



Holy Cross Priory

An Anglican Benedictine Community
In Canada

*The Brothers wish you
God's blessings at this
holy festival of the
Nativity of our Lord.*



CHRISTMAS 2019

“God himself is with us: let us all adore him and with awe appear before him. God is here within us; souls in silence fear him, humbly, fervently draw near him. Now his own who have known God, in worship, lowly, yield their spirits wholly.”

– GERHARDT TERSTEEGEN
(1697-1769)



DAVID BRYAN
HOOPES OHC, PRIOR

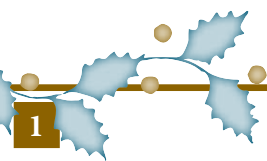
Dear Friends,

The holy season of Advent-Christmastide is right for reflection on the immense grace of God's interaction with our human family. Christmas (Feast of the Incarnation) is a celebration of God's revelation of divine love in Jesus. The prologue to the Gospel according to St. John speaks of the majestic power of God as the Word (Logos). That power (Word) was revealed in Jesus as flesh and blood; one who was fully engaged in human life and who showed us as much of God as can be comprehended by human experience and limitation.

Throughout the Christian liturgical calendar we revisit the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus and his ministry amongst God's people. Doing so we are challenged to discern God's continuing presence in daily life.

Although at Christmastide we are drawn to the remembrance of the birth of Jesus we also have opportunity to celebrate daily his continuing presence with us. Jesus' teaching about the Kingdom of God affirms that the Kingdom of God is amongst us (Luke 17:21). In Paul's letter to the Romans he writes that "the word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (Romans 10:8).

The vision of St. John the Divine of a world redeemed and purified includes these words: "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples and God himself will be with them – see, I am making all things new'" (Revelation 21:1,3,5).





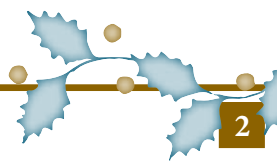
"THE NATIVITY," GUSTAVE DORÉ (1832 - 1883)

God, through the grace of the Holy Spirit still comes into our lives – perhaps through the beautiful music, scripture, and poetry of this hallowed time; through the sacraments; through the arts; and through loving acts done for us and by us. We have the opportunity daily to welcome our blessed Lord. May we joyfully do so.

"Come, abide with me: let my soul, like Mary, be thine earthly sanctuary. Come, indwelling Spirit, with transfiguring splendour; love and honour will I render. Where I go here below, let me bow before thee, know thee, and adore thee." – Gerhardt Tersteegen

Faithfully,

David Bryan Hoopes OHC
Prior





Community Notes

THE ORDER

THE SUPERIOR BR. ROBERT JAMES visited us in Toronto in October and the brothers at Mount Calvary Monastery, Santa Barbara, California – mid-November to mid-December. He will be with the brothers at St. Benedict's Priory in Hermanus, South Africa in January. The Council of the Order will meet in New York at the end of January.

BR. SIMON has returned as a novice at West Park. We are delighted to have him back with us.

Please remember in your prayers Brs. Thomas, Laurence, Bede Thomas, and Roy – all coping with ill health. Also please pray for the repose of the soul of Joyce Campbell, sister of Br. Rafael and for Br. Raphael and his sister Irma in their grief. Your prayers are also asked for Br. Aidan whose father died, and for the repose of the soul of Jack Owen.

PHOTOS (LEFT TO RIGHT): FR. SUPERIOR ROBERT JAMES MAGLIULA TALKING WITH ASSOCIATES AT A GATHERING AT THE PRIORY ON OCTOBER 19; OHC COMPANIONS BISHOP ANN TOTTENHAM AND PATRICIA BROWN; BR. DAVID BRYAN WITH THE REV'D DR. JASON MCKINNEY, HOMILIST FOR HOLY CROSS DAY. **PHOTO, PAGE 5:** NEW ASSOCIATES RECEIVED BY BR. CHARLES ON HOLY CROSS DAY, SEPTEMBER 14 (LEFT TO RIGHT: NEIL BELL, SANDRA MCCALLUM, BR. CHARLES IANTHE ALLEYNE, AND PETER HARRIS - RENEWAL OF VOW).



THE TORONTO COMMUNITY

BR. CHRISTIAN continues to be a faithful and prayerful member of the Priory. Thanks for the loving care given him by his friend and care-giver James Sharpe.

BR. DAVID BRYAN enjoyed a brief holiday in England with OHC companion Suzette Cayless. He served as chaplain to the diocesan synod in November. David Bryan continues his pastoral work at St. Hilda's Church, St. James Cathedral, and St. Barnabas' Church, as well as serving as chaplain to the Community of the Sisters of the Church.

BR. ADRIAN is now stationed at Holy Cross Priory. He made his life profession on August 28, 1976. Previous to his coming to Canada, Br. Adrian served in hospice work in Northem, New Jersey as patient coordinator. He did this for 15 years. Before hospice he worked as a nurse at Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Br. Adrian also was health care coordinator for the Order.

BR. LEONARD left on November 30 for a four months' ministry in the Diocese of Cape Coast, Ghana. He will assist the bishop with catechesis in the parishes and will teach on occasion at St. Nicholas Theological Seminary, Cape Coast. Throughout the summer and much of autumn, Br. Leonard did Sunday supply work in the Diocese.



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BR. REGINALD continues to serve as spiritual director for several people. He has accepted the position as Sabbath Coach for Grace Church, Scarborough. He is an advisor and mentor for the staff of All Saints Church, Sherbourne in their ministry to the community. Br. Reginald along with Elizabeth McGaffrey is Parish Search Committee coach for the parish of St. Paul, Newmarket. He was preacher at the 65th anniversary of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale. For several years Br. Reginald assisted Br. Brian at St. Paul the Apostle.

BR. CHARLES continues his pastoral work at St. Leonard's Church as Priest in Charge. He also is Director of Associates in Canada and is currently mentoring several prospective OHC Associates. He currently provides spiritual direction to two persons.

Many thanks to those of you who have faithfully and generously supported us this past year with your prayers, encouragement, and financial gifts. God bless you. We would be glad to welcome you to our Guest House. Please consider a stay in 2020.

Descent

BY MALCOLM GUITE

They sought to soar into the skies,
Those classic gods of high renown,
For lofty pride aspires to rise,
But you came down.

You dropped down from the mountains sheer,
Forsook the eagle for the dove;
The other Gods demanded fear,
But you gave love.


Where chiselled marble seemed to freeze
Their abstract and perfected form,
Compassion brought you to your knees;
Your blood was warm.

They called for blood in sacrifice;
Their victims on an altar bled;
When no one else could pay the price,
You died instead.

They towered above our mortal plain,
Dismissed this restless flesh with scorn,
Aloof from birth and death and pain,
But you were born.

Born to these burdens, borne by all,
Born with us all 'astride the grave';
Weak, to be with us when we fall,
And strong to save.





Love must act
as light must shine
and fire must burn.

- Fr. Huntington OHC

Worship Times

7:00am Matins

8:00am Eucharist

(TUESDAY-FRIDAY, SATURDAY AT 5:00PM)

11:30am Diurnum (Midday Prayer)

5:00pm Vespers

7:30pm Compline

(MONDAY IS OUR DAY OF REST.
THERE ARE NO SERVICES.)



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