

IN OUR PARISH



Don't Forget: Be a Part of the Celebration!

Next **Sunday June 14th** marks the end of our pastoral year when *we will gather as a parish community to honour and thank Msgr. Sean & Fr. Pat* for all that they have given us during the past 6 years. A festive Mass (with some very special offerings from our Choir) will be followed by a luncheon reception outside on the west lawn (or inside if the weather is inclement).

For more information please speak with the wardens after Mass, or contact Janet Macklem at 514-933-8202, or by email janet.macklem@sympatico.ca.

“Be My Disciples” 2015-16 Registration: Faith Education program for Children
Registration for children grades 1 to 6 has begun. We encourage you to complete yours as soon as possible in order to help us plan for the fall. Forms are available at the back of the church or can be obtained by contacting Linda Wiltshire, Pastoral Associate by email: wiltshirecl@msn.com or by phone 514-932-3131 (Mondays & Thursdays)

Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund Update

Thank you for your generosity during the last month in response special collection request which was made by our Archbishop and Development & Peace for our sisters and brothers in Nepal.

In order to bring urgent relief to victims of the earthquakes that took place on April 25th and May 12th, 2015, Development and Peace contributed an initial \$200,000 in emergency funding to the efforts being organized by its Caritas partners working in Nepal. As of May 21st, Caritas' emergency response had already reached 105,000 people. The front-line emergency response has included providing those affected with tarpaulins, tents, and blankets to protect them from the cold and rain, which is particularly critical in this mountainous country, which encompasses part of the Himalayas. Once priority needs are met, Caritas will help construct temporary shelters that are more solid for those who lost their houses. The process will probably take several years, during which time new earthquake resistant homes will have to be developed. The funds collected by Development and Peace will provide support for emergency relief and will also be allocated for the necessary middle- and long-term reconstruction efforts that will be carried out in collaboration with our local partners and affected communities.



Looking for an Excellent Nurse's Aide?

Joyce Scott is a highly qualified P.A.B/Nurse's Aide (Kingston Learning College) with 16 years of extensive health experience & excellent communication skills. She is very attentive to details, professional, assertive and easily adapts to challenging patient situations. For a reference, please call Greg Dunning (514-466-6903) or contact Joyce directly (514-850-9947).

REFLECTION

We are in the afterglow of our Easter celebration. Last week we reflected upon the divine life of the Trinity, shared with us through the Saviour's Paschal Mystery. This year's Corpus Christi liturgy calls us to a deeper understanding of the Eucharist – the enduring presence in our midst of the Paschal Mystery in its entirety, the very ‘foundation and centre’ of the Church's life, as Vatican II reminds us. Today's readings take up the theme of Mark's gospel, ‘the blood of the covenant poured out’ for the whole human family.



To grasp what these readings have to say to us, we must take account of the profound symbolism blood had for old Israel – not a symbol of violence, but the sacred embodiment of life. As Moses ratified the old covenant with Yahweh, therefore, the blood – sprinkled on the altar (representing God) and on the people – expressed the life-giving union with God that was to become the very destiny of Israel. In his Eucharistic words, Jesus deliberately gives a new meaning to this old theme, repeating the words of Moses, ‘This is the blood of the covenant’.

For many people, the blood of Calvary has been associated almost exclusively with Christ's horrendous suffering. While not denying that awareness of the Saviour's passion is essential to Christian faith, the message of the Scriptures invites us to enlarge our perspective. St Paul's message to the first Christian generation was ‘whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes’ (1 Cor 11: 26). The Letter to the Hebrews spells out the magnificent implications of what Paul is saying. In the Saviour's death and resurrection he gives the world its one great act of true worship. He is the ‘priest’ who ‘offers himself as a perfect sacrifice’; his life-giving ‘blood’ enables us to ‘serve the living God’; as he enacts a final ‘covenant’, he takes us with him beyond the old Temple and its foreshadowing in the ritual of Mount Sinai, beyond ‘this created order’, into the very presence of God; in the Eucharistic sacrament, he fulfils ‘what was promised’ – in the Eucharist is fulfilled, the promise of ‘new wine’ in ‘the Kingdom of God’, with which Mark's reading ends. The Church has always seen the Eucharistic banquet as a foretaste of the joys of the Kingdom.

Today's liturgy, therefore invites us to reflect upon a theme of great importance for the renewal of the Church's liturgy. The Eucharist is far more than Christ's ‘real presence’ among us, as a kind of substitute for the fact that he is no longer among us as he was in his earthly life. In its fullness, the Eucharist is an action (‘Take and eat’, ‘Take and drink’; ‘Do this’). It is the central action of the Church's life because of the presence of the Lord himself, giving himself into the hands of his Father, as creation's perfect act of worship, and giving himself to us as food and drink, that we may make his Paschal Mystery our nourishment for eternal life

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<http://www.theemmausseries.com/bbodyblood.html>

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IN THE DIOCESE

Open House ~ Father Dowd Home

In celebration of the 150th ANNIVERSARY of the Father Dowd Home, 6565 Hudson Road, Cote des Neiges (behind Kent Park), the Auxiliary of the Father Dowd will be hosting a Open House on **Sunday, June 7th**, from 1 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Memorabilia will be on display and light refreshments will be served. Hope to see many of you there.

Deacons Memorial Mass: 11th Anniversary

The Annual Memorial Service and Mass for the deceased members of our diaconal community will be held on **Wednesday, June 10**, 8pm at St. Patrick's Basilica, in the Lady Chapel (454 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, Montreal). The Mass will be presided by Msgr. Francis Coyle, C.S.S., pastor of St. Patrick's Basilica. All are welcome. For more info, contact Deacon Richard Brisebois at dcan@sympatico.ca.

Concert Fundraiser: "How Does Your Light Shine?"

Featuring *Aurora Choralis* on **Saturday, June 13**, 4pm at the Oscar Peterson Concert Hall of Concordia University-Loyola Campus (7141 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal). Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Proceeds to support *Friends for Mental Health*. Contact Pauline at eene_orr@yahoo.com.

Montreal Christian March and Gathering: Let's Gather in the Name of Jesus

Archbishop Christian Lépine and the Christian March Organization cordially invite you to a meeting of Christians of all rites and denominations on **Saturday, June 20** from 10am to 2pm at Parc Ahuntsic, Montreal (Henri-Bourassa metro station). Join fellow Christians for an opportunity to socialize and encourage one another to take a greater role in the public square. For info. contact Jeannelle Cantin, 450-293-2682 or jeannelle@marchechretienne.org. Visit www.MarcheChretienne.com.

Feast of St. Josemaria Escriva, Founder of Opus Dei

All are cordially invited to a Solemn Mass presided by Archbishop Christian Lépine on **Monday, June 22**, 7:30pm. at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral on René-Lévesque Blvd. West (one block east of Peel St.). Confessions will be heard starting at 7pm. Visit www.opusdei.ca.

Follow-up Parish Vitality Conference

Many people have already viewed the seven Parish Vitality workshops found on the website under the title "Missed a Workshop?" Now, six more workshops – under the theme of Stewardship and Reclaiming the Sabbath & Prayer – have been posted, including Putting Prayer at the Heart of Your Parish by Archbishop Christian Lépine and Discovering Our Gifts by Bishop Thomas Dowd. Go to parishvitality.com. Click on "Now What?" for a description of how some parishes have undertaken initiatives to revitalize their parish community.

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, June 6th 2015

St. Norbert
(Tobit 12:1-20; Mark 12:38-44)
5:00 Lea & Fausto Bortoluzzi
by Nori Bortoluzzi

Sunday, June 7th 2015

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
(Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15;
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26)
10:30 Mr. & Mrs. Donat Taddeo Sr.
by Donat Taddeo

Monday, June 8th 2015 No Mass

(2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Matthew 5:1-12)

Tuesday, June 9th 2015

St. Ephrem
(2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Matthew 5:13-16)

Wednesday, June 10th 2015

(2 Corinthians 3:45-11; Matthew 5:17-19)

Thursday, June 11th 2015

St. Barnabas, Apostle
(Acts 11:21-26, 13:1-3; Matthew 10:7-13)

Friday, June 12th 2015

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
(Hosea 11:1-4,8-9; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; John 19:31-37)

Saturday, June 13th 2015

St. Anthony of Padua
(2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Matthew 5:33-35)
5:00 Donna Power by Helen & Henry Olders

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 6:00 PM
Christian Meditation in the Choir room.
For information call 514-931-5536

THURSDAY 7:30 PM
Choir Practice in the Choir Room

You are not forgotten

If you, or a loved one, are not able to come to church, we would be happy to come to you, have a little chat and bring you the Lord in Holy Communion. Let us know by calling the parish office (932-3131) and we will get to you ASAP.

Parish Donations

Did you know that parish donations can be made ONLINE through **CanadaHelps**. As summer approaches, this provides a convenient way to support our parish while on vacation. The process is simple & you receive your Tax e-receipt immediately. Donations may be made using Visa, MasterCard, American Express, PayPal or Interact. Go to the parish website (www.ascensionofourlord.ca) and click on the main page button "EVERY DOLLAR HELPS" for instructions. Thank you for your generosity.