

IN OUR PARISH



Celebrating First Communion

Congratulations to these young people from our Parish who are celebrating their First Holy Communion this Sunday. Guided by their parents and with the support of volunteer catechists they have grown in their love for God and understanding of our faith.

Maya Carter-Allatt
Gabriel Aspirot
Eve Casgrain
Miriam D'Amico
Sara Farman
Chloé Lavoye
Ethan Martin
Lukas Nawacki
Annia Sandler
Sebastien Tenaillon

Alejandro Azbaty
Simon Aspirot
Marco Chiovitti
Matthew Dennis
Federico Farman
Sofia Lazzara
Angel Mayorca
Gabriel Piccirilli
Devyn Sandler
Theo Valasek

Sarah Bergevin
Kiara Caprera
Joseph Cuffaro
Patrick Hurley
Thomas Jans
Nica Lee
Massimo Mazza
Roman Pietracupa
Christina Sixta
Tyler Wiazowski

May they always be blessed with the peace of Jesus,
 the light of his love and the joy of his life within them.

Our Parish Feast Day

Sunday May 17th is the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord this year and the patronal feast of our parish. On that day following 10:30 Mass you are warmly invited to gather with your fellow parishioners to partake in a small celebration. We hope you'll take advantage of this perfect opportunity to come together in a spirit of community and share with us on this special occasion. We invite you to add to the festivities by contributing some party sandwiches or cookies & squares for all to enjoy. This weekend, sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church. In addition, we are looking for a few volunteers to help with set up and serving on that day. If you can help out please contact Linda Wiltshire by email at wiltshirecl@msn.com or at the parish office. Thank you!

Archdiocesan Annual Collection

The Annual Collection provides funds to support projects which assist our diocesan Church in the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Together, we would like to promote a renewed, evangelistic fervour in the parishes for the good of all. Envelopes are available at the back of the church for your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

REFLECTION



Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine to describe our relationship with him and with one another: "I am the vine, you are the branches". In a vine water and minerals flow through the trunk to the branches and into the leaves; the sugars from photosynthesis in the leaves flow through the branches back to the vine.

The pruning Jesus describes tends to attract our attention, perhaps because we are very aware of the lack of virtue in some parts of our lives. But the image of the vine is also

about the life which flows through the vine, to the branches and from the branches. Our unity as the branches of the vine contrasts with the prevailing societal views. Society places strong emphasis on our personal autonomy and individual rights. In contrast the vine image describes us as linked by the life which flows within us and through us, which is the life of Christ.

In the leaves of the branches the complex process of photosynthesis creates sugars which nourish the whole vine. The life of Christ does not flow into and out of us unchanged as if we were passive pipes. We interact with that life in a kind of spiritual photosynthesis, the good products of which flow back into the vine to nourish the whole plant.

Because we are in reality very interconnected we need to take care that we do not feed into the vine products which will be harmful to others. Rumours, misinformation, gossip and hurtful remarks can spread rapidly "on the grapevine", and damage other branches. These are unworthy of the vine that Jesus describes as himself.

At a practical level the concept of "paying it forward" implicitly recognizes that human beings are all linked through their common humanity, much as the branches of a vine are linked. "Paying it forward" is a way in which an ordinary person can make a difference. If we do something for another and that person wants to repay us, we ask them to "pay it forward" by doing a good deed for someone else instead.

Understanding and honouring our connectedness in the vine is a path to greater unity and love.

<http://www.catholic.org.nz/reflection/dsp-view-reflections.cfm?loadref=57&id=277>

Temporary Change to Mass Schedule

Please note that there will be no weekday Masses May 11th-15th (inc). Weekend Masses remain unchanged.

IN THE DIOCESE

Nepal Earthquake: Support Relief Efforts

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, has announced a joint emergency campaign with the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace to raise funds for the victims of the earthquake in Nepal. In addition, the Canadian government will match, dollar for dollar, all of the donations made by Canadians to support the victims of the earthquake in Nepal until May 25, 2015. Donations can be made by telephone (1 888 664-3387), online at www.dev.org/donate/nepal or by sending a cheque made out to Development and Peace at: Development and Peace, 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. West. 3rd Floor, Montreal QC H3G 1T7 Donations sent to CCODP should be marked “Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund

St. Monica's Parish Video Divina

Fr. Raymond's movie series “Looking at Life through the Lens of the Sacraments” continues with the movie **Julie and Julia** on **Friday, May 15 at 7 p.m.** in the parish rectory (6405 Terrebonne, Mtl., www.stmonica.ca. Free admission and popcorn, and stimulating discussion to follow! For information, contact Fr. Raymond Lafontaine at 514-481-0267 ext. 23 or fr.raymond@videotron.ca.

National March for Life – Ottawa - LET LIFE WIN

All are welcomed to join us for the National March for Life, **Thursday, May 14, 2015.** This is a yearly gathering on Parliament Hill, Ottawa, 23 000 attended last year to demand protection for children before and after birth. Two 7:00 a.m. chartered buses depart Montreal – Downtown (895 de la Gauchetière) and Laval (Holy Name of Jesus church, 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 7, 2015, at (438) 930-8643 or (514) 344-2686. Details (http://en.cqv.qc.ca/national_march_4_life_chartered_buses)

Permanent Diaconate: Come and See Evening

“Because of Christ, the reality of service is of such importance to the Church that it is a Sacrament incarnated in a particular ministry, that of the diaconate.” There will be a Come and See evening for single or married men who feel they may be called to the permanent diaconate, making Christ the Servant present in the liturgy, in the proclamation of the Word, and in the exercise of charity. Come and see on **Thursday, May 7, 6pm** at the Archdiocese of Montreal (2000 Sherbrooke St. West), within walking distance of Guy-Concordia metro and parking available via du Fort St. For more information and to sign up, please contact Deacon Michael Di Girolamo at 514-925-4300 x278.

Women's Day Retreat

On **Wednesday, May 20** at Villa Saint-Martin (9451 Gouin Blvd. West, Pierrefonds). Registration begins at 9:15am. Presentations by Sr. Pat O'Neill, SNJM. The day will include music, quiet time for personal reflection and prayer, Eucharistic celebration, sharing for those who wish to participate. ALL women welcome. Please bring a lunch. Coffee and tea provided. Suggested donation of \$15. Contact 514-684-1290.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, May 2nd 2015

St. Athanasius
(Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14)
5:00 Frank H. Carlin by his family

Sunday, May 3rd 2015

Fifth Sunday of Easter
(Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8)
10:30 Marlene D'Iorio
1st Anniversary of Death by the Parish

Monday, May 4th 2015 No Mass

Blessed Marie-Léonie Paradis
(Acts 14: 5-18; John 14:21-26)

Tuesday, May 5th 2015

(Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31)
5:00 Madeleine McCauley
by Constance O'Donnell

Wednesday, May 6th 2015

St. François de Laval
(Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8)
9:00 Hon. Frederick Collins &
Mrs. Irene Collins by the Family

Thursday, May 7th 2015

(Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11)

Friday, May 8th 2015

Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine
(Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17)
9:00 Mary Harty by the Ouellette Family

Saturday, May 9th 2015

(Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21)
5:00 Fausto & Lea Bortoluzzi
by Nori Bortoluzzi

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 6:00 PM
Christian Meditation in the Choir room.
For information call 514-931-5536

WEDNESDAY
Mass for residents of **Westmount Manor**

THURSDAY 7:30 PM
Choir Practice in the Choir Room

SATURDAY 10:00AM
Choir Workshop in the **Parish Room**

You are not forgotten

If you, or a loved one, are not able to come to church, we would be happy to come to you, have a little chat and bring you the Lord in Holy Communion. Let us know by calling the parish office (932-3131) and we will get to you ASAP.

Parish Donations

You can now make your donations to our parish ONLINE through **CanadaHelps**. It is a convenient way to donate to our parish even when you are away. The process is simple and you receive your Tax e-receipt immediately. Donations may be made using Visa, MasterCard, American Express, PayPal or Interact. Go to the parish website (www.ascensionofourlord.ca) and click on the button “EVERY DOLLAR HELPS” on the main page for instructions. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you.