

IN OUR PARISH



Thanksgiving Project

Thank you to all who participated in our Thanksgiving project by donating non-perishable foods for St. Willibrord's Food Bank. We are still accepting donations this weekend which can be left at the side altars.

It is good to remember that all food banks our city are in continual need of replenishment of their stock, and depend upon your donations not only on holidays, but throughout the year. So please continue to donate some non-perishable foods directly to one of the centers from time to time.

October 18th~World Mission Sunday: United in Love... Let us go to serve!

World Mission Sunday, organized by the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. It is "celebrated on the same day in every diocese, parish and institute of the Catholic world.. to encourage offerings for the missions." (Sacred Congregation of Rites)

The Church is essentially missionary. The Lord calls us and send us out to share with others the blessings that we have received, starting with the gift of faith, which cannot be considered as a private privilege, but must be seen as a gift to be shared with those who have not yet received it. This mission is a living relationship that is constantly renewed; it is above all the service of faith and love towards our brothers and sisters. Today, this mission exists in a life of service for all without distinction of race, color, culture or religion. The first concern of those who are sent to evangelize is not initially the physical structures of the church, but rather a constant concern for their brothers and sisters' lives and selfless service for the poorest people.

Envelopes for your donation can be found at the back of the church as well as the side doors and should be handed in with the regular collection.

Meals on Wheels

Volunteers are needed to be "lead" cooks to plan menus, provide shopping lists & organise the other helpers who prepare meals for 20 + people on Fridays (plus 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

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.

It shall not be so among us

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus keeps warning his disciples of the painful destiny that awaits him and those who follow his footsteps. The cluelessness of those who accompany him is unbelievable. This continues to happen even today.

James and John, Zebedee's sons, separate themselves from the rest of the group and approach Jesus with no one else there. They do not need the others. They want to have for themselves the most privileged positions and to be the first in Jesus' project, as they imagine it. Their petition is not a request, but rather a ridiculous ambition: We want you to do for us whatever we ask you. They want Jesus to place them above the others.

Jesus seems to be surprised. You do not know what you are asking. They have not understood him at all. With great patience Jesus invites them to ask themselves if they are capable of sharing his painful destiny. When the other ten disciples realize what is going on, they get very indignant at James and John. They too have the same aspirations. Ambition divides them and pits them against each other. The search for honor and self-serving leading roles always break the communion of the Christian community. It does so even today. Could there be anything more opposed to Jesus and his project of serving the liberation of peoples?

This occurrence is so serious that Jesus summons them together in order to make clear what attitude should always characterize his followers. They know well enough how the Romans act, these rulers over the Gentiles and the great ones of the world: they tyrannize the people, subdue them and make them all feel the weight of their power. Well, it should not be so among you.

Among his followers, everything must be different: Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. Greatness is not measured by the power one has, the rank one holds or the titles one flaunts. Whoever aspires to these things in Jesus' Church does not become greater, but rather smaller and more ridiculous. In reality, it is a hindrance to fostering the lifestyle that the Crucified wants. Such an ambitious person lacks the basic characteristic to be Jesus' follower.

In the Church we must all be servants. We need to place ourselves in the Christian community, not from the top, from superiority, power, or self-serving leading role, but from below, from availability, service and assistance to others. Our model is Jesus. He never lived to be served but to serve. This is the best and most admirable summary of what he was: service to all.



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th October 2015

IN THE DIOCESE

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) to explore the Church's mission and the challenges of contemporary culture. Learn what the New Evangelization is, 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

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) 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

The Sacred Heart School of Montreal Benefit Concert

Sacred Heart School will be hosting a benefit concert **Saturday, October 24**, 7pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel (3635 Atwater Ave., Montreal) featuring the Montreal Chamber orchestra *I Musici de Montréal* in performance with students of the Sacred Heart Concert Band and The Choirs of Notre-Dame de Sion & The Priory under the direction of Ghassan Alaboud. All proceeds benefit the Bursary Funds of the three participating schools. Tickets are \$30, available at the door or by calling 514-937-2845. For more info please visit www.sacredheart.qc.ca.

Befriending Grief: Accompanying Those Who are Bereaved

Join us as we explore the multifaceted experiences of loss and bereavement with Rev. Jan Jorgensen. We will help one another deepen our respective capacities to sit still and listen, knowing that we cannot make it better nor make the pain go away. We will practice getting out of the way of the Spirit so that we can be compassionate companions to those who grieve. All are welcome **Friday, October 23**, 7pm-9pm & **Saturday, October 24** 9am-4pm (4567 West Broadway, Montreal). Please bring a lunch. Cost is \$60. For further information or to register, contact the Ignatian Centre at 514-481-1064 or at centre@ignatiancentremtl.ca.

O.E.P.S .Directory Now Online

The O.E.P.S. Directory is now online, go to: catholicmontreal.ca. The online directory is the most current database of people, parishes, resources and groups with links to Montreal's English-speaking Catholic community. It includes print and graphic information, map locations, the latest pastoral changes and links to pertinent news sources.

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MASSES

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

Sunday, October 18th 2015

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Isaiah 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45)
10:30 Johanna Ramaseder by the Family

Monday, October 19th 2015

St. Paul of the Cross
(Romans 4:20-25; Luke 12:13-21)
9:00 Sister Mary Farrell by Bernadette Farrell

Tuesday, October 20th 2015

St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
(Romans 5:12, 15, 17-21; Luke 12:35-38)
9:00 Fernando D'Angelo by the Pasteris Family

Wednesday, October 21st 2015

(Romans 6: 12-18; Luke 12:39-48)
9:00 The Superales and Renomeron Families

Thursday, October 22nd 2015 No Mass

Anniversary of the Dedication
of Consecrated Churches
(Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53)

Friday, October 23rd 2015

St. John of Capistrano
(Romans 7:18-25; Luke 12:54-59)
9:00 Stewart Sutcliffe by Roman Boyko

Saturday, October 24th 2015

St. Anthony Mary Claret
(Romans 8:1-11; Luke 13:1-9)
5:00 John Pozza by the Pasteris Family

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

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.ascensionoffourlord.ca) and click on the main page button "EVERY DOLLAR HELPS" for instructions. Thank you for your generosity.

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.