

MASSES WEEK of March 4th**MASSES WEEK of March 11th****REFLECTION****God's building****Saturday, March 3rd**

4:30 Ida Brown by Kathleen and Hugh Quinlan

Sunday March 4thThird Sunday of Lent
10:30 Frank Baylis by his son Richard**Monday, March 5th**9:00 Mr. & Mrs. Kurt and Linda Krause
by the Estate**Tuesday, March 6th**

9:00 Mary & Edward Cross by the Estate

Wednesday, March 7thSt. Perpetua and St. Felicity
9:00 Anne & John Blizchuk by the Estate**Thursday, March 8th No Mass**

St. John of God

Friday, March 9thSt. Frances of Rome
9:00 Lorraine Hart Cleyn ,
1st Anniversary of Death, by the Family

*The week of March 4th
the Sanctuary lamp
will burn in memory of
Philip Griffin
by Margaret Griffin*

*The week of March 11th
the Sanctuary lamp
will burn in memory of
Leonardo Umale
by the Family*

**Saturday, March 10th**4:30 Deceased members of the Kennedy Family
by Kathleen and Hugh Quinlan**Sunday March 11th**Fourth Sunday of Lent
10:30 Germaine and Leonard Mallette
by Ann & Louis Mallette**Monday, March 12th**

9:00 Anne & John Blizchuk by the Estate

Tuesday, March 13th

9:00 Mary & Edward Cross by the Estate

Wednesday, March 14th

9:00 Mary & Edward Cross by the Estate

Thursday, March 15th No Mass**Friday, March 16th**

9:00 Anne & John Blizchuk by the Estate

Saturday, March 17thSt. Patrick
4:30 Janette Hartley by Angela Sacconaghi

Lenten Penitential 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. **Saturday, March 17th at 10:30 a.m.** we will hold a communal celebration of this sacrament, with opportunity for individual confession. All parishioners are invited to 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 and altar for the Easter season. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church and should be received by March 25th .

Why is Jesus angry? – they have missed the point and the religious leaders are allowing this to happen! Religion has come down to ritual, and the centre is missing. Jesus was not much at home in the temple. He went there sometimes, and always caused trouble. The finding in the temple, the words – my body is the temple. Jesus is more at home at the table – the loaves at the lake, the fish on the beach, the last supper in a home. This is where he is most himself. The falsity of the occasion was the using of the temple to be entrapped by riches. The poor were being overcharged to pay for the materials for sacrifices. This caused the anger of Jesus. The temple has disappeared. We are God's building. If we do not make God's presence real in our area, then maybe we should knock down the church! Only if God is alive in us all the time, will he be alive in the building. If God is not alive all week in us, God will not be alive on Sunday. If he is not alive in our hearts – well, maybe that's sometimes why religion can be so boring – it's religion only from the neck up. The forty six years are over, and the three days of the rebuilding have been going on for years, in the hearts of all who are faithful to God's love. The building continues still and we are the living stones. *Donal Neary SJ*

Parish Food Drive ***“For I was hungry and you gave me food”*** Even though the cold winter months are coming to an end, it is important to remember that hunger does not take a break. Throughout the season of Lent we wish to remind you to continue to ***“Feed the Hungry”*** by bringing at least 1 non-perishable food item to Mass every weekend. Donations can be left in the special bins located to the right of the main Altar & at the back of the church and will be delivered to St. Willibrord's Food Bank. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are always appreciated.

Share Lent 2018 ***“Together for Peace”*** During the third week of Lent we focus on defending the rights of poor communities fractured by forced evictions in Nigeria carried out violently without consulting those concerned. Thanks to your support, the Social and Economic Rights Action Centre can train community leaders to work with some of the most marginalized communities so they can engage in effective dialogue with the government. For the fourth week of Lent, we go to Peru and discover the Bartolomé de Las Casas Institute! It runs the Hugo Echegaray leadership school, where students strengthen their capacity for dialogue, consensus, participation, and consultation in order to exercise ethical and responsible civic leadership in their communities. **The Solidarity Sunday collection will be celebrated in all Canadian parishes March 18th.** We will appeal to your generosity in support of our sisters and brothers in the Global South who fight every day for peace, human dignity, and social justice.

Lenten mission : Drawn into God's Friendship~ An Encounter with Christ through the Spiritual Exercises. Fr. Gerry Westphal, Elizabeth Koessler & John Carey, from the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, will lead a Lenten mission of 3 evenings of discovery & growth with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius as a road map. Through word, prayer and song, we follow a path well-trodden by holy women and men throughout the centuries. Drinking deeply at the sources of our faith and hope, we come to know, love and follow Christ more closely in every aspect of our lives. **Monday, March 12 to Wednesday, March 14** 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Monica's parish (6405 Terrebonne, www.stmonica.ca) Freewill offering. For more info: contact Anna at (514) 481-0267 ext. 22, or at anna.diodati@stmonica.ca. All are welcome!

You are not forgotten If you, or a loved one, are not able to come to church, we would be happy to pay you a visit and bring you Communion. We can also send you a copy of our Parish bulletin. Let us know by calling the parish office and we will get to you ASAP.

Parish Donations can be made ONLINE through Canada Helps using major credit cards, PayPal or Interac. You obtain a Tax e-receipt immediately. **There are 2 ways to access the site:** **1.** Via the parish website (www.ascensionofourlord.ca) -click on the main page button “EVERY DOLLAR HELPS” for instructions **or 2.** go directly to canadahelps.org and search for “Ascension of Our Lord Parish, Westmount”. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH SUPPORT We encourage all parishioners to use the Sunday envelopes. To obtain your envelopes please call the parish office (514-932-3131) or complete this form 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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**March 4, 2018
March 11, 2018**

**Third Sunday of Lent
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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For
God
so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that
whosoever
believeth in
Him should
not perish,
but have
everlasting
life.
JOHN 3:16

MASS HOURS

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

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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

Confessions Saturday from 4:00 to 4:15 PM
Sunday from 10:00 to 10:15 AM

Marriages Please give six months notice.
Marriage preparation course required.

Sick calls Please notify us at anytime if someone in your family is ill, in order to arrange for Anointing of the Sick.

PARISH WARDENS

Janet Macklem (2018)
Louise MacLellan (2018)
Brian Weber (2019)
Don Taddeo (2019)
Bonnie Auger (2020)
Pino DiIoiia (2020)

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OFFICE HOURS Monday to Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM or by appointment