

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, May 16th

4:30 O'Donnell and McCauley Families
by Constance O'Donnell

Sunday, May 17th

Sixth Sunday of Easter
10:30 Ken Verdoni by Dana Massaro

Monday, May 18th

St. John I. pope
9:00 Kurt and Linda Krause by the Estate

Tuesday, May 19th

9:00 Jeannette Hanna by Fr. MacEachen

Wednesday, May 20th

St. Bernardine of Siena
Jeannette Hanna by her daughter Magda Hechema

Thursday, May 21st

St. Eugène de Mazenod; St. Christopher of Magallenes
9:00 Olga Stanimir by the Family

Friday, May 22nd

St. Rita of Cascia
9:00 John Pepper by Fr. MacEachen

Saturday, May 23rd

4:30 Maud, Fred & Roy Lacasse
by Maureen and Ron Blizchuk



*This week
the Sanctuary lamp
will burn in memory of
Aurora Castillo
by the Family*



Laudato Si' Week May 16-24

“LAUDATO SI’, mi’ Signore” – “Praise be to you, my Lord.” These are the words that open Pope Francis’ 2015 encyclical on ecology and care for God’s creation. These words remind us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. Five years later, Pope Francis is inviting Catholic communities from around the world to celebrate Laudato Si’ Week from May 16-24, 2020. The theme of the week is “everything is connected.” Pope Francis invites all people of good will to celebrate this 5th anniversary by protecting families and future generations through action to care for our common home.

As we honor the encyclical during Laudato Si’ Week, our world is deeply affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Laudato Si’ Week helps us reshape the world that will arise after the pandemic has passed. The present crisis is an opportunity to start anew, and to make sure that the world that arises after this crisis has passed is sustainable and just.

On Sunday, May 24 Catholics from all across the globe are invited to share a moment of prayer at noon local time. A link to the prayer can be found here: <https://laudatosiweek.org/prayer/>

General resources and suggestions for this week are available at <https://laudatosiweek.org/>

REFLECTION

On this sixth Sunday of Easter, our readings remind us that God must come first in our lives, and that love of God shows itself in concrete actions — this is precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary.

Our second reading, from St. Peter challenges us to, “Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.” In other words, we are to put Christ first above all else in our lives. His role is not merely as Savior of our lives, as significant as that role is — He is to be “Lord” of our lives as well. As His disciples, we are called to make Him ruler of all aspects of our lives — our time, talents and treasure.

The beauty of the stewardship way of life is that it offers us a concrete means to show that Christ truly is Lord of our lives, to “prove” our love, in a manner of speaking, because true love is not mere sentiment. “Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me,” Jesus tells us in our Gospel passage from John.

True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience to all of God’s commandments. This requires courage, humility and deep trust in Him.

But the rewards of this kind of love are indescribably wonderful. Christ tells us Himself, “Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

Could there be anything more satisfying to live in such a way that the God of the universe is pleased to reveal more and more of Himself to us?

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Archdiocese of Montreal Resources

Our Archdiocese has set up a web page: www.diocesemontreal.org/en/covid-19 designed to provide ongoing relevant information amid current COVID-19 concerns, including the latest guidelines, related articles and spiritual resources. The diocese has also created a spiritual help-line to offer support during the pandemic: 1-888-305-0994.



The entire month of May is devoted to honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary. CCCB President, the Most Reverend Richard Gagnon says, “May is the month dedicated in a special way to the Mother of Christ. We believe that she is, in a spiritual but real sense, our mother too. We turn to her and ask for the help of her powerful and maternal prayers to God for us.

On April 25, Pope Francis asked all Catholics to pray the Rosary during the month of May, asking for Mary’s intercession in stopping the coronavirus pandemic.

The Archdiocese is offering a free gift of Rosary prayer beads to anyone who asks during the month of May. Kindly send your request by email to:

dondechapelet@cathedralemtl.org. You will receive it by mail, free of charge.

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.

Name _____
Address _____ Postal code _____
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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 as soon as possible.

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.ascensionoffourlord.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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May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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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
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

*Bonnie Auger (2020)
Pino DiIoliva (2020)
Louise MacLellan (2021)
Andrea Bobkowicz (2021)
Don Taddeo (2022)
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