

IN OUR PARISH

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

Registration for children grades 1 to 6 continues. Forms for new and returning families 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)



Parish Volunteers

An invitation to use your time, talents, and spiritual gifts to make a difference! Whether you have lots of time to volunteer each week or only a few hours every once in awhile, consider making the kind of impact that only you can make to our parish community. Your life will never be the same!

We are currently in need of a few volunteers for Coffee Sundays (approximately 5 times/ year) to help set up and clean up. This requires about 10min. of your time before & after Mass. ** Our first Coffee Sunday is next weekend, September 13th!

Also, urgently needed are volunteers to assist in the Pastoral Office with general office tasks, Mondays &/or Thursdays approximately 2 hours/ week.

If you can help out, please contact Linda Wiltshire by email wiltshirecl@msn.com or call the parish office (Monday & Thursday). Thank you.

Parish Choir

Our parish choir is seeking new members. The choir sings at Sunday Mass from mid-September to mid-June and rehearses each Thursday night. If you have an appreciation of the rich choral music of the Church and have a basic singing ability, you are warmly invited to join us. An ability to read music is an asset, but not required. Please contact the Music Director, David Szanto at (514) 899-0548 or davidszant@hotmail.com.



Catechetical Sunday & Coffee Sunday

Next weekend we will celebrate Catechetical Sunday. This year's theme-What are you talking about ON THE ROAD? - evokes a question that Jesus asked that appears in two of the Gospels. Today, asking this question “what are we talking about on the road?”, makes it resonate with the issues that lie at the heart of our contemporary concerns. In our parish we will have a blessing of our catechists and then enjoy fellowship with coffee and cookies following Sunday Mass.

Meals on Wheels

Currently seeking Volunteers to help deliver, drive or cook meals in the Westmount/downtown area on Tuesday and Friday mornings from September – June. The meals are prepared at the Greene Ave center and the time commitment is 2 hours. Volunteers are scheduled once or twice a month depending on their availability. For more information please contact Frances de Verteuil 54-937-3317 or fdev@primus.ca

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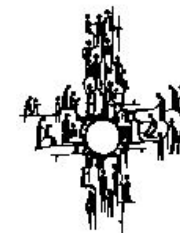
The gospel reading today is very powerful. We follow Peter as he recognizes Jesus as the Christ then to a moment of struggle, questioning and doubting and finally Jesus affirming the need for surrender. First, Jesus is inviting us to answer the question “Who do you say that I am?” Do we know Jesus as the Christ? Do we think Jesus is human? Divine? A symbol? An example? Take a moment and consider “Who do you say that I am?”

My answer to the question of who Jesus is has been evolving the past few years. Today, I would say that, primarily, I am in relationship with the Christ within, calling me to transformation and union. In the language of Thomas Merton and Richard Rohr, I am being invited to let go of my false self and move to a place of functioning out of my True Self. Another way to so say this is to turn my whole self toward God, the Christ within.

Once we can name who we think Jesus is, we can then begin to consider what that means for our lives. What difference will knowing Jesus make in our life? Jesus suggests to Peter that it is going to get hard, the journey is going to have moments and times of great suffering. Peter balks at this. How do we balk at times of suffering in our lives? As we travel our spiritual journey toward the Christ within, it will get hard sometimes. Our friends and family will not necessarily be encouraging us to embrace change. Change itself is difficult. The world wants us to be of the world and live out of our egos accumulating more money, more things, more friends, more status. The Christ within calls us to simplicity, less, dependence and union with god, a life of living with and for others. Will we balk or will we surrender?

Jesus, in the last part of today’s reading, is encouraging us to persevere, to surrender. “*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.*” He is asking us to let go of our ego desires and to live out of the place of the Christ within, not out of the world.

Today, can we trust in the unfailing love and presence of God to surrender our ego to the Christ within?



IN THE DIOCESE

St. Monica's Parish - (6405 Terrebonne, Mtl., www.stmonica.ca)
Putting Ourselves in the Way of God's Love: Our Mission as People of "The Way" with Brent Walker. Jesus claimed he was "The Way", and called us to follow Him. To understand Jesus' call to this "Way" of life is to understand our mission in life. Please join us for our autumn retreat, on **Saturday, September 19** from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. for a sacred time away to explore how we can respond to God's call, and put ourselves in the "Way" of His love! Suggested offering of \$20 includes lunch. For information and to register by September 17, contact Anna at (514) 481-0267 ext. 22 or anna.diodati@stmonica.ca.

Contemplative Prayer Group

St. Monica's Parish (6405 Terrebonne, Mtl., www.stmonica.ca) Contemplative Prayer Group meets every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory beginning **September 22**. After listening to a talk on the spiritual journey, we meditate together for up to half an hour. Please join us! For information, please contact Audrey Booth at (514) 481-0267.

Loyola High School Open House

Loyola High School will be hosting an Open House for all prospective students on Saturday, **September 19th, 2015** from 9:00 a.m. until noon. If you are interested in a Catholic education for your son, come and meet the students, teachers and administrators who make up the Loyola family. Tour our school, learn about our sports teams, explore the labs, Fine Arts and Robotics facilities. Financial Aid is available to students who qualify.

Women's Day Retreat

With animator, Sr. Pat O'Neill, SNJM, on **Wednesday, September 16th** at Villa St-Martin (9451 Gouin Blvd. West, Pierrefonds). Registration begins at 9:15am. Presentation on a scriptural theme, related music, quiet time for personal reflection and prayer, Eucharistic celebration and sharing for those who wish to participate. All women welcome. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Suggested donation of \$15. Contact 514-684-1290.

Plan to gift yourself with a few hours of rich spiritual nourishment in the company of women who share your values & your inner longing to deepen our relationship with God.

The Sacred Heart School of Montreal: Open House

5th and 6th grade girls considering enrolment at Sacred Heart – the Catholic all girls' High School in Montreal are invited to visit the school during Open House on **Saturday, Sept. 26th**, from 12:30 pm to 4 pm. 3635 Atwater Avenue. Parking available. For information 514-937-2845 or www.sacredheart.qc.ca

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, September 12th 2015

The Most Holy Name of Mary
(1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49)
5:00 Henry Hely Hutchison
by Antonio & Mary Lou Sacconaghi

Sunday, September 13th 2015

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35)
10:30 Frank McMahon
by Martha & David Barrington

Monday, September 14th 2015

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
(Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:13-17)

Tuesday, September 15th 2015

Our Lady of Sorrows
(Hebrews 5:7-9; Luke 2:33-35)

Wednesday, September 16th 2015

St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian
(1 Timothy 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35)
9:00 The Superales & Renomeron Families

Thursday, September 17th 2015**No Mass**

St. Robert Bellarmine
(1 Timothy 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50)

Friday, September 18th 2015

(1 Timothy 6:2-12; Luke 8:1-3)
9:00 Bishop Peter A. Sutton by Helene McCormack

Saturday, September 19th 2015

St. Januarius
(1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15)
5:00 Ann Elisabeth Ramaseder by herFamily

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

Change in Mass Hours

*Please note that effective this week the hours of **weekday Masses** will be as follows:*
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 9:00am.
There will no longer be a 5:00 Mass on Tuesday nor a Mass on Thursdays.

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.