

## St Clement SSVP Social Justice

As we begin the New Year let us 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 conversation with like-minded people, come join us at our monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. We would love to have you! Contact the Parish office for location ([stclements@rogers.com](mailto:stclements@rogers.com) or 519)-653-6123)

### 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:

**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.



There are five engaging documentaries, beginning January 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

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



**Laurier Association of Lifelong Learning (LALL)**

**Human Rights and Housing Fights:** *Exploring government responses to homelessness and encampments*

Tuesday, February 13 (10:30 AM - 12:00 PM)

**LOCATION:** All lectures are held at the [Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex Community Pavillion](#)

This lecture will discuss the legal and legislative basis for the right to housing in Canada. It will explore how the right to housing has been discussed in international human rights covenants as well as through domestic legal and political mechanisms. Finally, the lecture will explore the implications of a right to housing lens for government responses to homelessness and encampments.

**Instructor Bio** **Dr Laura Pin** (she/her) is an assistant professor of political science at Wilfrid Laurier University, and acting director of the Laurier Institute for the Study of Public Opinion and Policy (LISPOP). Her research explores the relationship between social inequality and public policy. She currently works on projects focused on housing policy, civic engagement, eviction prevention and encampments.

Link to register <https://www.wlu.ca/continuing-education/lall/index.html>

### St Jerome's University: Lectures in Catholic Experience Presents - Dr. Jonathan Malesic



#### **Beyond Burnout Culture**

**February 29 | 7:30 p.m.**

Burnout has become the go-to term for describing our dissatisfaction with work. To break out of North American societies' obsession with work, we need to rethink our assumptions about the relationship between work and the good life. In this talk, Jonathan Malesic, author of *The End of Burnout: Why Work Drains Us and How to Build Better Lives* will propose that we should ground our working lives in human dignity, compassion for workers, and a greater emphasis on leisure as a site of meaningful activity. He will show how these ideals are manifested in communities of Benedictine monks and religious sisters.

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

### 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

**Indigenous Voices Book Study.** Meets the first Monday of each month from 7:00 – 8:30 pm via zoom, in the comfort of your home.

Next session: February 5<sup>th</sup> - Life in the City of Dirty Water: A memoir of healing, by Clayton Thomas Muller  
To register: <https://concernedlaycatholics.ca/upcoming-events/indigenous-voices-book-study-series-3k7kr-ghn36-6axh5>