

IN OUR PARISH

An Expression of Gratitude...

As the pastoral year draws to a conclusion for the summer break, we would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the many parishioners who contribute their time and talent over the year. To the members of our Choir, Cantors, Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ministers of Hospitality, Altar servers, Sacristans, Catechists, and our office volunteers: please accept the appreciation of our parish community for all you do for the Ascension Parish!

We also want to thank the sponsors of our bulletin for their support, and encourage all our parishioners where possible to support to these sponsors by their patronage.



Wishing all of you a peaceful and restful summer,
Your Parish Pastoral Team

Summer Sunshine for Your Soul

Summer is almost here, but as the days are heating up, do you find your faith growing cold? It can be tempting to trade time with God for that pool party or barbecue! But don't let your faith burn out just because it's time for summer break. Pack your picnic bag with these faith essentials, and stay burning bright for Jesus all summer long!

Sunscreen—Prayer. Cover yourself with prayer every day for protection from burnout.

Snacks—Scripture. Taste and see the Lord is good all summer by packing your favorite Scripture verses with you in bite-sized pieces to nibble on throughout the day.

Sunglasses—Focus. Keep your eyes on Jesus, and you won't be blinded by temptations that distract you from following your faith.

Beach mat—Rest. Take a break from stress...and find your rest in Jesus (CVDaily editors)

“Be My Disciples” 2015-16 Registration: Faith Education program for Children

Registration for children grades 1 to 6 continues. Please complete yours as soon as possible (before the end of June) 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)

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).

Imperceptible Life

"We walk by faith, not by sight."

A tiny sprig is planted. It becomes a mighty cedar to shade and shelter life.

We scatter seed on the ground. We sleep and rise day after day. Through it all, the seed sprouts and grows without our knowing how it happens. First the sprout, then the ear, then the ripe wheat. A mustard seed, among the smallest of the earth, slowly rises and erupts. It unfolds to reign as the largest of shrubs, ample enough for birds to nest and hatch in.

The reign of God, this matter of faith, hope, and love, this kingdom for the ages, need not measure well in isolated moments. It is a living and growing thing.

So also our lives. Life is slow and subtle. Love takes time to show and grow. In life, little acts count. In fact, that is what a life is all about, a long parade of moments deceptively inconsequential. Children grow before our eyes. But they age imperceptibly. We recognize growth only after it has happened. The full truth of the child is seen after the child is child no more.

We ask ourselves: have we made progress? We are almost never aware of it. Only with effort and discipline do we become fully conscious. If we keep a journal, now and then we are startled when we peruse past entries. Worries, fears, preoccupations of the previous year seem to have evanesced. The greatest terrors and strongest urgencies of five years ago now surprise, embarrass, or encourage us. Was this me? Why was it that I could not gauge it as it was lived?

Life, like faith and love, resists most measurement. As it develops, it is rarely noticed. We seem not to do these things by sight. Our changings are unmarked as they happen.

This is why, perhaps, a daily examination of our awareness can be so life-enhancing.

Examination applies the lens of believing to the blur of daily particularities. It is to notice in faith. It is to pay attention lovingly, gratefully.

Like sowers, we scatter our activities, our tiny acts of faith, flung out far and profligate, some taken by the wind, all landing somewhere. We sleep our nights and do our days, and the growth takes place. We may not even be conscious of the flowering.

Sometimes, by the grace of journey, whereby we depart and then return, we suddenly come to see the child now strong and true, the sapling broad and expansive.

But journey outward is not the only way to understand the present. In a journal, we move inward. We penetrate the present with conscious faith and love. We remember our destiny in Christ so that it might inform each present moment and quicken it with slumbering life.

The import of life's every day, as St. Paul suggests, is revealed "at the tribunal of Christ."

"We continue to be confident. We know that while we dwell in the body we are away from the Lord. We walk by faith, not by sight."

John Kavanaugh, S. J. <http://liturgy.slu.edu/11OrdBO61415>



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th June 2015

IN THE DIOCESE

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

You are invited 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.

Diocesan Camping Association

"Serving the Montreal Catholic Community for over 45 years". DCA offers four amazing, fun-filled, faith-based, one-week long camping experiences for children, youth and families at beautiful Camp Kinkora! Here is this season's schedule: Family Camp (July 12-18); Liturgy Camp for 6-15yrs (July 19-25); Youth In Action for 7-14yrs (July 26 -Aug 1) and Visions for 14-19yrs (August 2-8). For more info and registration, contact Anna Graham at 514-683-0703 or 514-796-0703. Pamphlets are available at the back of the church.

Camp Caritas: Walk the Good Path

A sports camp with a difference - promoting sportsmanship, fun, good fraternal and spiritual values; welcoming and respectful towards all faiths and cultures. A camp for boys only, between the ages of 11-17, in the heart of the Laurentians, from July 29-August 12, 2015. Contact the office at 514-272-1056 or visit <http://www.campcaritas.ca/>.

Montreal Directed Retreats: A Summer Retreat

A silent, personally-directed summer retreat from August 10-14, 2015 at the Cistercian Abbey (471 rue Principale, Rougemont). Enjoy a quiet oasis of peace and tranquility in the countryside. Cost is \$275, all-inclusive. Individual rooms with private toilet and shower in each room.

Collecting Items for the Homeless

Nazareth House: Donations for Anne's House

If you have nail polish, make-up samples, hair dye and soaps and would like to donate, we know 30 wonderful ladies who would greatly appreciate these products. For more about Anne's House, visit <http://maison-nazareth-house.com/annesshouse/>. Thank you for the support! Please call ahead for drop-offs. Contact the office at 514-933-6916.

Benedict Labré House: Donations for BLH Guests

In order to meet the needs in the coming months, your donations of the following items would be deeply appreciated: men's underwear, socks, shoes, knapsacks, sleeping bags, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoos, soaps, razors, and deodorant. For more about Benedict Labré House, visit <http://www.benedictlabre.org/newsite/>. Thank you in advance for your support. Please call ahead for drop-offs. Contact the office at 514-937-5973 or kprojean@benedictlabre.org.

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MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Sunday, June 14th 2015

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Ex 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34)
10:30 Arpad Ag & Judit Kontra
by Monika Ag

Monday, June 15th 2015 No Mass

(2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42)

Tuesday, June 16th 2015 No Mass

(2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48)

Wednesday, June 17th 2015

(2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18)
9:00 The Superales and Renomeron Family

Thursday, June 18th 2015

(2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15)
9:00 Giovanni Falbo & Melania Mielewczyk
by Patricia Falbo Mielewczyk

Friday, June 19th 2015

St. Romuald
(2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Matt 6:19-23)
9:00 Cass Prendergast by Pamela Price

Saturday, June 20th 2015

(2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Matthew 6:24-34)
5:00 Hilda Dimock by Pina Giobbi & Family

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

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

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.ascensionoffourlord.ca) and click on the main page button "EVERY DOLLAR HELPS" for instructions. Thank you for your generosity.

Summer Schedule Changes

This is the last Sunday for the Parish bulletin until after Labour Day. The weekly schedule of Mass intentions will be posted on the bulletin boards.

Also, beginning June 16th there will be no 5pm Mass on Tuesdays until September.

Please take note that the parish office will be closed on Wednesday June 24th (St. Jean Baptiste) & Wednesday July 1st (Canada Day).