

IN OUR PARISH

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Loving God, we thank you for mothers –
for all they mean or have meant,
for the love they have shown and the care they have given.*

*We thank you for the qualities of mothers –
their patience, their kindness,
concern and understanding.*

*We thank you for the part they play in our lives,
and we thank you for this day of saying 'thank you'*

this opportunity to say what we so often mean to say but so rarely do.

For mothers and motherhood,

for children and families

we bring you this day our grateful praise. Amen.

**Changes to Mass Schedule**

This weekend we welcome to our parish **Fr. Timothy Scott, CSB** who will celebrate Saturday and Sunday Mass with us. Please note that while our priests are away there will be no weekday Masses (May 11th-15th inc.)

Celebrating Our Parish Feast Day

Sunday May 17th is the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord and the patronal feast of our parish. Following 10:30 Mass you are warmly invited to gather with your fellow parishioners to partake in a small celebration of the day. A light lunch will be served and there will be door prizes. 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.

In addition, we invite you to add to the festivities by contributing some party sandwiches or cookies & squares for all to enjoy. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church.

Nepal Earthquake: Support Relief Efforts

A second collection will be taken up this weekend for the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace to raise funds for the victims of the earthquake in Nepal. As noted last week, 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 also be made by telephone (1 888 664-3387), online at www.devp.org/donate/nepal or by sending a cheque made out to Development and Peace marked "Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund"

REFLECTION

Friends share thoughts with one another. It is the nature of friendship to do this, and the deeper the friendship the greater the knowledge friends will have of one another. Jesus calls us friends, and directly relates it to the knowledge he has shared with us – "I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father". Many of us have known the scriptures and the knowledge Jesus has shared with us since were children; it has been so much part of our lives that we don't realize just how much that knowledge has shaped us and the world we live in.

The knowledge we have of our friends is sacred and precious, to be respected and held to ourselves unless we have their permission to share it. Then it should only be shared in ways which are good for our friend and for those who receive it.

In this gospel Jesus lifts all restrictions on sharing the knowledge he has given us. After calling us friends he tells us that we must share this knowledge with others – "I chose you, and commissioned you to go out and bear fruit...". We received the knowledge not to bury it as the man given one talent did with his talent, but to use it to bring others into the friendship we share with Jesus.

The knowledge that Jesus gave us can bear fruit through our reflection and prayer. It can bear fruit in our words to others. It can bear fruit in who we are and how we act towards others.

Jesus and the disciples were a scary group to the scribes and Pharisees, not just because of what they said, but because of the love they showed towards others. There was an equality in their love that threatened the relationships the scribes and Pharisees had built on status and rank. That same love threatened the law the scribes and Pharisees had embellished and ossified to entrench privilege.

True friendship is always a privilege, to be cherished and nurtured, infused with love, and never betrayed by misuse of the knowledge it gives us of another.

<http://www.catholic.org.nz/reflection/dsp-view-reflections.cfm?loadref=57&id=278>



IN THE DIOCESE

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)

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.

St. Monica Parish: The Wonder of God in the Unfolding Universe

All are welcome at our spring retreat The Sacrament of Creation with Sr. Mary-Ellen Francoeur. The tremendous advances in science and technology over the last century have allowed us to understand the universe in a whole new way. Join us on **Saturday, May 23** from 9am-12:30pm (6405 de Terrebonne St., Montreal) for a sacred time away to explore how this new understanding of the universe invites us to experience God in new ways. Please register by May 20. Contact Anna at 514-481-0267 x22 or anna.diodati@stmonica.ca.

The Other Side of Chaos: Trusting God When Life is Breaking Down

When our relationships break down, when we suffer loss of employment or of financial stability, when our loved ones are taken away due to disease or death, we can become blind to God's loving hand guiding us to something new. Margaret Silf will present a workshop that will help us keep our eyes fixed on the Lord, instead of straining back to the seeming comfort of our past. **Friday, May 29, 7 - 9 pm; Saturday, May 30, 9am - 4 pm** (please bring a lunch), followed by Sunday Vigil Mass, from 4 - 5 pm; **Sunday, May 31 9 am-12 pm** (optional sharing session) at Loyola High School, 7272 Sherbrooke St. West. Cost: \$60. For more info. or to register, please contact: The Ignatian Spirituality Centre 514-481-1064 or centre@ignatiancentremtl.ca.

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, May 9th 2015

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

Sunday, May 10th 2015

Sixth Sunday of Easter
(Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48;
1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17)
10:30 Kate & Ed Sampson
by Ann & Louis Mallette

Monday, May 11th 2015 No Mass

(Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4)

Tuesday, May 12th 2015

St. Nereus & St. Achilleus, St. Pancras
(Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11)

Wednesday, May 13th 2015

Our Lady of Fatima
(Acts 17 :15, 22-18 :1; John 16 :12-15)

Thursday, May 14th 2015

St. Matthias, Apostle
(Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17)

Friday, May 15th 2015

(Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23)

Saturday, May 16th 2015

(Acts 18: 23-28; John 16:23-28)
5:00 Katherine Burpee
by Hugh & Kathleen Quinlan

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

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

THURSDAY 7:30 PM
Choir Practice in the Choir Room

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**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.

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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.

