



## Celebrate Christmas At St. James the Apostle

### Christmas Eve

December 24, 2011  
Choral Eucharist (with Harps)  
10:00 pm

### Christmas Morning

December 25, 2011  
Sung Eucharist  
10:00 am



Wishing you and your family  
a quiet and peaceful  
Advent Season  
as we wait in joyful hope  
to celebrate the coming  
of our Saviour, Jesus Christ



### Mission Statement

As a community of Anglican Christians set in the heart of Montreal, we are called to nurture our common faith and life through prayer, sacraments, Christian teaching and fellowship, and to relate to the wider community by sharing faith and responding to needs.

## Church of St. James the Apostle

### Schedule of Regular Services

#### Sundays

08:30 am Holy Communion (said)  
10:00 am Adult Bible Study  
11:00 am Sung Eucharist  
(1st, 2nd & 4th week)  
Sung Morning Prayer  
(3rd & 5th week)

#### Wednesdays

12:15 pm Bread for the Body,  
Food for the Soul  
Celebration of the Eucharist, soup  
and reflection

#### Office Hours

Monday to Friday  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

#### Church Hours

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9:00 am to 2:00 pm

#### Incumbent

The Rev'd Canon Linda Borden Taylor

#### Curate

The Rev'd Robert Camara

#### Honorary Assistants

The Ven. Peter D. Hannen  
The Rev'd Professor Patricia G. Kirkpatrick

#### Director of Music

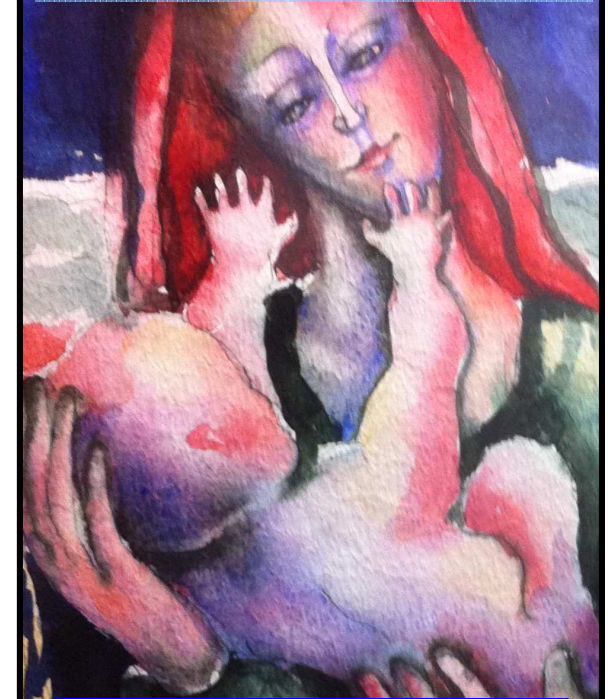
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#### Administrative Assistant

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## Pondering These Things

An Advent Study 2011



A 4-session study and  
reflection on Mary,  
the mother of Jesus  
Led by  
the Rev'd Robert Camara  
**Sundays, November 27<sup>th</sup>  
December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup>  
at 12:30 pm**

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## Pondering These Things:

A 4-session study and reflection on Mary, the mother of Jesus

Mary is a constant presence in our culture, society and history. Women and men are named after her, as are places, towns, villages and churches. Her imprint on Christianity, art, poetry, music, theology and every day living has been felt and seen all over the world.

Join us on Sunday afternoons for an hour over a light lunch and discussion as we reflect on Mary, the mother of Jesus.



**Sunday,  
November  
27<sup>th</sup>—Advent 1**

As we begin our study and discussion of Mary, we look at the woman who points us to the Messaiah—the Son of God.

We will look to Scripture to examine references to

Mary and we will begin to discuss how Mary's "Yes" is a marvelous and courageous statement and leap of faith which we, ourselves, are called to make.

We will conclude the first session with a reflection on the icon *The Hodegetria*. In the days of this first week of Advent we hope you will be able to pray and reflect using this icon as a tool to focus on your own "yes" and how we are called to point the way to the Word made flesh in the world we live in.



**Sunday,  
December  
4<sup>th</sup>—Advent 2**

In this second session on Mary, the mother of Jesus, we will spend some time looking at some of the apocryphal writings about Mary, to help us understand who

this woman was, based on literature that rose up in the early centuries around the stories shared of the Mother of the Messiah.

We will conclude the second session with a reflection on the icon *The Eleousa*. In the days of this second week of Advent we hope you will be able to pray and reflect using this icon as a tool to focus on how Mary embraced all that it meant to be the Mother of Jesus and what it means for us to embrace Jesus, like Mary.



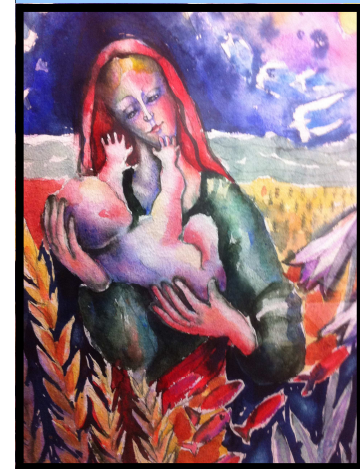
**Sunday,  
December  
11<sup>th</sup>—Advent 3**

During the third session on Mary, the mother of Jesus, we will look at how the early church came to understand the mother of Jesus and how we as

Anglicans today, with our Roman Catholic

brothers and sisters understand Mary as a figure of the Church.

We will conclude the third session with a reflection on the icon *The Orans*. In the days of this third week of Advent we hope you will be able to pray and reflect using this icon as a tool to focus on the "God-bearer" and how we are called to be ourselves God-bearers.



**Sunday,  
December  
18<sup>th</sup>—Advent 4**

In this final week of Advent, the week before Christmas, we will spend some time looking at the ways that Mary has found her way into the popular culture of our days. As

Montrealers, we

take for granted how present the person of Mary is all around us—Ville Marie, Notre-Dame-de-Grace, schools, churches, music, art, poetry, civic status and culture.

We will conclude this final session with a reflection on the icon *The Alberta Madonna*. In these last days of Advent leading up to Christmas we hope you will be able to pray and reflect using this icon as a tool to focus on how Mary has become a universal persona and what that means for our understanding of what she stands for and how we embrace her as the mother of Jesus in our own context.

