

## IN OUR PARISH

**Advent Mass of Concern**

Next weekend, December 5th & 6th, we show our concern for our less fortunate neighbours through donations to our annual “Advent Mass of Concern” In your Sunday envelopes, you will find one specific for this Mass. If you do not have Sunday envelopes, a basket containing specially marked envelopes, “Advent Mass of Concern” will be available at the entrances to the church. Both cash and cheques are accepted. Cheques should be made out to Ascension of Our Lord Parish. Your generosity in supporting our Advent project will help feed and shelter the homeless and poor this Christmas.

**“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord,  
and the Lord will repay him for his good deed.” (Proverbs 19:17)**

**Election of Wardens**

On Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 10:30 Mass a meeting of all parishioners will be held in the Parish Room for the purpose of electing two wardens to replace the two who are completing their term of office on December 31, 2015.

A warden serves on the Board, which comprises six elected wardens & the pastor, and manages the financial & temporal affairs of the parish. Anyone of good will, 16 years of age and older, who resides within the boundaries of the parish may submit his or her name for election. Each nomination must have a seconder. If you would like to submit your name to serve our parish in this way please speak with Fr. MacEachen. Nominations will be received up until the meeting for the election.

**Christmas Flowers to Decorate the Church**

All are invited to make a donation in the name of loved ones toward the purchase of flowers to decorate our church for the Christmas season. Donations should be received at the latest by December 17th in order to allow us to plan the decor of the church during this holy season.

**Resources for Advent Reflection and Prayer**

**1. The “Praying Advent” website** offers many helpful resources for individuals and families who want some help to begin the season of Advent and move through it well.

**Just Google “Praying Advent” or go directly to:  
[onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent)**

**A season of paradox**

Advent is a time of looking forward but it is also a time of contradictions and paradox. It’s a season of hope and excitement for those who look forward to Christmas as a festival to be enjoyed with people they love. It’s a season of hope and excitement for Christians looking forward to celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. It’s a time of sorrow and darkness for many who face Christmas for the first time, or the twentieth time, without a loved one at their side. It’s a time of sober reflection and preparation for Christians who also look forward to the time when Christ returns in glory “to judge the living and the dead” and to establish his kingdom which will know no end.

Jesus talks this week about distress among the nations and fearful “natural” events that will shake heaven and earth. These are the signs by which we will know that the Kingdom of God is near and, for Luke, this is a time not of judgment but of redemption, another cause for hope and excitement.

As Jesus speaks of the uncertain, changeable and temporary things of our world he also speaks of the certainties that we can believe in and prepare for. The words of Jesus “will not pass away” and through prayer we will be given the strength to withstand all that threatens our bodies knowing that our souls are redeemed and belong with the glorified Son of Man.



*Lord Jesus, as we look forward to celebrating your birth among us give us the wisdom and faith also to prepare for your return so that when that day comes we will be ready to stand before you in your risen glory. Amen*

<http://www.katharinesmith.org.uk>

**2. [IgnatianSpirituality.com](http://www.ignatianspirituality.com) [www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent](http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent)**

Amid the flurry of Christmas preparations, we look for practical ways to observe the holiness of the season in our everyday lives. Resources in the tradition of Ignatian spirituality include Advent Weekly Video Reflections & Advent Moments of Mercy (daily messages via email)

**3. [Loyola Press Advent Resources](http://www.loyolapress.com) [www.loyolapress.com/liturgical-year/advent](http://www.loyolapress.com/liturgical-year/advent)**

Advent resources include interactive Advent calendars for adults, children and families, Advent activities for children and inspirational articles for all.

## IN THE DIOCESE

**Loyola Mothers' Guild 46th Annual Wine & Cheese Fundraiser**

Loyola High School's social event of the year is just a few weeks away! Please come join us **Sunday, November 29th, 2015** from 2:00pm to 5:00pm in our White & Blue Christmas Winter Wonderland. Purchase wonderful gifts for family and friends & win fabulous guaranteed gifts at the balloon pop. Test your good fortune at our Wheel of Fortune or at our raffle and silent auction tables. Purchase tickets online at: [www.loyola.ca](http://www.loyola.ca). Adults only / Admission \$25 If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation online at [www.loyola.ca](http://www.loyola.ca). Tax receipts will be issued for donations of over \$25. All proceeds will benefit the Loyola High School Bursary Fund.

**Sacred Heart School Christmas Fair**

You are invited to Sacred Heart's Christmas Fair on **Saturday, December 5th** from 10am-4pm (3635 Atwater Ave., Montreal). Featuring Christmas decorations, artisan crafts, jewellery, poinsettias, books from Chapters/Indigo, handmade treats and a raffle. Sip spiced hot apple juice and taste homemade baked goods at the Sacred Heart Café. Free parking. For more details, please visit [www.sacredheart.qc.ca](http://www.sacredheart.qc.ca) or contact the office at 514-937-2845.

**St. Monica's Parish: Video Divina**

Join Fr. Raymond for Molokai: The Story of Fr. Damien, the third film of this year's "Movies with a Mission" series, on **Friday, December 4** at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory(6405 de Terrebonne St., Mtl.). 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](mailto:fr.raymond@videotron.ca).

**Women's Day Retreat**

The monthly Women's Day Retreat will be held **Wednesday December 9** at Villa Saint-Martin, (9451 Gouin Blvd. W., Pierrefonds). Registration: 9:15 a.m. Animator: Sr. Pat O'Neill, SNJM. Thought-provoking presentations with references to Scriptural passages and the works of renowned spiritual writers; relevant music and songs; quiet time for personal reflection and prayer; 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) 684-1290.

**Refugee Crisis Information Session**

In response to Pope Francis' message about welcoming refugees and in preparation for the upcoming World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Jan. 17, 2016, there will be an information session on Tuesday, Dec.1 , 7:30pm at St. John Brébeuf Parish(855 Bishop Power, LaSalle) Alessandra Santopadre from the diocesan Refugee Sponsorship Program will present what is happening right now in Montreal and outline the steps that Montreal families, parishes and communities must take to sponsor a family. Info: contact Alessandra Santopadre at 514-778-8950 or [ASantopadre@diocesemontreal.org](mailto:ASantopadre@diocesemontreal.org).

## MASSES

**Saturday, November 28th 2015**

(Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36)  
5:00 Art and Eileen O'Connell  
by Pat & Helene McCormack

**Sunday, November 29th 2015**

First Sunday of Advent  
(Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2;  
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36)  
10:30 Frank Carlin by his Family

**Monday, November 30th 2015**

St. Andrew, Apostle  
(Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22)  
9:00 Guy Labelle by Maureen Pallett

**Tuesday, December 1st 2015**

(Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24)  
9:00 Rosalia Lucia by  
Dr. & Mrs. Gaston Schwarz

**Wednesday, December 2nd 2015**

(Isaiah 25:6-10; Matthew 15:29-37)  
9:00 Hon. Frederick Collins & Mrs. Irene Collins  
by the Family

**Thursday, December 3rd 2015 No Mass**

St. Francis Xavier  
(Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21,24-27)

**Friday, December 4th 2015**

St. John Damascene  
(Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31)  
9:00 Rosalia Lucia  
by Dr.& Mrs. Gaston Schwarz

**Saturday, December 5th 2015**

(Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26)  
5:00 Katherine Roy by Simonne Clarke

## ACTIVITIES

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

**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**

Did you know that parish donations can be made ONLINE through CanadaHelps. The process is simple & 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](http://www.ascensionofourlord.ca)) and click on the main page button "EVERY DOLLAR HELPS" for instructions. Thank you for your generosity.

**Sunday Missals 2016**

The Living With Christ Sunday Mass books for the coming Liturgical Year are now available for sale at the back of the church. The cost is \$5 each.