

## IN OUR PARISH

**Today is Solidarity Sunday! Support the Share Lent collection for DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE.**

*Pope Francis ends his Joy of the Gospel with this prayer to Mary: Star of the new evangelization, help us to bear radiant witness to communion, service, ardent and generous faith, justice and love of the poor, that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the Earth, illuminating even the fringes of our world.*

Today, on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Solidarity Sunday, we join the Holy Father in praying that we may all be radiant witnesses and that through our support of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, the joy of the Gospel may indeed illuminate even the darkest corners of our world! Your gift can be placed in the Share Lent envelopes.

Thank you for your generosity in helping to meet the needs of the world.

*The envelopes for Share Lent are available at the back of the church and side doors.*

**Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service**

As part of our Lenten journey of conversion and renewal, the Church invites us to experience the healing, transforming power of the Lord's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This **Wednesday, March 25th at 7:30 p.m.** we will hold a communal celebration of this sacrament, with opportunity for individual confession. All parishioners are invited to attend and experience the joy of sacramental healing in preparation for Easter.

**Flowers for Easter**

You are invited to make a donation in the name of loved ones toward the purchase of flowers to decorate the church for the Easter season. Donations should be received by March 30th in order to allow us time to organize the decor of our beautiful church during this most holy and joyous season.

**A Note of Appreciation**

*I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all who expressed their condolences to me upon the recent death of my mother, Mary.*

*The donations to Chez Doris in her memory, mass intentions, notes of sympathy and warm words were all meaningful gestures of consolation. Again my heartfelt appreciation.*

*Monsignor Sean*

**Glory, Glory, Hallelujah**

In the Gospel, some Greeks ask to see Jesus. Jesus responds by saying that anyone who loves his life will lose it; to gain your life, you have to be like a grain of wheat which brings forth much fruit only by falling into the earth and dying. The Greeks must have been baffled. What has this speech of Jesus' got to do with their request to see him?

But consider those Greeks. They accord Jesus rock-star status. They don't even ask to talk to the great man. They want only to see him. And they don't dare come to Jesus directly. They just approach one of his

friends, Philip, and they call Philip "Sir"—Kyrie. Even Lady Gaga's groupies wouldn't call one of her friends, "Lord," would they?

Jesus' response helps those Greeks to see him—the true Lord, not the rock-star the Greeks were looking for. The true Lord did not come to get status and power. He came to lose his life, to fall and die, like a grain of wheat.

The point is made emphatically at the end of Jesus' response to the Greeks. He ends with a prayer. "Father," he prays, "glorify your name." Jesus, the true Lord and not the rock star, came to seek God's glory. He did not come to seek not his own glory.

The final part of the lesson for the Greeks and for us comes in God's response to Jesus' prayer. God honors Jesus by answering his prayer out loud: "I have glorified My name, and I will glorify it again!"

"This voice didn't come for my sake, but for yours," Jesus tells the awed bystanders.

God's voice came to finish the lesson: God honors those who seek to honor him.

True glory lies not in rock-star status, then, but, on the contrary, in being willing to fall and die like a grain of wheat. It consists in being willing to let go, to lose one's life in this world in love for the glory of God's name.

And so the Greeks do get what they asked for. In the response of Jesus to them, they and we see the true Lord, and with the true Lord the pattern for going for glory in our lives, too. Glory, glory, hallelujah!

*Eleonore Stump, [http://liturgy.slu.edu/5LentB032215/reflections\\_stump.html](http://liturgy.slu.edu/5LentB032215/reflections_stump.html)*

**A Resource for Praying Lent**

Every weekend throughout Lent you will find at the back of the Church a handout from Creighton Ministries to assist you with your journey through Lent. This week's is entitled: "Reconciliation and Healing". Don't forget to pick up your copy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Volunteers Needed in the Parish to Help with Data Entry**

Can you spare an hour or two per week to help in the Parish Office? We are looking for volunteers to help with data entry on Wednesday mornings between 10am and noon. If you can help, please email Effie at ascensionaccounts@yahoo.com or drop by the office on a Wednesday morning. Thank you for being generous with your time and talents.

**Journeying Through the Valley: Guided conversations for those who are Grieving.**

An eclectic approach to holding and honouring our grief. We will share our stories of the lives that have touched our own as well as draw upon insights of others who have explored the world of bereavement and grief. Our time together will be supported by an acknowledgment of the One Who loves us and understands our suffering. **Thursdays March 12 through May 7** (with a break during Holy Week), 7:00 – 8:30 pm. \$100 for eight sessions – note: no one is turned away for lack of funds. For more information, please contact Jan at 514 725-5047. To register please contact the Ignatian Centre at 514-481-1064 or [centre@ignatiancentremtl.ca](mailto:centre@ignatiancentremtl.ca).

**Pastoral Home Care Services: Living Change - A Spirituality of Transition**

Marriage, family, grief, illness, career, retirement and seniority: our lives are filled with transitions. How are we called to live these transitions as people of faith? Do difficult times have anything to teach us? This workshop will explore how our faith tradition offers us help along the path of change. **Wednesday, March 25, 7pm** at St. Veronica Parish (1300 Carson Ave., Dorval) with guest speaker Cathie Macaulay, coordinator of Pastoral Home Care Services at the Archdiocese of Montreal, spiritual director & teacher with the Ignatian Spirituality Centre. Contact Wendy at 514-931-7311 x249 or [wdesouza@diocesemontreal.org](mailto:wdesouza@diocesemontreal.org).

**Montreal English Catholic Cursillo Movement: Men’s Retreat**

Serving the English-speaking population within the diocese of Montreal, St-Jean-Longueuil, Valleyfield, St-Jérôme and St-Hyacinthe, Cursillo will be hosting a spiritual and a personal retreat for men, which will run from **Thursday evening, April 9, until Sunday afternoon on April 12** at Ermitage Ste-Croix (21269 Gouin Blvd. West, Pierrefonds) This Cursillo retreat will shed some light for you to better understand yourself and to realize that God is always with us. We hope to see you there! For more info contact Fadi at 514-467-5405.

**Parish Vitality Conference Follow-up**

If you’ve been waiting for follow-up information or are curious about the Parish Vitality Conference held last Nov. 13-15, the first update is now available at [parishvitality.com](http://parishvitality.com). Check out “Now What?” to find out what some parishes are doing to boost vitality in their community. If you “Missed a Workshop?” you can now attend some of them virtually via YouTube. The website playlist features presentations on Pastoral Leadership and Communications. There will be more to come; next update in April.

MASSES THIS WEEK

**Saturday, March 21st, 2015**

(Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53)  
5:00 Agnes Maclellan by Louise Maclellan

**Sunday, March 22nd, 2015**

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
(Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; John 12:20-33)  
10:30 Margaret Keough  
by her daughter Gina & the Family

**Monday March 23rd, 2015 No Mass**

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo  
(Daniel 13:2,4-6,8,15-16,19-23,28,41-64;  
John 8:1-11)

**Tuesday, March 24th, 2015**

(Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30)  
5:00 Danielle Keefler by her Family

**Wednesday, March 25th, 2015**

The Annunciation of the Lord  
(Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38)

**Thursday, March 26th, 2015**

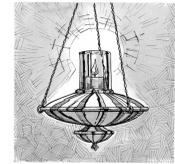
(Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59)  
9:00 Michael Brady by Ann Kennedy

**Friday, March 27th, 2015**

(Jeremiah 20:7,10-13; John 10:31-42)  
9:00 Vlasta Stiegler,  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Death by the Parish

**Saturday, March 28th, 2015**

(Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-67)  
5:00 Agnes Maclellan by Louise Maclellan



*This week the Sanctuary lamp will burn  
in memory of*

*Leonardo Umale by the Family*

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 4:00PM  
**Preparation Class for First Reconciliation** in the Parish Room  
6:00 PM

**Christian Meditation** in the Choir room.  
For information call 514-931-5536

TUESDAY 7:30PM  
**Archdiocese of Montreal Adult Faith Formation Program Missioning Service** in the Church

WEDNESDAY 7:30PM  
**Parish Reconciliation Service**

THURSDAY 7:30 PM  
**Choir Practice** in the Choir Room

SATURDAY 10:00AM  
**Celebration of First Reconciliation**

**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.