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Baptisms By appointment. Please phone the rectory at least one month before.

Confessions Saturday from 4:00 to 4:15 p.m
Sunday from 10:00 to 10:15 a.m.

Marriages Please give 6 months' notice. Marriage Preparation Course required.

Sick Calls Please notify us at any time if some-one in your family is ill, in order to arrange anointing of the sick.

HOURS OF MASSES

Saturday	*4:30 pm*
Sunday	*10:30 am*
Monday	*9:00 am*
Tuesday	*9:00 am*
Wednesday	*9:00 am*
Thursday	*NO MASS*
Friday	*9:00 am*

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, May 7th
4:30 Dr. Edward O'Brien
by Twink & Tom Rogers
Sunday, May 8th
Ascension of the Lord
10:30 Pauline Latour
by Ann & Louis Mallette
Monday, May 9th
9:00 Ken Verdoni
by Dana Massaro
Tuesday, May 10th
Wednesday, May 11th
9:00 Andreana Sarde
by Rosa Marie Domenici
Thursday, May 12th No Mass
St. Nereus & St. Achilleus
St. Pancras
Friday, May 13th
Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday, May 14th
Saint Matthias, Apostle
4:30 Florence Sacconaghi
by the Family

ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 6:00 PM Choir room.
Christian Meditation
For information call 514-931-5536
THURSDAY 7:30 PM Choir Room
Choir Practice
SATURDAY 9:30 AM
Confirmation Retreat
in the Parish Room and Church

IN OUR PARISH

On our Parish Feast Day: Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we thank you for your strengthening presence
in the fellowship of our congregation.
As we celebrate our past and rejoice in our present,
we also look forward with eager eyes to the future.
We pray that you would continue to make your love known among us. Give us a zeal for mission.
Help us to look beyond our walls
to those who do not know you.
Make this church a blessing to those around us,
and inspire us to move forward with strength
toward what lies ahead. Amen

Baptism We welcomed two new members into the church on Sunday with the celebration of Baptism: Massimo Alfredo Ingrao, son of Adriana and Francesco Ingrao, and Elsie Laine Cameron, daughter of Laine and Shaun Cameron. Be assured of our prayers as you begin to live the Christian vocation.

Marriage Dr. Tricia Marie Peters and Tamas Gabor Bertenyi were married at Ascension Parish on April 30th. Congratulations and may your marriage be filled with countless blessings and success.

Rest In Peace Christopher Bennett Carty, 54 years old, was buried from Ascension on April 30th. We extend our condolences to his wife and three children, and five brothers & sisters. May his soul be received by the Lord, and Rest in Peace.

Loving God, we thank you for mothers –
for all they mean or have meant,
for the love they have shown
and the care they have given.

We thank you for the qualities of mothers –
their patience, their kindness, concern and understanding.
We thank you for the part they play in our lives,
and we thank you for this day of saying 'thank you'
For mothers and motherhood, for children and families
we bring you this day our grateful praise. Amen.

PARISH SUPPORT

We encourage all parishioners to use the regular Sunday envelopes. To obtain envelopes please call the parish office (514-932-3131) or fill in the form below and place it in the collection plate. We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Father MacEachen after Mass.

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REFLECTION

Christ's Ascension is important to us. It is one of our core beliefs, to the extent that when we profess our faith at Mass, regardless which Creed we use, we declare, "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." To deny Christ's Ascension is to deny His Resurrection. Before His Ascension, which is described in our First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus tells His followers, "…you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

We, too, have been baptized and imbued with the Holy Spirit. This Third Member of the Holy Trinity is the aspect of God that lives and empowers each of us. We may think that the Holy Spirit has more work to do among those who do not believe, but there is also considerable work to be done among those of us who do believe. We are called to serve; we are called to discipleship; we are called to lives of stewardship; we are reminded of that in all of today's readings.

In his homily on the Ascension of Christ last year, Pope Francis said, "The Ascension tells us He is with God the Father, where He always intercedes in our favor."

IN THE DIOCESE

The National Week for Life and the Family: "My Family: A School of Mercy" May 8-15, 2016, is an initiative of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. The theme this year focuses on a topic dear to Pope Francis' heart: "My family: A school of mercy". Resources were developed by the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF). In God's great plan of love for humanity, the family is intended to be the privileged place where merciful love is first encountered and nurtured. No family is perfect; but parents and children who stay in touch with Christ through prayer, the Word of God and the sacraments gradually become more and more like Christ who is mercy made flesh. During this week let us celebrate our families' wonderful calling to be "schools of mercy"! For resources visit www.colf.ca.

Women's Day Retreat This monthly retreat will be held **Wednesday, May 18th** at Villa Saint-Martin, (9451 Gouin Blvd. W., Pierrefonds). Registration: 9:15 a.m. Animator: Sr. Pat O'Neill, SNJM. Thought-provoking presentations; quiet time for personal reflection and prayer; Eucharistic celebration; sharing for those who wish to participate. ALL women welcome. Please bring a brown bag lunch; coffee and tea provided. Suggested donation: $15.00. Pre-registration not required. Info.: (514) 684-1290.

St. Monica's Parish: Video Divina Fr. Raymond will present the movie "Live and Become" on **Friday, May 13** at 7 p.m., in the parish rectory. As this is the last movie of the "Movies with a Mission" series, you are invited to bring refreshments of your choice to share with the group. Popcorn will be provided. All are welcome! For information, contact Fr. Raymond Lafontaine at 514-481-0267 ext. 23 or fr.raymond@videotron.ca.

National March for Life Ottawa All are welcomed to join us for the National March for Life, **Thursday, May 12,** 2016. This is a yearly gathering on Parliament Hill, Ottawa, to demand protection for children before and after birth . Two chartered buses leave Montreal 7am – Downtown (895 de la Gauchetière) and Laval (Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 899 Chomedey Blvd.) Mass, picnic, and march through the streets of Ottawa. Pick-ups at Fairview Shopping Center (The Bay). Round-trip fare $40.

Reservations before May 6 at 438-930-8643 or 514-344-2686

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