

## IN OUR PARISH

### A THANKSGIVING BLESSING



*May an abundance of gratitude burst forth  
as you reflect upon what you have received.*

*May thanksgiving overflow in your heart,  
and often be proclaimed in your prayer.*

*May the harvest of your good actions  
bring forth plentiful fruit each day.*

*May you always be open, willing,  
and ready to share your blessings with others.*

Joyce Rupp, Out of the Ordinary

### Thanksgiving Project

This year our parish celebrates Thanksgiving by donating non-perishable foods to St. Willibrord's Food Bank. Today and next weekend you are invited to bring a bag filled with non-perishable foods to church. Canned tuna, salmon, ham, chicken, soups, vegetables, juices, coffee & tea as well as cereal, pasta & rice are always needed, but any non-perishable item will be greatly appreciated. Your donations may be left at the side altars.

### Changes to Mass Schedule

This weekend we welcome back to our parish Fr. Timothy Scott, C.S.B. who will celebrate our Masses October 10th & 11th.

Please note that while Father MacEachen is away there will be no weekday Masses (Monday October 12th - Friday October 16th (inc.)).

### Meals on Wheels

Currently seeking volunteers to be "lead" cooks to plan menus, provide shopping lists & organise the other helpers who prepare meals for 20 + people, Fridays starting this fall until June & Tuesdays starting in January. The meals are prepared at the Greene Ave center. The time commitment is 2½ hrs: 8:00 am – 10:30 am. Volunteers are scheduled once or twice a month depending on their availability. In addition, we are seeking Volunteers to shop for the cooks as well as to deliver, drive and help the cook. For more information please contact Frances de Verteuil 514-937-3317 or [fdev@primus.ca](mailto:fdev@primus.ca)

### 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.

## Inheriting Eternal Life

In the Gospel Reading, a rich young man asks Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" In response, Jesus says to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor."

Selling what you own is a pretty radical thing to do. Just think what you own: a house, a car, a bed. And that's just the beginning, isn't it? There's also the computer, the cell phone, the TV—and on and on.

Early in Christian history, people who sold everything they owned set up religious orders, so that they could live together and share what they needed. And so Jesus' exhortation to sell what you have and give to the poor is usually taken as a call to religious life.

Understood in that way, Jesus' advice to the rich young man is one of the counsels of perfection. It explains what you have to do to be perfect in this life.

But here's a puzzle worth noticing. You don't have to be perfect to go to heaven. You don't have to be a member of a religious order to go to heaven. But going to heaven is what the rich young man was asking Jesus about: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" And so the answer Jesus gave the rich young man should have explained to him what you have to do to get to heaven. A counsel of perfection is by its nature not an answer to the rich young man's question.

Or put it this way. If selling all he has and giving it to the poor is what the rich young man needs to do to inherit eternal life, what about everybody else? Does everybody have to sell what he has in order to attain heaven? If you don't sell everything you have, are you going to hell? The solution to the puzzle is to think about the description of the man asking Jesus the question: he is the rich young man. In other words, his gifts lie in his wealth.

Now gifts are highly various. There are lots of gifts, gifts of learning, of music, of many other things. But whatever a person's gifts are, they are meant to be given back in service to the Lord. You cannot bury your talent—your gifts—in the ground and hope to please the Lord.

So here is what you need to do to inherit eternal life: You need to follow Jesus and use your gifts to the full when you do.

Eleonore Stump <http://liturgy.slu.edu>

### Mass Intentions

Please note that there are a number of Masses without intentions. If you would like to remember a loved one, we invite you to contact the parish office to book a Mass time or the Sanctuary Lamp.

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st October 2015

### IN THE DIOCESE

#### **Ignatian Spirituality Giant Book Sale**

Come by from **Wednesday, October 14 to Saturday, October 17**, 9am-4pm each day (4567 West Broadway, Montreal) for a wide selection books on/under classics, history, sports, religion, spirituality, best sellers, children books, art, coffee table books and so much more.

#### **Women's Day Retreat**

The monthly Women's Day Retreat will be held **Wednesday October 14** 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. Plan to gift yourself with a few hours of rich spiritual nourishment in the company of women who share your values & your desire to deepen your relationship with God.

#### **Catholicism: The New Evangelization**

The Catholic Faith is about an encounter with Jesus Christ so overwhelming that you want to tell the whole world. Join Fr. Raymond Lafontaine for three Sunday afternoon sessions, **Oct. 18 to Nov. 1** 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. at St. Monica's Parish(6405 Terrebonne, Mtl., [www.stmonica.ca](http://www.stmonica.ca)) for an opportunity to explore the Church's mission and the challenges of contemporary culture. We will learn what the New Evangelization is, and then witness to examples of new ardor, new expressions and new methods of evangelization in action. A light lunch will be provided. For information and to register by **October 16**, contact Anna at (514) 481-0267 ext. 22 or [anna.diodati@stmonica.ca](mailto:anna.diodati@stmonica.ca).

#### **Social Action Office: Development & Peace Workshop**

*Create a Climate of Change* will be the theme for our educational workshop to be held on **Saturday, October 17** at Our Lady of Fatima Parish (875 Marcel-Laurin Blvd., St-Laurent). Learn how climate change has the worst impact on those least responsible for it: the world's poor & how this is related to the growing refugee crisis, with ideas on what we can do as individuals and as a Church! Coffee will be served at 8:45am, with meeting from 9:15- 12:30pm. Parking available; near Cote-Vertu Metro, 10-minute walk or take bus 121 west. To sign up or for more info contact Deacon Michael Di Girolamo at 514-925-4300 x278.

#### **Families Reaching Out to Families: A Conversation About Family Life**

Pope Francis has convoked a Synod this October to reflect on "*The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World.*" Please join us and a panel of invited guests, on **Wednesday, October 21 from 7 to 9 p.m.** at St. Monica's Parish (6405 Terrebonne, Mtl., [www.stmonica.ca](http://www.stmonica.ca)) to learn how we can reach out to all families – of all shapes and configurations – to help them heal their wounds, strengthen their bonds, and more fully realize their vocation and mission, both in the church and the world. For information and to register by **October 19**, contact Anna at (514) 481-0267 ext. 22 or [anna.diodati@stmonica.ca](mailto:anna.diodati@stmonica.ca).

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th October 2015

### MASSES

#### **Saturday, October 10th 2015**

(Joel 3:12-21; Luke 11:27-28)  
5:00 Gail Watson by Dr. Gaston & Maria Schwarz

#### **Sunday, October 11th 2015**

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30)  
10:30 Kate & Ed Sampson  
by Ann & Louis Mallette

#### **Monday, October 12th 2015 No Mass**

Thanksgiving Day  
(Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32)

#### **Tuesday, October 13th 2015 No Mass**

(Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41)

#### **Wednesday, October 14th 2015 No Mass**

St. Callistus I, pope  
(Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46)

#### **Thursday, October 15th 2015 No Mass**

St. Teresa of Jesus  
(Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54)

#### **Friday, October 16th 2015 No Mass**

St. Marguerite D'Youville  
(Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7)

#### **Saturday, October 17th 2015**

St. Ignatius of Antioch  
(Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12)  
5:00 Sr. Mary Farrell, CND by Barbara Mulcair



*This week the Sanctuary lamp will burn for healing and peace for dear Denise by her Family*

### THIS WEEK

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

WEDNESDAY 11:00AM  
**Funeral Eileen O'Connell**  
(visitation 10:30-11:00)

THURSDAY 7:30 PM  
**Choir Practice** in the Choir Room

#### **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.