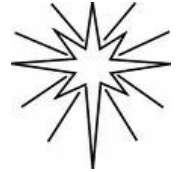




# Trinity Happenings



# Merry Christmas

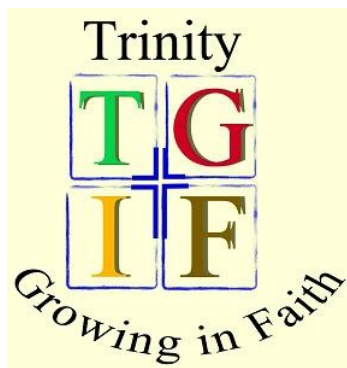
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## Our Mission

We are here to:  
Worship God,  
Walk with Jesus,  
Change lives,  
and Serve the  
community, through the  
power of the Holy Spirit.



## Christmas & New Year's

### Worship at Trinity

*"Blessed be the Lord God"*

- \*\* Wednesday Dec. 24th. Christmas Eve.  
10:30 a.m. Quiet Communion in the Chapel  
7:00 p.m. Family Communion, Combined Music, Nursery.  
10:00 p.m. "Midnight" Mass with full Choir.
- \*\* Thursday Dec. 25th. Christmas Day.  
10:00 a.m. Family Communion  
11:30 a.m. to 6:00 pm  
Serving Christmas Dinner with Rosie
- \*\* Sunday Dec. 28th.  
8:00 a.m. Quiet Communion.  
10:00 a.m. Family Communion & Holy Baptism
- \*\* Wednesday Dec. 31st. New Year's Eve Day  
10:30 a.m. Quiet Communion in the Chapel
- \*\* Sunday January 4th. First Sunday of the New Year  
8:00 a.m. New Year's Blessing at the Altar Rail  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship & New Year's Blessing

## WELCOME

We want to offer you a very warm welcome to Trinity. We are delighted that you are with us for our Christmas celebrations. If you live in the area we hope that you will make Trinity your church home. See the brochure on the back of the pew for more information about us, or visit our web site at [www.trinitybarrie.ca](http://www.trinitybarrie.ca)



## CHILDREN & SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are delighted to have all of our youngsters with us in church for our Christmas worship. The services on Christmas Eve at 7 pm and on Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m. are specifically designed for young children. Nursery Care is provided Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm (and every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.). Our full Sunday School program will begin again on January 11th at 10:00 a.m.

## SPECIAL THANKS

Many people have been working behind the scenes to make it possible for us to offer such a variety of Christmas Services. We want to thank them all including: the Choir, Marina Laking, Pauline Warnica, the Music Worship Teams, Walter Shaver, Mary Caldwell in the office, ushers, servers, lay readers, plus Judy Craig and the ladies of the Altar Guild who have done such a lovely job decorating the church.

## HOLY BAPTISM & FIRST COMMUNION

**-- December 28th 10:00 a.m.**

We had a wonderful Alpha Course this fall. As the next step in their faith commitment Jeff Duncan will be Baptized and Andrew Rogerson will be making his First Communion. There will also be three infants Baptized: the daughter of Rob & Marnie Smith, the daughter of Marc & Kerri Tremblay, and the daughter of Tyler & Cara Millson (from Christ Church, Montreal). Join us for this special celebration of faith commitment!

## **CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER -- with Rosie's Diner.**

On Thanksgiving Day we served 500 hot turkey dinners to those who are alone or on the street. It was amazing to see the number of people and the amount of food. Once again we will be partnering with Rosie's Diner to serve a hot meal on CHRISTMAS DAY. Rosie provides all the food, we provide the volunteers and the auditorium. As we did at Thanksgiving we will arrange 2 hour shifts beginning at 11:30 a.m. through to about 6:00 pm. If you will be able to help please speak to Canon Brian. This is a wonderful outreach to those who are most in need.

## **HOME GROUPS & COURSES**

This fall, we had a wonderful ALPHA course and a variety of Home Groups & Courses. New this fall was a Youth Alpha which was run jointly with St. Margaret's. Also new this fall was the "New Parents" group. Our special thanks to all of our leaders who give of themselves to make this important ministry possible. Planning for the winter has yet to be completed. Watch Happenings and our web site at the beginning of January for all the details. There will be daytime as well as evening groups. Home Groups are a key initiative of our Vision and provide the best opportunity for spiritual growth and deepening of friendships. The following Home Groups and Courses are likely this winter:

- \*\* Life Worth Living by Nicky Gumbel (Monday evenings)
- \*\* John - Beloved Disciple by Beth Moore (Tuesdays)
- \*\* The Truth Project by Focus on the Family
- \*\* Daniel by Beth Moore (for men & women)

### **WEDNESDAY COMMUNION 10:30 A.M.**

Please note that our regular Wednesday morning Communion services will continue through the holidays. This year they happen to fall on Christmas Eve Day and New Years Eve Day. These may be convenient times of worship for those who prefer the daylight hours. For those who have difficulty walking there is handicapped parking at the top of the hill close to the door of the church.

### **NEW YEAR'S BLESSING**

#### **-- Sunday January 4th**

What opportunities and challenges will 2009 hold for us?? As we journey into this New Year we want to be attuned to the leading of the Lord. We will use Sunday January 4th at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. to specifically ask for the Lord's guidance, strength and blessing. There will be an opportunity for prayers at the Altar for every family and every person. It will be a good opportunity to bring in grandchildren and extended family.

### **BUSBY CENTRE -- Trillium Grant**

This past Monday there was a special news conference in the Busby Street Centre where Aileen Carroll presented the Trillium award to the Street Centre. Working on the finance committee to craft the application to the Trillium Foundation were: Bethany Obermeyer, Lori Bedford and Anne Harrison.

### **VISION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

#### **- Growing in Faith With Our Kids.**

As the next step in reaching our Vision goals there will be a special brainstorming luncheon on Sunday January 18th from 12:00 to 1:30 pm. We are inviting all the parents with children from infant to grade 8. Nursery care will be provided during the luncheon for the youngest children. For more information please speak to Joan Hill or Earl Paquette.

### **INDOOR PARKING**

Now that winter weather is upon us, please remember that there is very convenient indoor parking in the city garage on Collier Street opposite our auditorium. For our evening courses and weekend worship the parking is free.

### **THANK YOU**

\*\*To the loving family of Trinity Church I want to offer my heartfelt thanks for serenading me at the beginning of the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, December 14th for my four score birthday back in early November which was kept secret until Canon Brian found out! The birthday cards, the gifts and that delicious giant birthday at the Coffee Hour which everyone shared really were a blessing. I thank Jesus for making me a member of this alive congregation.

Thankfully  
Raymond Carder

# CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF FLOWERS

The many gifts of Christmas Flowers were given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by: Ursula Forrest, Joyce Seagram, Marina and Jim Laking, Nancy and Millet Salter, Jessie and Earl Paquette, and Elizabeth and Alan Pett

In loving memory of Walter and Ann Botuik and Harvey Wilson, given by Kathryn and Al Botuik.

In Thanksgiving and memory of loved ones, given by Naomi and Werner Braun.

In loving memory of Fathers, McLeod Craig and Sam Ross, given by George and Judy Craig.

In loving memory of Harold Davis, given by Phyllis and Family.

In loving memory of our fathers, Rev. Canon John Dove and Mr. James Hay, from the Dove family.

In loving memory of my dear son, Glen W. Hudson, and good friend Keith Smith, by Sheila Brown.

In memory of Patricia Anne Haughton, given by Dorothy Haughton and family.

In loving memory of Clare Jones, given by wife Dolores and Family.

In loving memory of Tom Lackey, husband of Cindy, loving father of Lori and Melissa and proud grandfather of Benjamin and Zachary.

In loving memory of parents, Dora and Peter Scott, given by daughter Gwen.

In loving memory of our parents, John & Ida Wallwin; our sisters and brothers-in-law, Ruth & Cliff Poole, Phyllis & Jim Handy, Keith Hall; and our brother and sister-in-law, Ross & Shirley Wallwin, given by the family.



The Chancel Guild takes this opportunity to thank all those who donated flowers to make the Church look so beautiful.

## Vision Committee Update – December 2008

The Vision Committee met with Management Board and ministry leads after church on Nov. 23, 2008. 25 people met to review Trinity's progress towards the dreams identified last year and approved by the congregation last November. We also looked at the results of the Reveal Survey in which Trinity participated last spring.

In small groups, we talked about what we should plan to do over the next year. When the groups reported back, there was a remarkable degree of consistency in their recommendations:

- provide greater support for children, youth and family ministry
- expand our home/study group ministry to foster the building of relationships among participants and spiritual growth

We are establishing a working group to focus on the children, youth and family ministries, and are planning a meeting in January with all families with children nursery aged to Grade 8, and other interested Trinity members. Watch for more information on this meeting in Happenings.

Joan Hill for the Vision Committee

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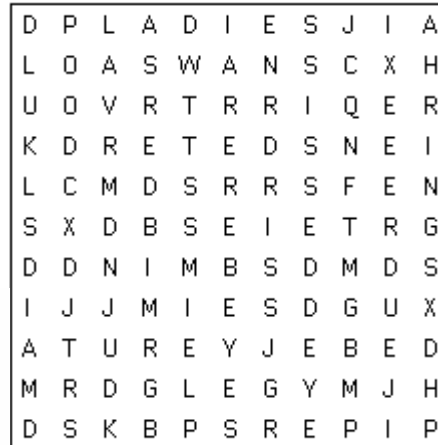
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## The Twelve Days of Christmas



PARTRIDGE  
DOVES  
HENS

BIRDS  
RINGS  
GEESE

SWANS  
MAIDS  
LADIES

LORDS  
PIPERS  
DRUMMERS

## “ON THE TWELFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS ...”

One of the most enigmatic of the Christmas carols is “The Twelve Days of Christmas”. It seems nonsensical to us but has a fascinating history. It was designed as a poetic teaching tool to convey the basics of the faith. The twelve days are from Christmas Day to Epiphany on January 6th (the arrival of the wisemen). All of the gifts listed in the song have been given to us by God our “true love”. These gifts are centred in Jesus, and are the best gifts of all time. The meaning of the verses is as follows (On the ----- day of Christmas my true love gave to me ... ):

- 1) **A Partridge in a Pear Tree** - is Jesus the Christ. He is the first and best gift of Christmas. In the song, Christ is symbolically portrayed as a mother partridge; this represents Christ's sadness over the fate of Jerusalem.
- 2) **Two Turtle Doves** - The Old and New Testaments.
- 3) **Three French Hens** - The Three Christian Virtues: Faith, Hope and Love.
- 4) **Four Calling Birds** - The Four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
- 5) **Five Gold Rings** - The first Five Books of the Old Testament, known as the Torah or the Pentateuch: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.
- 6) **Six Geese A-laying** - The six days that God took to create the world. He rested on the seventh day.
- 7) **Seven Swans A-swimming** - The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: prophecy, ministry, teaching, exhortation, giving, leading, and compassion.
- 8) **Eight Maids A-milking** - The eight Beatitudes from Matthew 5.
- 9) **Nine Ladies Dancing** - The nine Fruit of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- 10) **Ten Lords A-leaping** - The ten commandments: (can you list them)
- 11) **Eleven Pipers Piping** - The eleven Faithful Apostles. The list does not include the twelfth disciple, Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus to the Romans.
- 12) **Twelve Drummers Drumming** - The twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed.

This list may have been a quiz to prepare candidates for Baptism or Confirmation. Are these known by our youngsters? How many of us would pass today? In 2009 we will have numerous opportunities for faith growth and development. Let us not neglect the best gifts given to us by our true love.