

IN OUR PARISH



A Note of Appreciation

A heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to the success of the celebration of our patronal feast day last Sunday, the feast of the Ascension:

- our choir for their beautiful music at the Sunday Mass,
- those among you who baked and made cookies, sandwiches and other “goodies”
- all who assisted with set-up , serving and clean-up

It was a glorious day full of Ascension parish community spirit!

Sacrament of Confirmation

Next Saturday, May 30th Msgr. Sean Harty will confer the sacrament of Confirmation upon 21 young people during the 5pm Mass. As a parish community let us pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire them to lives overflowing with goodness and grace.

“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)

A Celebration to Say Thank You!

Msgr Sean and Fr. Pat are retiring from parish life at the end of August and we would like to thank them for all that they have given to our parish community. On **Sunday June 14th** we will honour them at a special 10:30 Liturgy followed by a reception outside on the west lawn (or inside if the weather is inclement). If you can help with the celebration or if you have any questions please speak with the wardens after Mass, or contact Janet Macklem at 514-933-8202, or by email janet.macklem@sympatico.ca.

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.

REFLECTION



At a World Youth Day Vigil in July 2008, Pope Benedict spoke about the Holy Spirit to the thousands of young people gathered under the stars, using the words of St Augustine: “The Holy Spirit makes us remain in God and God in us; yet it is love that effects this. The Spirit therefore is God as love!” (St Augustine De Trinitate, 15.17.31). It is a beautiful explanation: God shares himself as love in the Holy Spirit. What further understanding might we gain from this insight? Love is the sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit!”

The Holy Spirit was received by the disciples at Pentecost and it changed them, making them courageous and joyous witnesses for Christ. We received the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation, but somehow the promise of Jesus – “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you” does not seem to always have that effect in our lives.

In his homily that night Pope Benedict’s words about the action of the Holy Spirit are thought-provoking: “To be truly alive is to be transformed from within, open to the energy of God’s love. In accepting the power of the Holy Spirit you too can transform your families, communities and nations. Set free the gifts! Let wisdom, courage, awe and reverence be the marks of greatness!”

Pope Benedict spoke of “opening” to the energy of God’s love; of “accepting” the power of the Holy Spirit; of “setting free” the gifts of the Spirit. We may have received the Holy Spirit but these phrases imply there is some spiritual work to be done if the gifts and the full power of the Holy Spirit are to be released in our lives.

Pope Francis often encourages us to pray to the Holy Spirit. For example in one of his General Audiences he said:

“Let’s ask ourselves: are we open to the Holy Spirit, do I pray to him to enlighten me, to make me more sensitive to the things of God? And this is a prayer we need to pray every day, every day: Holy Spirit may my heart be open to the Word of God, may my heart be open to good, may my heart be open to the beauty of God, every day.”

The work we need to do to release the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives is likely to be different for each of us. Knowing what it is and seeking the courage to do it would be a good subject for our prayer to the Holy Spirit in this Pentecost week.

<http://www.catholic.org.nz/reflection/dsp-view-reflections.cfm?loadref=57&id=280>

IN THE DIOCESE

Diocesan Patronal Feast Day

Join us on **Friday, May 29, 7:30pm** at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral on René-Lévesque Blvd. West to celebrate the Diocesan Patronal Feast day, during which Archbishop Christian Lépine will highlight the Year of Consecrated Life. Four people and six organizations of consecrated life will be recipients of this year's *Monseigneur-Ignace-Bourget Diocesan Award of Merit*. This award is presented annually to acknowledge and thank those who have served and continue to serve the Church of Montreal so generously. All are welcome!

The Other Side of Chaos: Trusting God When Life is Breaking Down

When life appears to be breaking down, we can become blind to God's loving hand guiding us to something new. *Author Margaret Silf* will present a workshop that will help us keep our eyes fixed on the Lord, instead of straining back to the seeming comfort of our past. **Friday, May 29, 7- 9 pm; Saturday, May 30, 9am -4 pm** (please bring a lunch), followed by Sunday Vigil Mass, from 4 - 5 pm; Sunday, May 31 9 am-12 pm at Loyola High School, 7272 Sherbrooke St. W. Cost: \$60. For more info. or to register, contact: The Ignatian Spirituality Centre 514-481-1064 or centre@ignatiancentremtl.ca.

Villa Saint-Martin: Retreat - Living God's Dream

With author Margaret Silf from **Sunday, May 31 to Friday, June 5** (9451 Gouin Blvd. West, Pierrefonds). God has a dream! We will look at how this divine dream is revealing itself in our own lives. We will explore some practical ways of discovering where God's dream meets our own desires and how we can live it out day by day using discernment. The retreat will be guided throughout by the wisdom and practical tools of St. Ignatius of Loyola. No previous knowledge or experience of Ignatian spirituality is required. Margaret Silf is the author of several books and is passionate about making Christian spirituality accessible in everyday life. Cost is \$475 for a room with shared bathrooms and showers on each floor. Contact the office at 514-684-2311 x0 or villasaintmartin@jesuites.org.

Feast of Corpus Christi 2015: Shine Forth the Light of Christ

All are welcome on **Thursday, June 4** beginning with Mass at 7pm at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral (1085 rue de la Cathédrale, Montreal) followed by a Eucharistic procession through the streets of downtown Montreal to St. Patrick's Basilica (460 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, Montreal) for benediction. For more information contact Sr. Pamela Buchner, FMJ at 514-931-7311 x349 or pbuchner@diocesemontreal.org.

Ville Marie Online

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, May 23rd 2015

(Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25)

5:00 Franz Paul Decker,

1st Anniversary of Death by the Parish

Sunday, May 24th 2015

Pentecost Sunday

(Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13;

John 20:19-23)

10:30 Efren & Sinforosa Cataluna

by Lorna Cataluna

Monday, May 25th 2015 No Mass

St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII,

St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi

(Sirach 17:24-27, 29; Mark 10:17-27)

Tuesday, May 26th 2015

St. Philip Neri

(Sirach 35:1-15; Mark 10:28-31)

5:00 Mgr. Norbert Lacoste by Donat Taddeo

Wednesday, May 27th 2015

St. Augustine of Canterbury

(Sirach 36:1-2,5-6,13-22; Mark 10:32-45)

9:00 The Doulton-Cordeiro Families

by The Cordeiro Family

Thursday, May 28th 2015

(Sirach 42:15-25; Mark 10:46-52)

Friday, May 29th 2015

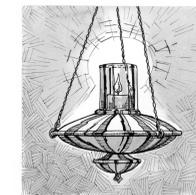
(Sirach 44:1,9-13; Mark 11:11-25)

Saturday, May 30th 2015

(Sirach 51:12-20; Mark 11:27-33)

5:00 Anne Kennedy

by Hugh & Kathleen Quinlan



*This week the Sanctuary lamp will burn
in memory of
Kristoffer Limgo by the Family*

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

SATURDAY 5:00PM

Sacrament of Confirmation

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.