

IN OUR PARISH



Book of Remembrance

Throughout the month of November a Book of Remembrance is available at the back of the church. You are invited to inscribe in it the names of all family and friends whom you would like remembered in prayer by our parish community at Mass during this month.

Benedict Labré House

On Sunday November 29th, Ascension will be providing and serving food for approximately 150 people less fortunate than us. We do this by pre-making a meal and dessert. Along with this we serve soup, bread and juice. Next weekend, November 21st & 22nd, we will be supplying pans and recipes for the meal and dessert. For additional information, please contact Aletha Thompson at 514-482-5660.

Election of Wardens

On Sunday December 6th immediately following the 10:30 Mass a meeting of all parishioners will be held in the Parish Room for the purpose of electing two wardens to replace the two who are completing their term of office on December 31, 2015.

A warden serves on the Board, which comprises six elected wardens & the pastor, and manages the financial & temporal affairs of the parish. Anyone of good will, 16 years of age and older, who reside within the boundaries of the parish may submit his or her name for election. Each nomination must have a seconder. If you would like to submit your name to serve our parish in this way please speak with Fr. MacEachen. Nominations will be received up until the meeting for the election.

McGill University Winter Coat Appeal

Consider donating your cleaned, gently-used, winter coats (no fall jackets or sweaters, please) to new international students who are facing their first Canadian winter (and will truly appreciate your generosity). Last year, McGill gave out hundreds of coats, and had to turn students away. You can drop off your donations of clean, warm winter gear at the Newman Catholic Centre, 3484 Peel Street, between 10:00am and 2:00pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Please mark all bags clearly as "Winter Coat Project" and drop them in the Newman lobby via the lower entrance. For more info contact Sara Parks at sara.parksricker@mcgill.ca

Fall Catch-Up Campaign

Don't forget to respond to our fall "Catch-Up" campaign! If you have not yet had a chance to respond, you may place your Fall Catch Up envelope in the collection plate at Mass, drop it into the mail slot at the rectory or mail it at your convenience. Donations can also be made online through the CanadaHelps link on our parish website. Extra envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thank you all for your continuing support.

REFLECTION

Winning and Losing

In the First Reading and also in the Gospel Reading, there is a prophecy about a time to come that will be very bad. In that bad time, the First Reading says, God's people will escape the trouble. But Jesus says that in that bad time Christians will be hated, afflicted, and killed (Mt 24:9).

So what happens to Christians in bad times? Do they lose and lose and lose, as the Gospel of Matthew says? Or do they win by escaping the trouble, as the First Reading says? But what is losing? Is losing a matter of being hated, afflicted, and killed? Christ was hated, afflicted, and killed, too. And yet Christ did not lose on the cross, did he? He won.

And here we should notice that, in both the First Reading and the Gospel Reading, there are two endings of the story of a human life, not just one. There is the end of the story in this world, when Christ's true disciples will be hated and afflicted. And then there is the real and final end of the story, at the last judgment, where each person will see himself as he really is.

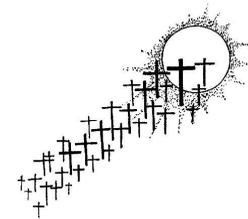
At that last chapter of each human story, the First Reading says, some people will be seen as the horror and disgrace that they really are. Others will shine like the splendor of the stars.

The winners in the battle of life, those who shine like stars, are those who have turned many to justice, the First Reading says. Acting with courage and integrity for justice, goodness, and truth can get a person hated, afflicted, and even killed, can't it?

And now we can see what it is to escape bad times. Escaping is not a matter of living at ease in prosperity, honored by the world around you. Escaping is managing not to be turned into a horror and a disgrace by your own cooperation with the evil all around you that masquerades as good.

This is an escape that God will give anyone who is willing to take up his cross daily. And so the losing of the cross, the willingness to be hated and afflicted for the sake of justice—that is the way to the final winning where God's people shine with the splendor of the stars.

Eleonore Stump, <http://liturgy.shu.edu/>



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Montreal Directed Retreats

Be refreshed in mind, body and spirit. . . Silent directed weekend retreat at La Maison de Prière Notre-Dame (180 De Normandie Blvd., Longueuil). Begins Friday evening, **November 20** and ends Sunday afternoon, **November 22**. Contact 514-626-9462 or 514-633-1172, or visit www.montrealretreats.org.

St. Patrick's Square Christmas Craft Fair

You are invited to our annual Christmas Craft Fair Sunday, **November 22nd** 11:00 to 3:00 where you will find many homemade treats, baked goods, jams & jellies. Lovely hand knitted items and original crafts. 6767 Cote St. Luc Road(entrance via King Edward). Call for info: 514-481-9609

Christmas Fair- Father Dowd Home

Will be held at the Home, 6565 Hudson Road, Cote des Neiges (behind Kent Park), on Saturday, **November 21st**, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Tables: Bake, Knitted Goods, Christmas Table, 50/50 Raffle, Books, Toys, Jewelry, White Elephant and a Tea Room with all homemade sandwiches, sandwich loaves and desserts. Hope to see many of you there. All proceeds go to the purchase of Christmas presents for all the residents.

Loyola Mothers' Guild 46th Annual Wine & Cheese Fundraiser

Loyola High School's social event of the year is just a few weeks away! Please come join us Sunday, November 29th, 2015 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm in our White & Blue Christmas Winter Wonderland. Purchase wonderful gifts for family and friends & win fabulous guaranteed gifts at the balloon pop. Test your good fortune at our Wheel of Fortune or at our raffle and silent auction tables. Purchase tickets online at: www.loyola.ca. Adults only / Admission \$25 If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation online at www.loyola.ca. Tax receipts will be issued for donations of over \$25. All proceeds will benefit the Loyola High School Bursary Fund.

Pillars Trust Fund Campaign

For forty-three years, English-speaking Catholics have placed their 'TRUST' in the Pillars Trust Fund to provide financial assistance for programs and services that benefit all, including the Diocesan Priesthood Guild, Vocation Office, the Newman Association, Youth Ministry & Adult Religious Education Services. The 2015 Pillars Trust 'Newsletter' – which can be found at www.pillarstrust.org - gives you examples as to just how important your donation to the Fund can be. We invite you to continue to journey with us and make a big difference in your community. On behalf of the people who benefit from the support kindly accept their deepest appreciation and gratitude for making these services possible through your financial support of the Fund. Please donate today, at www.pillarstrust.org.

Envelopes for your donation can be found at the back and side entrances to the church.

MASSES

Saturday, November 14th 2015

(Wisdom 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8)

5:00 Henry Hely Hutchison

by Mary Lou and Antonio Sacconaghi

Sunday, November 15th 2015

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32)

10:30 The Mallette Family

by Ann & Louis Mallette

Monday, November 16th 2015

St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude

(1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64; Luke 18:35-43)

Tuesday, November 17th 2015

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

(2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10)

Wednesday, November 18th 2015

Dedication of the Basilicas

of Saints Peter and Paul

(2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28)

9:00 The Superales and Renomeron Families

Thursday, November 19th 2015 No Mass

(1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44)

Friday, November 20th 2015

(1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48)

9:00 Patricia Brown,

1st Anniversary of Death by the Parish

Saturday, November 21st 2015

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40)

5:00 Pat Brown by the Family

ACTIVITIES

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. 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.

Sunday Missals 2016

The Living With Christ Sunday Mass books for the coming Liturgical Year are now available for sale at the back of the church. The cost is \$5 each.