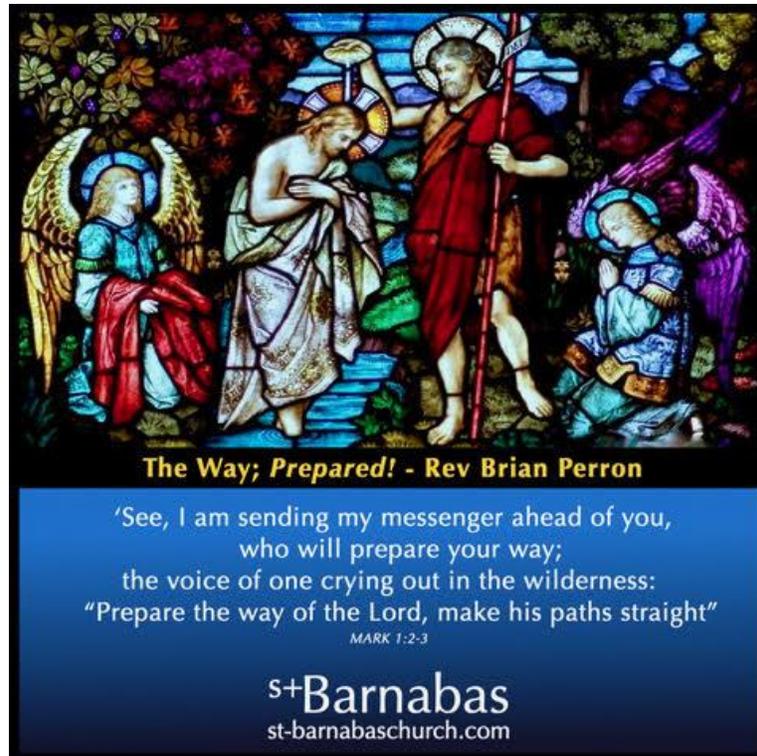


Sunday, December 6, 2020 | dimanche, le 6 décembre 2020

We encourage you to follow along with the service bulletin that continues below.  
More announcements and updates follow at the end of the service.



"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."  
*Matthew 3:11-12*

Moi, je vous baptise d'eau en vue de la repentance, mais celui qui vient après moi est plus puissant que moi et je ne suis pas digne de porter ses sandales. Lui, il vous baptisera du Saint-Esprit et de feu. Il a sa pelle à la main; il nettoiera son aire de battage et il amassera son blé dans le grenier, mais il brûlera la paille dans un feu qui ne s'éteint pas. *Matthieu 3:11-12*

Welcome:

**Announcement regarding Holiday Services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day**

The corporation of St-Barnabas is getting the building ready for holiday services.

We are taking into account safety and sanitization procedures.

**Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**4 pm in Memorial Hall, which is designed for easy access during daytime**

**7 pm in the Church – (due to Covid, the elevator will not be accessible)**

**Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**10 am in the Church – (due to Covid, the elevator will not be accessible)**

It is mandatory to sign up for a service you would like to attend as there is a maximum of 25 individuals per service. **Please send us an email:** [barnabas@bellnet.ca](mailto:barnabas@bellnet.ca)



**Church Offering Envelopes:** St-Barnabas Giving Envelope boxes are being reordered. Recently, many parishioners have decided to give to our church using online technology and no longer require a box of envelopes. However, everyone who gives will retain a designated number, although in some instances, your number may change. **If you no longer require a box of envelopes, please let us know.** Otherwise we will order a box for you and we will expect to distribute your new box at the end of the year. Thank you to all who continue to support our church financially.

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#### **Advent Two - LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: Peace**

During this season of Advent we become aware of our need for preparation, an ongoing process of seeking God through and beyond the liturgical season of Advent. In the lighting of the five candles represented in the advent wreath we will acknowledge five important elements within our life; Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, and Jesus, the Christ. The peace of Christ is a spiritual peace from and with God, a peace from within the heart. Peace is the ultimate result of the gospel and Spirit of Christ. Let us give praise to God for the Peace of Christ:

**Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.** *Romans 5:1-2*

We light these two candles in the hope and peace through the promises written and delivered to us by the prophets in the word of God.

*Let us pray in peace:*

**Lord God creator, strengthen our faith, that through joy with hope we may be prepared to love one another, and know your peace in the return of our Lord, Jesus the Christ.**

**Opening Hymn - There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying** <https://youtu.be/cQf31iPBaDM>

There's a voice in the wilderness crying,  
a call from the ways untrod:

Prepare in the desert a highway,  
a highway for our God!  
The valleys shall be exalted,  
the lofty hills brought low;  
make straight all the crooked places  
where the God, our God, may go!

O Jerusalem, herald good tidings,  
ascend to the heights and sing!  
Proclaim to a desolate people  
the coming of their king.  
Like flow'rs of the field we perish,  
like grass our works decay;  
the pow'r and the pomp of nations  
shall pass like a dream away.

But the word of our Savior is faithful,  
the arm of our God is strong,  
who stands in the midst of the nations  
and soon will right the wrong.  
Lord, feed your flock like a shepherd,  
the lambs so gently hold;  
in pastures of peace now lead them,  
and bring them to your fold.

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a call from the ways untrod:  
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the lofty hills brought low;  
make straight all the crooked places  
where the God, our God, may go!

#### THE PENITENTIAL RITE

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. *2 Cor 5:17-19*

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your**

**will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### MORNING PRAYER -

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

**Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Will you not give us life again,

**That your people may rejoice in you?**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,

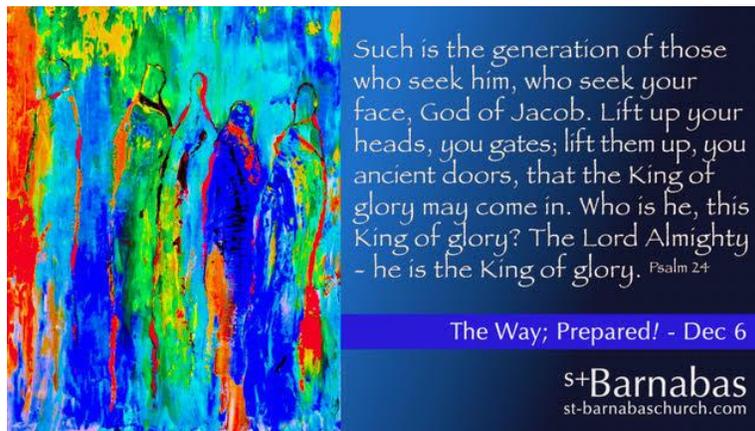
**And grant us your salvation.**

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest**

#### THE INVITATORY

The kingdom of God is at hand: O come, let us worship.



#### Psalm 24 *The King of glory*

**Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty - he is the King of glory.**



Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' Lift up your voice, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'  
Isaiah 40:5-6,

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### Proclaiming the Word - A reading from Isaiah 40:1-11 *God's People Are Comforted*

<sup>1</sup> Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup> A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup> Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' <sup>6</sup> A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. <sup>9</sup> Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' <sup>10</sup> See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup> He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

*The word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**



Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, who turn to him in their hearts. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.  
Psalm 85

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### Psalm 85 *Prayer for the Restoration of God's Favour*

Lord, you were favourable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.**

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

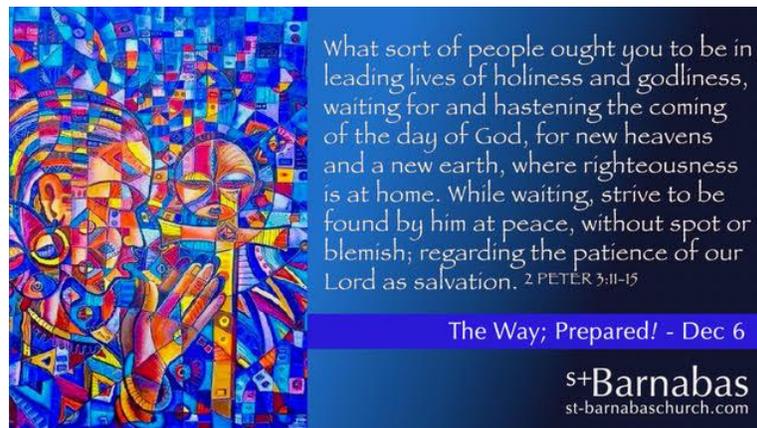
**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.**



#### A READING FROM 2 PETER 3:8-15

<sup>8</sup>But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. <sup>11</sup>Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup>But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

#### *Final Exhortation and Doxology*

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15</sup>and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

*The word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn - On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry <https://youtu.be/II3adNhVgL4>

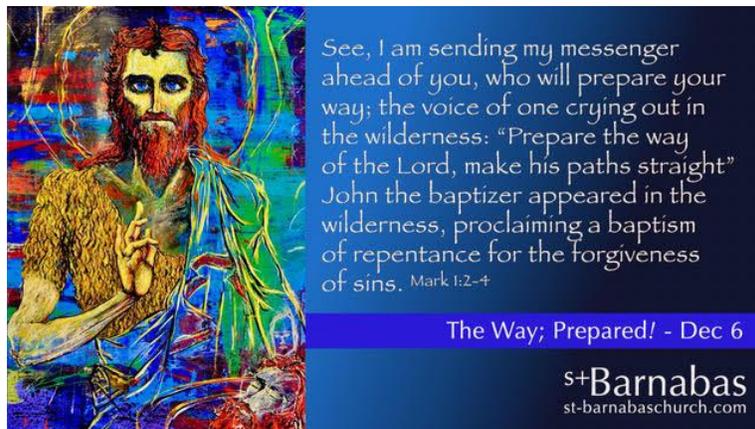
On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh.  
Awake and harken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every life from sin:  
make straight the way for God within,  
and let us all our hearts prepare  
for Christ to come and enter there.

We hail you as our Savior, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward.  
Without your grace we waste away  
like flowers that wither and decay.

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,  
and make us rise to fall no more.  
O let your face upon us shine  
and fill the world with love divine.

All praise to you, eternal Son,  
whose advent has our freedom won,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Spirit, evermore.



### The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to MARK 1:1-8

***Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

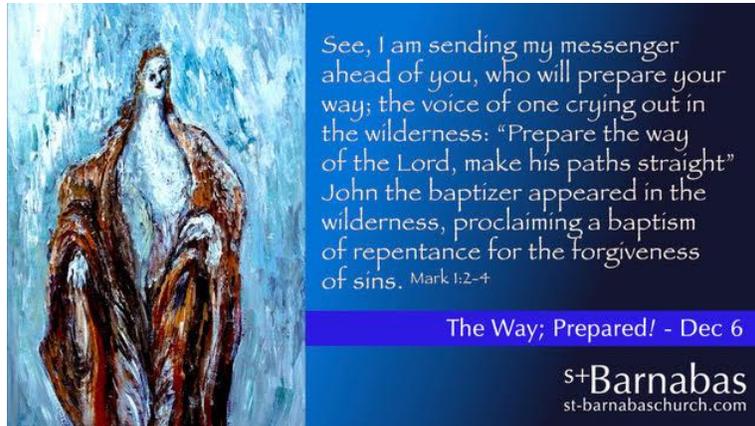
#### *MARK 1:1-8 The Proclamation of John the Baptist*

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; <sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', <sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy

to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

*The Gospel of Christ.*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



Sermon: The Way; Prepared! – The Reverend Brian Perron

Anthem of Reflection: Bring Us Hope [https://youtu.be/Be\\_ufTy9EX4](https://youtu.be/Be_ufTy9EX4)

Bring us hope, bring us hope, bring us love,  
Bring us peace, peace and joy from above,  
Bring us hope, bring us love, peace and joy, from above,  
Bring us hope, bring us hope, bring us hope.

Bring us light, take our darkness away,  
Bring us light, turn our night into day,  
Bring us hope, bring us love, peace and joy, from above,  
Bring us hope, Bring us hope, bring us hope,

Hope to replace our hopelessness, love to refill our emptiness,  
Peace in the midst of our distress, oh how we need your Joy,  
Bring us hope, bring us love, bring us peace, peace and joy, from above,  
Bring us hope, bring us love, peace and joy from above,  
Bring us Hope, bring us hope, bring us hope...

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed** *Let us confess our faith, as we say,*  
**I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**  
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**  
**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.**  
**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**  
**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

**“O Lord, you have taught us that without *love*, whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.”**

## GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
to which indeed you were called in the one body.* Colossians 3:15

## THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*THE LORD’S PRAYER Rejoicing in the presence of God, let us pray as Jesus taught*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

God Creator, allow our being to be always full, full of Peace in Jesus the Christ, always ready to bring Peace for our neighbor; always ready to testify to our neighbor, in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn - Hark! A Herald Voice Is Calling <https://youtu.be/KPNurXIXPCU>

Hark! A herald voice is calling:

‘Christ is nigh’ it seems to say;

‘cast away the dreams of darkness,

O ye children of the day!’

Startled at the solemn warning,

let the earth-bound soul arise;

Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,

shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! The Lamb, so long expected,

comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all to be forgiven.

So when next he comes with glory,  
wrapping all the earth in fear,  
may he then as our defender  
on the clouds of heaven appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the co-eternal Spirit,  
while unending ages run.

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace.

**Amen.**

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*And a Postlude - All Bells In Paradise* <https://youtu.be/P8TyKNyCHes>

*This is a time for us to meditate in quiet reflection and prayer.*

Deep in the cold of winter,  
Darkness and silence were everywhere;  
Softly and clearly, there came through the stillness  
A wonderful sound to hear:

*All bells in paradise I heard them ring,  
Sounding in majesty the news that they bring;  
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,  
Welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King.*

*All bells in paradise I heard them ring:  
'Glory to God on high' the angel voices sing.*

Lost in awe and wonder,  
Doubting I asked what this sign might be:  
Christ our Messiah revealed in a stable,  
A marvellous sight to see.

*All bells in paradise I heard them ring,  
Sounding in majesty the news that they bring;  
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,  
Welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King.*

He comes down in peace, a child in humility,  
The keys to his kingdom belong to the poor;  
Before him shall kneel the kings with their treasures,  
Gold incense and myrrh.

*All bells in paradise I heard them ring,  
Sounding in majesty the news that they bring;  
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,  
Welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King.*

*All bells in paradise I heard them ring:  
'Glory to God on high' the angel voices sweetly sing.*

Our lectionary readings for next week, Sunday December 13th: "The Voice; of One!"  
[Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28](#)

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### More announcements

#### Ecumenical Community Services – 40<sup>th</sup> ECS Christmas Baskets Campaign:

This year, more than ever, please help St-Barnabas as we host the preparation and distribution of all ECS baskets from our Memorial Hall. Due to pandemic restrictions, we ask you to consider a financial contribution at this time, that will be especially and gratefully accepted this year; payable to **St-Barnabas St-Lambert RE: ECS** by cash, cheque or online: [St-Barnabas on-line Donations Page](#).

*Thank you to all of you who have graciously given to ECS this year, and continue with your faithful tithes and offerings to your St-Barnabas...*

### Your Tithes and Offerings

At the end of each Service we ask you to remember your church with your offerings to God. We thank each and everyone one of you who have found a way that is comfortable for you to give. We understand these are new and different ways, and yet we are pleased to say that St-Barnabas has been able, because of you, to maintain itself financially during these difficult times. May you be blessed as you continue to safely give to God by supporting the work of your church by donating online through links found on the [St-Barnabas on-line Donations Page](#). It's easy; by [e-Transfer](#), [St-Barnabas CanadaHelps](#), or [PayPal link](#), or as always, through Canada Post to: 95, avenue Lorne, Saint-Lambert, QC J4P 2G7. Your ongoing donations are critical at this time.

**Process of reopening:** St-Barnabas was open again today, December 6<sup>th</sup>, for our 10 am service. We were pleased to welcome within our maximum of 25 parishioners and guests.

**Please let us know by email: [barnabas@bellnet.ca](mailto:barnabas@bellnet.ca), if you plan to attend our December 13th service. Include a list of the people who will be attending with you and remember to bring your masks. We have room for you...**

*In the meantime, for reasons of safety, there should be no entry into our church facilities without prior agreement from management. Visit our website for more information, guidelines & updates: [http://www.st-barnabaschurch.com/st-barnabas\\_home](http://www.st-barnabaschurch.com/st-barnabas_home)*

*"Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out;  
and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished" Matthew 12:44*

### Les Jardins Intérieurs

We are now broadcasting twice a week on the corporate TV Channel of Les Jardins:  
Wednesday afternoons at 3:00pm and Saturday mornings at 9:15am.

The work of the church continues well beyond the Sunday morning as we the Church reach out to our neighbours.

### Speaking of Neighbours...

**The ECS Food Bank** operates out of St-Andrews Church is still operating but could use some help with donations of food distributed to the needy in St-Lambert and Ville Lemoyne. At the moment Anita and Reverend Barry are filling the needs as best they can with a few other helpers. As the buildings are closed at this time, they are not receiving food directly from our churches in St-Lambert. At your discretion and always with safety in mind first, here is how they would like you to help. **If you can help, please call** the church at (450) 671-1862 or the Presbytery at (450) 923-0794 and leave a message. Donations should be brought on Thursday and/or Friday between 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm to the side door of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (corner Green and Birch). It is the door with a small porch (overhang). Please ring the bell, leave the food on the stoop, social distance; Anita and/or Barry will retrieve the food. Each delivery of food to the recipients includes a pamphlet and card that Anita produced with a message saying that 'this food is being delivered by volunteers and is from our 5 ecumenical churches with love'. Please spread the word to our parishioners who are able to help.

### Stay connected through our social media links:

Listen to our on-line messages posted on our [St-Barnabas website](#) and [Facebook](#) page, as well as in the emails that we send twice a week. I encourage you to share these posts and this bulletin with your families and friends, as words and thoughts of encouragement. Also, if you hear of individuals in need of something, let us know; we will see what we can do with members who have put their names forward to help in a safe and manageable way.

### Share your stories

Send us an email at [barnabas@bellnet.ca](mailto:barnabas@bellnet.ca) of what you have been up to, and to share your experiences of getting through this isolation. Share your stories with us to brighten the lives of others, and stay safe.

### Keep in touch

So stay tuned and reach out to members you feel concern for, allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you and to minister to those shut-in and alone at this time. Be safe, 'Stay Home', for your sake and for the well being of others, and... wash your hands!

God bless you and thank you for your thoughts and prayers,

### *Brian and Joyce*

The Reverend Brian Perron  
*St-Barnabas St-Lambert*

### A Word of Happiness for 2020

I myself am God, your God: Keep my statutes and live by my laws.  
Keep my Sabbaths as holy rest days, signposts between me and you,  
signalling that I am God, your God. Ezekiel 20 :20



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