



Rawdon-Mascouche-Kilkenny

Autumn, 2026



Located in the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and Huron-Wendat people

A Song of Creation from Daniel 3:52–60

*Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ever.*

*Let the earth glorify the Lord. Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
and all that grows upon the earth, praise him and highly exalt him for ever.*

*Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ever.*

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, and all you flocks and herds.

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

To my sisters and brothers in Rawdon, Mascouche, and Kilkenny: Grace to you, and Peace, in Jesus Christ.

The Church in North America has recently named this time of year the Season of Creation. It is a time to delight in the world which God made. It is a time to walk in the woods, to paddle on lake and stream; to gather and preserve the gifts of the good earth, and to marvel at the richness of the world which we are blessed to share with all of creation. This is also when we celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving, and prepare garden, flower bed, fruit tree, and farmland for rest.

This fall there are many blessings and graces to be thankful for, and many people to say thank you to. Rawdon, Mascouche, and Kilkenny are each blessed with a host of volunteers who support and extend the ministry and mission of our Church in extraordinary ways.

Rawdon is blessed to have committed volunteer leaders who gather and organize dozens of people to tend to cemetery cleanup, Auction and Fun Fair; maintenance and repair, painting and cleaning; volunteers who organise and sing as choir and are musicians and leaders at Singalongs; volunteers who assist with funeral receptions & potlucks, who assist with worship, and who bring communion to those who participate in worship live on-line. People to thank by name are Brenda, Sharon, Ann, Brent, Dave B, Dave W, Merle, Mary-Jo, and Alain & Giovanna – wardens, deputy wardens, treasurer, cemetery chair, Auction & Fun Fair leaders, choral organizer, and Singalong leaders. The number of identified volunteers in Rawdon exceeds 150 [this is not a typo: that is how many identified active volunteers Rawdon is blessed to have] – and these >150 donate many hundreds of hours of their time to Christ Church Rawdon each year: this is extraordinary! On behalf of the Corporation of Christ Church I offer a hearty and heartfelt THANKYOU.

Rawdon is blessed to have families with young children participating in worship and making themselves known to the congregation. This year Rawdon has baptized 6 children and may have three or four more baptisms before 2026 ends. Rawdon will have youth-focused services on the 3rd Sunday of the month, beginning in October: different music; different liturgical format... all to encourage the participation of those who come with their parents. IF all kids below 13 were to come, we would have more than 20 youth at Christ Church. This is remarkable. I thank God that parents are coming to worship and bringing their children with them, and I thank Rawdon for the kindness and generosity with which children are greeted.

Mascouche is finding its footing and is growing once again. Growth needs love and care and willing and able hands. A sign of growth in Mascouche is 6 baptisms thus far in 2026. Working with ECOL, Grace Church has hosted two community sales and hopes to host a parish fundraising meal this fall. Much of the heavy lifting and organizing has been done by Sean and Joan and Diane: they have worked to see Grace Church open and ready for worship, have overseen hall renovations, and have taken in hand the organization of parish activities and most administrative duties. To those, named, and the many volunteers not named, I say thank you.

Kilkenny is a growing congregation. This transformation is due to the love and hard work of many people. Proof of renewal is the first baptisms since 2013 – this year saw 4 baptisms! Kilkenny worships only from June to September, and the average attendance for their 15 services has doubled to almost 25. Though the congregation has lost several faithful souls, the parish is growing and growing younger. This is extraordinary. I must say thank you to Debra and to Dave and to George and to Patrick – the key people at Kilkenny who gather lay leaders and lay readers together and who do a very fine job encouraging people to come to worship and to carry worship in their hearts when the congregation does not meet for worship.

Enclosed with this letter is a Thanksgiving envelope, and below is information on how to donate to Christ Church Rawdon, Grace Church Mascouche, and St. John's Church Kilkenny. The Season of Creation is a Season of Thanksgiving – a time to express gratitude to those around you, to say thank you to those whose contributions of time and kindness you see; and to say thank you for the abundance of blessings which you have received. I encourage you to make a special Thanksgiving donation to your parish, and I ask that you prayerfully consider setting-up recurrent monthly donations to Christ Church or to Grace Church using the links below [both Christ and Grace use CanadaHelps.Org to process charitable donations: it is secure, and it is easy to use]. For Kilkenny, you can donate by Interac transfer [as per the instructions below]. Just as almost 200 volunteers assist the ministries of Christ Church, Grace Church, and St. John's Church; so too do many people support the ministry of word and sacrament with their financial contributions.

As we have been richly blessed, let us richly bless.

Rodney +

NB: With Kilkenny now closed for the season, all who worshipped @ St-John's Church in Kilkenny are warmly invited to worship @ Christ Church Rawdon.

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