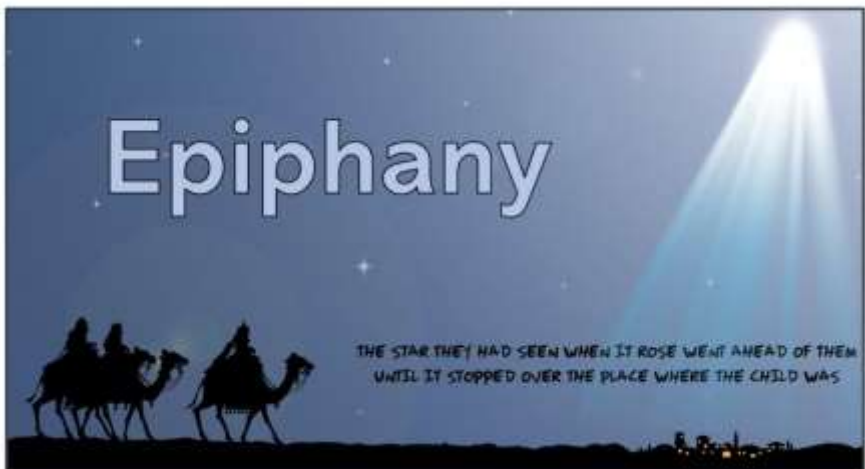


Welcome to  
**St. Luke Cedar Hill**  
The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 4, 2026  
10:00 am  
Holy Eucharist



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*We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories of the ləkʷəjən peoples, known in our day as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, the traditional custodians of these lands.*

*We are grateful for their hospitality.*

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Welcome and Introduction (*The Rev. Daniel Fournier*)

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Opening Carol: CP 118 O Come, All Ye Faithful**

*(tune: Adeste Fideles)*

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**Invitation to Confession**

Priest: Dear friends,  
we live in a world that tends to segregate people along  
many lines, especially the weak from the powerful.  
This Christmas season and today's feast remind us  
that God's revelation is for all people  
and that Jesus was sent for all.  
God's will for the human race is unity—  
that all may be one. This vision is yet to be achieved,  
and there are those still threatened by it.  
But today we are called to walk in the light of this truth  
and to ask: From whom are we still separated?  
What are we called to do to bridge this chasm?  
As we enter this celebration  
of the Epiphany of our Lord,  
let us call to mind what separates us from others  
and even from God as we confess our sin.

*Silence is kept.*

## **Confession**

**All:**      **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

## **Absolution**

**Priest:**    **May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**All:**      **Amen.**

## **A Peruvian Gloria**

*(Cantor):* **Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the Highest!**  
**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the Highest!**  
*(Cantor):* **To God be glory forever!**  
**To God be glory forever!**  
*(Cantor):* **Alleluia! Amen!**  
**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Collect of the Day**

Priest: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,  
you revealed the incarnation of your Son  
by the brilliant shining of a star.  
Shine the light of your justice  
in our hearts and over all lands,  
and accept our lives as the treasure we offer  
in your praise and for your service;  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60: 1-6**

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

*At the end of the reading:*

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 72: 1-7, 10-14**

**Response: All nations shall serve him.**

Give the king your justice,  
O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;  
That he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;  
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the little hills bring righteousness. **(Response)**

He shall defend the needy among the people;  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another. **(Response)**

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.  
In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
there shall be abundance of peace  
till the moon shall be no more. **(Response)**

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.  
All kings shall bow down before him,  
and all the nations do him service.  
For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,  
and the oppressed who has no helper. **(Response)**

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.  
He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight. **(Response)**

## **SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3: 1-12**

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

*At the end of the reading:*

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia** (*sung 4 times*)

[From: Norah Duncan; GIA Publications, Inc.]

## THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2: 1-12

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*At the end of the gospel:*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Gospel Hymn: CP 143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory**  
*(tune: Regent Square)*

Presentation: *"The Fourth Wise Man"*

Anthem: *Torches* - Joubert

*Please stand as you are able.*

**An Affirmation of Faith** *[Based on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians]*

Leader: Let us declare our faith in God.

**All: We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.*

Let us pray with confidence as God's holy people  
for the needs of the Church, all families,  
and for our world...

**IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE,**  
**we pray for** The Church of the Province of Central  
Africa - The Most Revd Albert Chama - Primate.  
**Locally we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for our  
Diocese of Islands and Inlets. **We also pray for**  
Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, **and**  
**for** the Diocese of New Westminster and Archbishop  
John Stephens.

God of all time and space, as we gather in prayer,  
we recognize that our lives are but small details  
in the vast expanse of your universe.  
So we thank you for attending  
to the details of our lives.  
We thank you for the year just past,  
for walking through the good days  
and the hard days with us.  
Thank you for friendships and relationships  
that sustain us in uncertain times.  
We ask for your Spirit to guide us into the future,  
and create new possibilities  
for ministry and mission through our congregation.

Gracious God, light of the world.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

God of all people and places,  
the year just ended has held sorrows  
for so many in our community and around the world.  
We remember dear ones of have died  
and pray for those  
who look ahead in loneliness or sadness.....

*A silence is kept.*

We pray for those who have faced challenges  
in health, in their families or at work.....

*A silence is kept.*

Support each one who needs you close by.

Gracious God, light of the world.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

God of light and love,  
as we face this new year,  
so much around us is still uncertain.  
We seek your strength and guidance  
in each challenge we will face.  
Draw near to each one  
who must confront illness, loss,  
economic hardship or changing circumstances....

*A silence is kept.*

Guide those for whom new opportunities appear  
and choices must be made.

Gracious God, light of the world.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

God of community and commitment,  
we pray for wisdom and courage in this new year.  
Strengthen us as a congregation  
to be a lively and committed witness to your love.  
Help us reach out to our community  
in faithfulness and service.  
Guide leaders in our nation and around the world  
so that justice and peace may prevail,  
especially in troubled places and vulnerable lives.  
Show us all how to honour and protect your creation,  
even when that takes sacrifice on our part.



Gracious God, light of the world.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

We pray also for those who are on our hearts  
and those who we now name  
who have asked for our prayers.

*Add names here*

Gracious God, light of the world.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, hear all our prayers  
as we offer them in the name of Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **Invitation and Peace**

Priest: The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.  
It is the table of company with Jesus  
and with all those who love him.  
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,  
with whom Jesus identified himself.  
It is the table of communion with the earth  
in which Christ became incarnate.  
So, come to this table, you who have faith  
and you who would like to have more.  
You who have been to this sacrament often,  
and you who have not been for a long time.  
You who have tried to follow Jesus,  
and you who have failed.  
Come. It is Christ to invites us to meet him here.

As we prepare to come to the table  
let us exchange a sign of peace with one another.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### **Offertory Hymn: CP 139 The First Nowell**

*(tune: The First Nowell)*

## **The Preparation of the Table**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Priest: Gracious God,  
accept the offering of your Church,  
the hearts of your people  
joined in praise and thanksgiving,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

*[Source: Eucharistic Prayer E. from Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England (2000) (including the Psalter as published with Common Worship)]*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: All honour and praise  
be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:  
for at this time we celebrate your glory  
made present in our midst.  
In the coming of the magi  
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.  
In the waters of baptism  
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,  
the Saviour sent to redeem us.  
In the water made wine  
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.

Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.  
Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! (x2)  
Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is the one  
coming in the name, the name of our God.  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! (x2)**  
*[From: St. Aidan Setting; John Bell, The Iona Community]*

**Priest:** We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died  
he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life  
and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

**All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

Priest: Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with St. Luke, St. Joseph, St. Mary  
and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All: Ameni, ameni, amen, amen, amen, ameni.** *(repeat)*  
*[From: Young men; Christ the New Man Parish, Ga-  
Rankuwa, South Africa; GIA Publications, Inc.]*

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**All: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread** (*Setting: Land of Rest*)

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us. (twice)  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.  
[From: St. Bride Setting; John Bell, The Iona Community]**

**The Giving of Communion**

**Priest: God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please follow the directions of the sidespeople as the congregation is invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine.*

*If you would prefer not to receive communion, please come forward for a blessing. Crossing your hands over your chest will signal the priest to give you a blessing instead.*

**NOTE:** *Gluten free wafers are available on request.*

*Please remain seated as we sing the hymns during communion.*

**Hymn during Communion:**

**CP 160 As with Gladness Men of Old**  
*(tune: Dix)*

**Flute Solo: Tambourin – Gossec**

**Prayer after Communion** *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Priest: God of all the nations of the earth,  
guide us with your light.  
Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us  
in this eucharist and in our neighbours.  
May we welcome him with love,  
for he is Lord now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

Priest: Glory to God

**All: whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God,  
from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

**Announcements** *(Please be seated.)*

**Benediction** *(Please stand as you are able.)*

**Closing Hymn: CP 153 Good Christians All, Rejoice**  
*(tune: In Dulci Jubilo)*

**Dismissal**

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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**Postlude**

*Thank you to all who assisted with today's service.*

**In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for Sheilagh McGlynn, Youth Ministries Animator; the Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman, Animator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations (Anglican); **for** Deacon Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the National Bishop, Youth and Leadership; Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop, Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations (Lutheran); **and for** The Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller, Ecumenical Officer, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the School of Theology at Moravian University (Moravian).

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### **THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS**

**January 4<sup>th</sup> - January 11<sup>th</sup>**

**(\*\*New Items, \*Revised Items)**

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**Please stay for coffee time after today's service** – Park on Synod Road for easy access via the side door of the hall.

**A Big Thank You to Thrifty Foods Cloverdale** for the donation of the oranges we used for the Christingle Service. It is very generous of Thrifty Foods Cloverdale to provide them to us for free.

**\*\*Thank you to everyone who volunteered and assisted during the busy Advent and Christmas season.** It takes many volunteers and much dedication to offer the variety of services at Christmas time as we do at St. Luke's. Thank you to all the volunteers for your ongoing support of St. Luke's.

**\*The next Silver and Sage 55+ Gathering will be THIS THURSDAY, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in the church.** The topic will be Sitting is the New Smoking. Susanne Reul-Zastre will lead this session.

**\*The Next Fantastic Friday will be THIS FRIDAY, January 9<sup>th</sup> – It will be an Epiphany Party in the Hall** starting at 4:30

pm. The evening will include Fantastic Friday crafts and the Epiphany tradition of chalking the church door. Everyone welcome!

**\*\*Any Leftover Christmas Crackers?** If you have any leftover Christmas Crackers, please bring them to the Church office. We would like to have Christmas Crackers at our Epiphany Party at the January Fantastic Friday.

**Our January Reflections, our Sunday service in the late afternoon, will be on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.** This Reflections will feature cellist, Elena Antontceva, along with poems and prayers. Enjoy cello music in the beautiful ambiance of St. Luke's in the late afternoon. The readings, prayers, and music of this special Reflection Time will calm your spirit and soothe your soul.

**St. Luke's Christmas 2025 Prescription** is now available and the link to the online version was sent out by e-mail. Copies are available at the back of the church and from the parish office. Please let the Parish Office know if there is someone you would like a copy of the Prescription delivered to.

**Mark Your Calendars – On Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>,** we will hold our **2026 Attic Treasures Vintage Market from 10 am – 4 pm.** This will be a multi-vendor market with vendors renting tables as they did in September and last February. St. Luke's will also have a table with vintage items. To offer to help, please call Carol Turnham.

**Save the Date of Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>** for our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**, also known as our Annual Vestry Meeting. **The meeting will be held after the 10 am service** and will include a review of reports from 2025, voting on the budget for 2026, and the election of Parish Council members, Synod delegates, and the Leadership Team members. **There will not be an 8 am service that morning.**



**\*Parish Council for 2026 –** Please consider If you are being called to serve on Parish Council or if you know someone you think would be a good Parish Council member. Being on Parish Council is a valuable way to share your talents and learn more about St. Luke's. If you are able to help in this way, **please speak to one of the Nominations Committee members:** Rick Saville or Heather Simpson.

**\*\*Reports for the Annual Meeting package are due in the Parish Office by Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*Donations Towards St. Luke's Grand Piano –** We purchased a Baldwin Model R Artist Grand Piano in November. This is a wonderful addition to St. Luke's music program and will help make the space very suitable for concerts and recitals. **We would greatly appreciate donations towards the \$6,500 which was spent for the piano, its cost (\$6,000) plus the moving costs to bring it to St. Luke's (\$500).** To make a donation, please make a donation in one of your special donation envelopes or via an e-transfer and note that the donation is towards the grand piano. We are hoping to recover the cost of the piano through donations and fundraising concerts. **Thank you for your donations to date. So far we have received \$3,405 in donations with more pledged.**

**\*\*Thank you for your donations to this year's Christmas Stocking Project - Muletide Wishes.** During the month of December, we received \$281.40 in the Christmas Stocking and \$530 through directed givings, for a total of \$811.40. A gift of \$160 will provide a donkey for a family in Kenya. **We will send a cheque to the World of Gifts for \$960 to buy 6 donkeys for families in Kenya.**

**Sunday Coffee Times –** We are pleased that Rebecca Ford is able to do our set up and cleanup for Sunday coffee times. We are paying Rebecca \$50/Sunday to look after coffee times for us. **If you are able to make an extra donation in your envelopes and note that it is for coffee time that would be helpful.** Thank you for your donations to date. **To date, we**

**have received \$945 in donations towards coffee time. So we have paid for 19 Sundays so far.**

**Calling All Bakers** – We would love some baking for Coffee Times. Cookies, loaves, and squares are particularly appreciated. Baking donations can be brought to the hall during office hours (9 to noon, Monday to Friday) or during coffee times to be put in the small freezer downstairs by the Studio. Thanks so much for your help. Homemade baking is always greatly appreciated!

**Pre-Authorized Remittance Program (PAR)** – A number of people noted on their givings cards that they would like to increase their PAR or start using PAR. To make a change or start using PAR, please send an e-mail to St. Luke's Givings e-mail ([givings@stlukecedarhill.ca](mailto:givings@stlukecedarhill.ca)) and include the following information as noted. **To make a change to PAR**, include your envelope #, the date you would like the change to happen (e.g. January 1, 2026 or February 1, 2026, etc.), and the amount of the change. The PAR comes out of one's account on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month but changes have to be sent in prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. **To start using PAR**, send an e-mail to St. Luke's Givings e-mail ([givings@stlukecedarhill.ca](mailto:givings@stlukecedarhill.ca)) and a form to enrol will be sent to you. The Treasurer will follow up with everyone who indicated that they would like to change their PAR amount or start PAR in case they have any questions. **Thank you to those who have already sent through their changes.**

**\*\*Thank You from CFX Santos Anonymous** – We received a thank you note from CFX Santos Anonymous for the \$500 they received from the Swiftsure Big Band Concert held in St. Luke's Church on December 7<sup>th</sup>. (Admission was by donation to CFX Santos Anonymous). See Thank you note on the next page.

**From:** CFAX Santas Anonymous Society <santa@cfaxsantas.com>  
**Sent:** December 30, 2025 11:23 AM  
**To:** Parish Administrator, St. Luke Cedar Hill  
<admin@stlukecedarhill.ca>  
**Subject:** CFAX Santas Anonymous Donation

Dear members of St Luke Cedar Hill Anglican Church,

Happy New Year!

On behalf of the Board of Directors and our dedicated volunteers, I want to sincerely thank you for your generous donation to the 2025 Christmas Hamper Program. Your kindness helped parents create a special Christmas for their children.

Because of your generosity, local families will received thoughtful support this holiday season. Your donation provided gifts for the children, grocery gift cards, and food to stock the pantry when it was most needed. Most importantly, you gifted parents the comfort and dignity of being able to give their children something they hoped for.

Your contribution had a real impact, especially for the families registered to receive a Christmas hamper and the volunteers who carefully prepared the gifts and food, helping make the process smooth and meaningful for everyone involved.

As we welcome the New Year, we invite you to learn more about the charity's year-round impact by subscribing to our semi-annual newsletter at [cfaxsantas.com](http://cfaxsantas.com). If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please feel free to contact me directly at [Christine@cfaxsantas.com](mailto:Christine@cfaxsantas.com) or 778-561-1070.

Wishing you a wonderful New Year!

With heartfelt thanks,

Christine Hewitt  
Executive Director  
CFAX Santas Anonymous

## Welcome To St. Luke Cedar Hill



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send an e-mail: [admin@stlukecedarhill.ca](mailto:admin@stlukecedarhill.ca),  
or phone: 250-477-6741.  
We hope you will visit again!

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### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Psalms 29

Acts 10: 34-43

Matthew 3: 13-17

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### FLOWERS

*Flowers at St. Luke's are coordinated by Ann Séguin.*