#### Saturday, September 8th

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 4:30 Father David Gourlay by Maura & Bob Wilkins & Sally Rioux

#### Sunday, September 9th

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:30 The Feta Grandparents by their Granddaughter

Monday, September 10th No Mass

Tuesday, September 11th No Mass

Wednesday, September 12th No Mass The Most Holy Name of Mary

*Thursday, September 13th No Mass* St. John Chrysostom

*Friday, September 14th No Mass*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

#### Saturday, September 15th

Our Lady of Sorrows 4:30 Michael Turner by Kathleen & Hugh Quinlan

"Season of Creation" From September 1st to October 8th we celebrate the "Season of Creation" a time for all Christian communities to give thanks to the Lord for the generosity of his creation and to pray for the wisdom and courage to tend it well. To assist you there are calendars with reflections and suggested activities which you can use with your family or alone. Please help yourself to a copy which can be found at the back of the church. Further resources can be found at: http://creation.greenchurches.ca/

### <u>"Be My Disciples" 2018-19 Registration:</u> 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 the parish office. An important **Parents'**Meeting will be held on **Thursday September**20th at 7PM in the Parish Room. For any additional information regarding the program please contact Linda Wiltshire, Pastoral Associate by email: wiltshirecl@msn.com or by phone 514-932-3131 (Mondays & Thursdays)

#### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you someone or do you know someone who has expressed an interest in learning about our Catholic faith or becoming Catholic? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has had little contact with the church and would now like to complete their initiation and celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? We offer an opportunity for adults to begin a journey of faith as part of a small group focusing on the teachings and experience of Church. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For info. please contact our pastor, Fr. MacEachen, or Linda Wiltshire, Pastoral Associate, after Mass or by phone (514-932-3131) or email (info@ascensionofourlord.ca) at the Parish Office.

#### Parish Choir

The choir of Ascension Parish is seeking new members. Singing from September through June, we provide music for Sunday Mass and rehearse Thursday nights. If you have an appreciation of the rich liturgical music of the Church, you are warmly invited to consider joining us. For further information, please contact Music Director, David Szanto (contact info. is posted on the church bulletin boards).

Jesus avoids attention after his work of healing the deaf man. He's not a quarter hour celebrity. Jesus didn't want admiration, he wanted love to flow into and out of ourselves – doing good quietly. The best of things are ordinary. In the ordinary Jesus worked the miracle and in the ordinary we will hear new things. The theologian Karl Rahner SJ was once asked whether he believed in miracles. His answer: "I don't believe in them, I rely on them to get through each day!" Indeed, miracles are always present within our lives. Of birth, of love, of hope. The ways people get over hurts and they forgive. Someone giving a lot from the little they have. It is the world of mystery – of little miracles. A miracle is not against nature – it is something that causes faith and love.

The first reading sees more in the desert than a wilderness and flowers: we see and hear beyond created things to the healing work and word of the creator. Maybe we might listen to new voices about God and life in our conversations – I heard recently a young person talking about the suicide of a friend and how this brought him to realise how much we really need God. His chat strengthened my faith.

Can we recover the simplicity of life with the small miracles that get us through every day? All of us have something new to say of God and of life. And we get more than we knew out of the simplicity of life. Think today of something small that can remind you of something deeper and of God.

Praise to you O Lord for simple surprises in my life!

Donal Neary SJ

#### IN THE DIOCESE

**ON A MISSION TOGETHER** Archbishop Christian Lépine invites the faithful from every parish to undertake together the transformation of our church through prayer and consultation. A great opportunity to speak directly with him to plan for the future! **Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 7PM** at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral. No registration required. The evening will include presentation of the Diocesan Award of Merit. **Loyola High School Open House** Loyola High School will be hosting an Open House for prospective students on **Saturday, September 15,** from 9 a.m. until noon. If you are interested in a Catholic education for your son, come and meet the people 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. To learn more, please visit www.loyola.ca/admissions".

**Open House at The Sacred Heart School of Montreal.** 5th and 6th grade girls considering enrolment at Sacred Heart - the only English Catholic all girls' high school in Montreal - are invited to visit the school during Open House on **Saturday, September 22nd** from 12:30 pm to 4 pm or on **Tuesday, October 2nd** from 4 pm to 7 pm. 3635 Atwater Avenue. Faculty, alumnae & parents will be on hand to answer all your questions. Inquire about our generous Bursary Program. Parking available. For info: 514-937-2845 or www.sacredheart.qc.ca

Women's Day Retreat The monthly Women's Day Retreat will resume Wednesday, September 19 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 & 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) 696-8188.

**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.

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.

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# Ascension of Our Lord Parish



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MASS HOURS

Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 10:30 AM Monday 9:00 AM Tuesday 9:00 AM Wednesday 9:00 AM NO MASS Thursday 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

Please give six months notice. Marriages

Marriage preparation course required.

Please notify us at anytime if someone in your family is ill, Sick calls

in order to arrange for Anointing of the Sick.

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



Janet Macklem (2018) Louise MacLellan (2018) Brian Weber (2019)

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