



St Clement SSV Social Justice

As we continue the important journey towards Justice for all, the Church teaches that this is an essential part of the Church's mission.

This journey can seem overwhelming at times as there are many issues of injustice that occur locally and around the world. But each of us can make a difference in our own way by beginning with opening our hearts and minds and broaden our understanding of these issues. Below are a few events to help us do just that. Check them out, make a commitment to attend at least one and see where that leads you on this important journey.

Join the conversation: If you are interested in joining the important conversations around Social Justice with like-minded people, come join us at our monthly meetings typically held on the third Tuesday of each month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. We would love to have you!

- March 26 Please call the parish office for the location of this meeting as there is a conflict and location TBD (stclements@rogers.com or 519)-653-6123)
- April 16 in the Parish Hall

New Social Justice Coordinator

A wonderful opportunity to utilize your Time Talent & Treasures. Are you being called?

Due to Marie moving outside the Cambridge community, the St Clement Social Justice group is looking for a new coordinator to lead this important ministry in our Parish. An investment of 5-10 hours per month is all that is required. With two solid years behind us, a great team, and exciting initiatives ahead this is a very rewarding volunteer position. [Click here](#) for information about the position or contact the Parish Office at 519-653-6123, stclements@rogers.com, or contact Marie Adam directly at marieadam123@yahoo.ca to learn more.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are many community activities that can guide us, if we are willing to open our minds and hearts as we journey towards Justice for all. Here are a few:



Laurier Association of Lifelong Learning (LALL)

St Jerome's University: Lectures in Catholic Experience Presents - Dr. Tricia Bruce



Her Place in the Church: Gender, Power, and Authority in Contemporary Catholicism
March 21 | 7:30 p.m.

Gender has long prescribed the roles of men and women in the Catholic Church, refereed formally via ordination and informally via social norms. Drawing upon hundreds of interviews, Sociologist Dr. Tricia Bruce compares the prospects and parameters of women's leadership at two moments in the Church: following Vatican II (six decades ago) and today.

For [event tickets and details](#). To [live-stream](#) the event.



Concerned Lay Catholics A Voice for Lay Catholics in Canada

Nurturing Synodality:

Each month, Concerned Lay Catholics invites you to join in conversation about some aspect of synodality and its implications for our life in the church. A different resource person or panel will get us started each month. Then we will all have an opportunity to share in the spirit of synodality. Our presenters:

- April 7– Nicholas Jesson, Ecumenical Officer for the Archdiocese of Regina-Synod on Synodality from an Ecumenical Perspective
- May 5 -TBD

For details about the topics and resource people, check the events calendar on our website.

<https://concernedlaycatholics.ca>

Reel Justice Film Festival is back! In partnership between Development & Peace (the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada) and The Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton's Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. These organizations strive to support social



change and provide education around issues of unfair social, political, and economic structures.

These are engaging documentaries, beginning January 25th at 7 pm to open our minds to the challenges and opportunities around us. The films this year focus on land and placemaking, tackling themes of food sovereignty, land rights, endangered species, and organic agriculture.

Some events are in person and some can be experienced in the comfort of your home via Zoom.

For more information, to view trailers and to register:

<https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/index.php/1050-2>

March 28: Island of Lemurs, Madagascar

Theme: Youth

April 25: Bigger than Us

Theme: Youth Power

May 23: The Biggest Little Farm

Theme: Ecology/ Organic Agriculture

<https://concernedlaycatholics.ca/upcoming-events/indigenous-voices-book-study-series-3k7kr-ghn36-db5zt-6thbp>


Indigenous Voices Book Study

First Monday of the Month via Zoom 7:00-8:30 pm


Interested in learning more about Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation? Consider joining this book study. Each month participants read the suggested book or watch the documentary, then join in the online discussions.

Find out more as well as to register, go to: <https://concernedlaycatholics.ca/upcoming-events/indigenous-voices-book-study-series-3k7kr-ghn36-db5zt-6thbp>

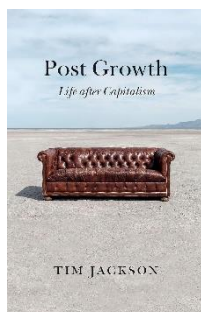
To register, send an email to
concernedlaycatholics@gmail.com.
We will send a Zoom invitation along with further details.



Facilitator Donna McGreal received her Combined BA in English and Cultural Studies and Indigenous Studies last June at McMaster University. Working on Indigenous Reconciliation is her passion and vocation.

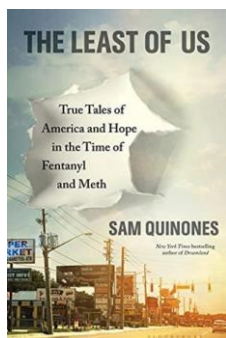


BOOKS TO CHECKOUT



Winner of the 2022 Eric Zencey Prize in Ecological Economics

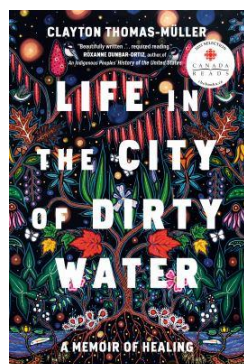
Capitalism is broken. The relentless pursuit of more has delivered climate catastrophe, social inequality and financial instability – and left us ill-prepared for life in a global pandemic. Tim Jackson’s passionate and provocative book dares us to imagine a world beyond capitalism – a place where relationship and meaning take precedence over profits and power. *Post Growth* is both a manifesto for system change and an invitation to rekindle a deeper conversation about the nature of the human condition.



True Tales of America and Hope in the Time of Fentanyl and Meth

Sam Quinones

From the New York Times bestselling author of *Dreamland*, a searing follow-up that explores the terrifying next stages of the opioid epidemic and the quiet yet ardent stories of community repair. Quinones hit the road to investigate these new threats, discovering how addiction is exacerbated by consumer-product corporations. “In a time when drug traffickers act like corporations and corporations like traffickers,” he writes, “our best defense, perhaps our only defense, lies in bolstering community.” Amid a landscape of despair, Quinones found hope in those embracing the forgotten and ignored, illuminating the striking truth that we are only as strong as our most vulnerable.



A Memoir of Healing

Thomas -Muller

Cree climate change activist traces his journey, from a child dealing with the legacy of his family's experiences in the residential school system, an Indigenous youth in an urban city facing racism and violence, and a teenager in and out of juvie, to his current role in the environmental justice movement.