnate, living a very real life. Born in a barn, and then becoming a refugee in a foreign land. A life with sickness and grief and a heart bursting with compassion for those who were suffering. And his own encounters with and recognition of grief. So if jolly is not what you feel every minute of the day - then our Blue Christmas is meant just for you: A quiet recognition of the darker parts of our lives - anxieties, illnesses, griefs and more - and including the lighting of candles: our defiance in the face of darkness. Please feel welcome to join us on Zoom for this service: **Wednesday, December 21, at 7:30PM.** Bring a candle (wax or LED) if you have one available.



### Donations

Any donations to church should be given by December 31 in order to get a receipt for this year. Thanks



Christmas Eve is the time of one of our greatest celebrations of the year (next to Easter). We have two services that are different in nature as well as in time.

#### 7:00PM - Family Service

We welcome adults, youth and children. The Christmas story is re-lived in word, lively music and story. (@ St-James Anglican Church Hall. Parking is across the street to leave room for St-James members). This is a hybrid service for those wish to worship on-line.

#### 11:00PM - Celebration of Communion

This later service is a little quieter, and yet the joy is clear. Music, word, reflection bring us to the stable. This is a communion service - but only on Zoom. Thus you are invited to prepare your own elements of bread (or muffin, or...) and juice (or other beverage).

## DECEMBER 25 & JANUARY 1

There will NOT be services by ourselves on Sunday, December 25, nor on Sunday, January 1.

There are options that you are encouraged to pursue:

#### - St-Mary's/St-James

St-Mary's Anglican Church will have a Holy Eucharist service at 10:00AM. on Christmas Day

St-James Anglican will have a service at 10:00AM on New Year's Day

#### - Mount-Royal United

Holding a service on New Year's Day at 10:30AM on Zoom only. The Meeting ID is 836 4624 2808

#### - Trinity Anjou

Will also welcome you. They will be worshipping on Christmas Day at 10:30, and New Year's Day at 11:00AM. Zoom info for both services: Meeting ID: 409 899 9875; Passcode: 901455.