#### MASSES THIS WEEK

#### Saturday, January 18th 4:30 Alex and Roy Myronick by Maureen & Ron Blizchuk

#### Sunday, January 19th

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:30 Sally Donohue Bobkowicz by Andrea & Aidan Bobkowicz

#### Monday, January 20th

St. Fabian: St. Sebastian 9:00 Fabian Doulton by his sister Effie Cordeiro

#### Tuesday, January 21st

St. Agnes 9:00 Ferdinand Doulton by his daughter Effie Cordeiro

#### Wednesday, January 22nd

St. Vincent 9:00 Hon. Frederick Collins & Mrs. Irene Collins by their Family

#### Thursday, January 23rd No Mass

#### Friday, January 24th

St. Francis de Sales 9:00 John Macnamara by Joyce Macnamara

#### Saturday, January 25th

The Conversion of St. Paul 4:30 John & Anne Blizchuk by Maureen & Ron Blizchuk

#### **IN OUR PARISH**

#### REFLECTION

throughout this 2020 New Year. Thanks to your generosity and to an anonymous donor who made an exceptional gift we are doing very well. If you have not made your Contribution as of yet, why not consider doing so at this time. Whatever the amount, it will be most appreciated and meaningful in helping us reach our goal.

#### *Food for the Hungry*

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During these cold winter months we are reminded that hunger does not take a break. Don't forget to bring 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. These food items will be brought to St. Willibrord's Food Bank to be distributed to the needy. \*\*\*Please note that the bins are for food items only. Unfortunately we are unable to accept used clothing or household items. Weeklu Donation Envelope Boxes

Parishioners who use the envelope system for their parish contribution will find the 2020 boxes at the main entrance of the church. Please pick up only the box that has your name & number on it. Boxes are in alphabetical order. If you don't have a donation envelope box-but would like to make your weekly donations to the parish using this method, or if you have any questions please contact the parish office. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

#### **Mass Intentions**

As we begin the New Year we have guite a few Masses without intentions, particularly on weekdays. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, or for another special intention you are invited to contact the parish office to book a Mass time or the Sanctuary Lamp. The stipend is \$20.

#### **Flower Donations at Christmas**

An additional donation, accidentally left off the list, was made in memory of Charlotte Boutet-Jolicoeur

**Capital Campaian** Our Capital Campaign continues Today's readings provide clear and inspiring reminders of the most fundamental aspect of our identity that of servants of our most high and holy God, His modern-day disciples and stewards.

John the Baptist recognized the holiness of Jesus and the response due to Him when he encountered Christ in person on the day they met at the Jordan River. His response, which we read in our Gospel passage from St. John was, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world... He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me."

What a powerful description of our Lord and the place He should rightfully have in each of our lives. He is truly our Savior, the only one who can free us from our sinfulness. We are utterly and completely dependent on His power, love and mercy. Therefore He truly does "rank ahead" of us; he deserves to be first, above all other priorities and plans in our lives. Let us examine our daily lives and encourage our children to do the same.

Does the way I spend my time reflect that God comes first? Do prayer and weekly Mass, regular confession and time with my family "rank ahead" of everything else on my calendar? Do I use my talents, skills and energy to serve my family, parish and community in thanksgiving and recognition that God's kingdom ranks ahead of any other goals or ambitions? Do I spend my money and use my material possessions so as to glorify God? Challenge questions, to be sure. But questions worthy of our high calling as Christian stewards offered a glorious mission in service of our Lord and His kingdom. What will our response be? www.catholicsteward.com

#### IN THE DIOCESE

#### St. Monica's Parish: Love is Stronger than Fear-Healing Our Relations with Indigenous

**Peoples** The Truth and Reconciliation Commission revealed how little Canadians know about the First Nations. How can we, as Catholics, contribute to healing and reconciliation? What can we learn from Indigenous peoples about dimensions of the Gospel that are especially meaningful and relevant today? Join Brian McDonough Saturday, January 25th 9:30 am to noon in the parish hall (6405 Terrebonne) to learn what our responsibilities are & how meeting them is "good news" for Catholics. For info.& to register by January 21, contact Anna at (514) 481-0267 ext. 222 or anna.diodati@stmonica.ca. St. Monica's Parish: Video Divina This year, Fr. Lloyd Baugh, SJ, presents the 10 films of Kieslowski's Decalogue. Loosely inspired by the "Ten Commandments", the films are consistent in their sharp focus on the absolute primacy New Testament commandment to "love your neighbour as yourself". Join him Friday January 31 at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory to view the film "A Short Film about Loving". Free admission, popcorn & discussion! For info. contact Fr. Lloyd at 514-481-0267 ext. 232 or lloyd.baugh@stmonica.ca. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Each year, from January 18 to 25, Christians from around the world are invited to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, to reflect together on the Scriptures, an to strengthen their bonds of friendship. The Theme this year is "They showed us unusual kindness"

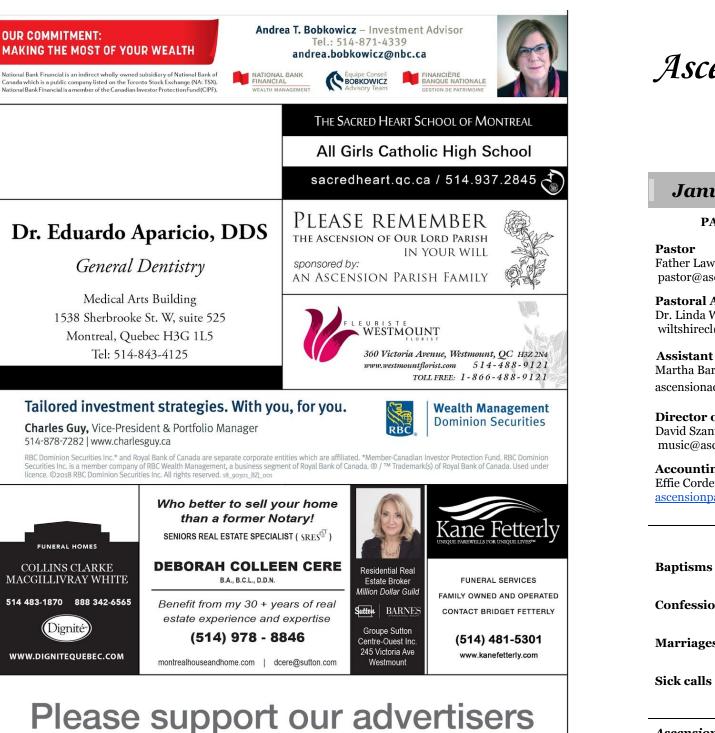
(Acts 28:2) and was prepared by Christians from Malta. May the love and respect we show each other today we pray for Christian unity be with us throughout the whole year. An ecumenical celebration will be held this Sunday, January 19th at the Armenian Apostolic Church (615 Stuart Avenue, Outremont) at 3 pm.

**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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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 as soon as possible.

If you, or a loved one, are not able to **Parish Donations** can be made ONLINE through Canada Helps come to church, we would be happy to using major credit cards, PavPal 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.



# Ascension of Our Lord Parish

## January 19, 2020

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### 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.

# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

# MINISTRIES

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#### PARISH WARDENS

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