

What's Cookin': Cookies for Santa

We have a recipe that we think someone visiting your house in a few days may enjoy— perhaps someone who enters through the chimney and appreciates a nice, homemade cookie and a glass of milk? And perhaps a few others in the house might like them too!

There are a few secrets to making a great cookie. First of all, know the temperature of your oven. If your oven tends to cook hot—then lower the temperature. Cookies do not like to cook at a super

Dark Chocolate Chunk Cookies

Makes 24 cookies

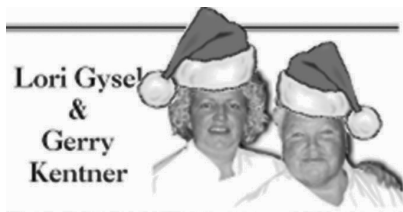
Ingredients

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 cup dark chocolate, cut into chunks



Method

1. Cream butter and sugar together.
2. Add egg and vanilla. Mix well.
3. In a separate bowl, mix flour, baking powder and salt together well. Add dry ingredients to the wet and mix.
4. Add chocolate and mix until combined, do not overmix.
5. Drop by tablespoon onto parchment-lined baking sheet.
6. Bake in a preheated 375 F degree oven for approximately 12 minutes.



high heat. Also, the cookies should be on a light-coloured baking sheets— save the old black baking sheets for roasting vegetables and use the new light ones for cookies. This will help prevent your cookies from becoming too dark. Cookies should bake on the centre rack and if you have multiple pans of them, then bake them in batches, rather than cramming all the pans into the oven at the same time.

If you like a really soft cookie, then take them out of the oven before they start to firm up— they should still feel almost doughy. They will continue to cook on the counter until their temperature cools down. Also for a soft cookie, replace some of the sugar with corn syrup.

Why not try making a double batch of cookie dough and then freezing some for easy cookie making later? You can form the dough into cookies, then freeze on baking sheets until completely frozen, then transfer to a Ziploc bag— then all you have to do is grab a few cookies out of the bag and place on a baking sheet to bake. Do not thaw the dough— bake the cookies from frozen, the baking time will only change by a minute or so and the temperature remains the same.

Gerry and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas! Have fun and keep cooking!

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Saturday, Dec. 24

Limehouse Presbyterian Church: hosts a Christmas Eve Service, 9 p.m. at the country church located at 12418 Sixth Line at 22 Sideroad, Halton Hills. Rev. Dr Jim Cooper will lead in lessons and carols. Offering will be donated to local food banks. All welcome.

Norval Presbyterian Church: hosts a service, 5 p.m. A time for adults and children to celebrate together the birth of Jesus Christ.

Ebenezer United Church: co-hosts a Family Christmas Service, 7 p.m. at Eden Mills United Church. Info: Audrey Kitching, 519-822-4374.

St. George's Anglican Church: holds its services, 5, 7, 9 and 11 p.m.

Knox Presbyterian Church: hosts a service, 7 p.m. at 116 Main St. S., Georgetown. All welcome. The church is chair-lift accessible and has a dial-in service (905-702-1629). Info: 905-877-7585 or www.knoxgeorgetown.ca

St. John's United Church: hosts Christmas Eve for Intergenerational Families, 6 p.m., at 11 Guelph St. in Georgetown. This is a celebration of the Christmas story especially designed for children, parents and grandparents. Then at 10 p.m. share the warmth and fellowship of worship and communion at Christmas Eve Candlelight, Carols & Communion service. Info: 905-877-2531, www.stjohnsuc.ca.

St. Alban's Church: hosts a number of Christmas Eve services to celebrate the birth of Christ: 4 p.m. Children's service; 5 p.m., Family service and 10:30

Community Calendar

p.m., Traditional service at 537 Main St., Glen Williams. Info: 905-877-8323.

Union Presbyterian Church: hosts Carols and Readings, 7 p.m. at Winston Churchill Blvd. and Old School Rd.

Sunday, Dec. 25

Community Dinner: An open invitation is extended for a Christmas Day Community Dinner and fellowship, 1 p.m. at St. Alban's Parish Hall, 537 Main St., Glen Williams. For a no-cost dinner reservation, please RSVP 905-877-8323. If transportation is required, parish members will do their best to help.

Christmas Day church services at:

- Lessons and Carols Service, 10 a.m. at St. Andrew's United Church, 89 Mountainview Rd. S, Georgetown. Info: 905-877-4482, www.standrewsuc.ca. The church is fully accessible.

- The combined congregations of Boston Presbyterian Church and Omagh Presbyterian Churches will hold a service at 11 a.m. at Omagh Church, 2077 Britannia Rd., Milton.

- Knox Presbyterian Church, 116 Main St. S., Georgetown at 11 a.m. "Sunday's Cool" youth ministry program for ages 4 and up. The church is chair-lift accessible and has a dial-in service, 905-702-1629, for those unable to attend.

- St. George's Anglican Church, 60 Guelph St. holds a service at 10 a.m.

- St. Alban's Church, 537 Main St., Glen Williams, holds a service, 10 a.m.

- Union Presbyterian Church hosts a service at 10:30 a.m.



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