

IN OUR PARISH

Fall Catch-Up Campaign

Our Fall Catch-Up campaign is underway and you may have already received, or will shortly receive a letter from our pastor, Fr. MacEachen. As you are aware, our magnificent church is not only costly to maintain, but because of its age demands at various intervals certain interventions. We count on your generous support in order provide for all the needs of the parish.

You may place your Fall Catch Up envelope in the collection plate at Mass, drop it into the mail slot at the rectory or mail it at your convenience. In addition, donations to the campaign can be made online through Canada Helps at www.Canadahelps.org.

Coffee Sunday

Next Sunday is the Feast of All Saints which we will celebrate with our second “Coffee Sunday” of the year. A few volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up. This requires about 10min. of your time before & after Mass. Please contact Linda Wiltshire if you can help out. Plan on staying for a while following Sunday Mass for an enjoyable time of fellowship with coffee and cookies.

Volunteers for the Pastoral Office

An invitation to use your time, talents, and spiritual gifts to make a difference

We are grateful to those among you who volunteer in many different ways in the parish. At this time we still have an urgent need for volunteers to assist in the Pastoral Office with general office tasks on Mondays or Thursdays approximately 2 hours/ week.

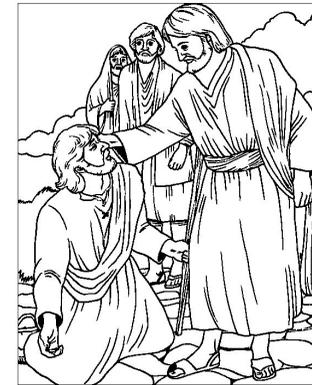
If you can help out, please contact Pastoral Associate, Linda Wiltshire after Mass, by email (wiltshirecl@msn.com) or call the parish office (Monday & Thursday). Thank you.

Advertising in the Parish Bulletin

Have you noticed the amount of space available on the advertiser’s pages of our parish bulletin? Do you know someone who has a business, service or profession who could place an ad with us? Or would you like place an ad in our bulletin yourself? The cost of producing a weekly bulletin is significant, and advertisements are the only means we have to defray those costs. Advertising in our bulletin costs \$400(half-business card) or \$800 (business card) annually. If you would like to help out or for more details, please contact Linda Wiltshire at the parish office (Mon & Thurs) or by email, wiltshirecl@msn.com

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.



What Do You Want?

In the Gospel Reading, blind Bartimaeus will not stop yelling for Jesus to have pity on him, until Jesus finally calls for him.

And at this point the funny parts of the story start. Why doesn’t Jesus go to Bartimaeus? Why wait for the blind man to find his way to Jesus? And when Bartimaeus does get to Jesus, Jesus asks him what seems like the dumbest question: “What do you want me to do for you?” What on earth would anybody suppose Bartimaeus wants? He’s blind! And why does Jesus say that Bartimaeus’s faith has saved him? What does

Bartimaeus’s receiving his sight have to do his being saved?

And yet notice what Bartimaeus actually says. He does not say to Jesus, “I want my sight.” He says, “I want to see.” To want sight is to want a capacity, which can be used for all kinds of purposes—raising sheep, making money. But to want to see is to want the connection with reality that the exercise of sight makes possible. Wanting to see is wanting to know the true nature of reality, hidden in some ways from a person when he is blind.

Once we see what Bartimaeus asks for, the funny parts of the story make more sense. When Jesus calls Bartimaeus to himself, he gives him a small space in which to consider what he really wants before Jesus asks him. And when Jesus does ask him, the presence of Jesus and that question serve as a call to Bartimaeus to commit himself to one heart’s-desire. And he finds it: I want to see.

Seeing, however, isn’t limited to seeing the blue of the sky or the road to home. It is also a matter of seeing the truth about things, or even of seeing The Truth himself.

And so Jesus gives Bartimaeus all that he asks for. Bartimaeus sees not only the world around him but also his Lord. And in seeing Jesus, Bartimaeus accepts the Giver along with the gift of sight. Although Jesus gives Bartimaeus the option of going off, Bartimaeus stays by Jesus and follows him.

Bartimaeus came to Jesus and he saw the Lord, because seeing was what he really wanted. And that’s why Jesus tells him that his faith has saved him.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th October 2015

IN THE DIOCESE

St. Monica Parish: Video Divina

Join Fr. Raymond for **Amazing Grace**, the second film of this year's "Movies with a Mission" series, on **Friday, October 30 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.

Jingle Bell Fair

The Auxiliary of St. Mary's Hospital Centre is holding its annual Fall Fair, also known as the "Jingle Bell Fair", at St. Mary's Hospital Auditorium (3830 Lacombe Ave., Mtl.), room B-309, on **Thursday, November 5, from 9:30 am-4 pm** .Lunch will be served beginning at 11:30am. Start your shopping early- there is something for everyone! For information contact the Gift Shop at 514-345-3511 x 3247. In partnership with the Hospital, the Auxiliary raises funds to enhance patient care and for the purchase of specialized medical equipment.

Awakening The Spirit Within

Calling all those interested in the Power of Prayer, to attend a workshop to ignite the fire of Pentecost in our hearts. We will talk about the vital importance of Prayer Groups in Evangelization and how they can be most effective in serving the mission of the Church in our local communities. Fr. Ben St. Croix from the Companions of the Cross Community and Brian Sullivan, president of the Renewal Services in Ontario will be presenting the talks. **Friday, October 30 7pm- 9pm & Saturday, Oct 31- 9am-3pm**, John Fisher Parish Hall (120 Summerhill, Pte. Claire) No charge: free will offering. Please bring a lunch on Saturday! To reserve call Hal Horwood (450-621-6775), Lorraine Pecus(450-445-0372)or Gerry Mackay (514-626-8081).

Benefit Concert Camp Kinkora

Bring your family and friends! All are welcome on **Thursday, October 29** from 7pm-10:30pm at the Crowley Centre (5325 Crowley Ave., Montreal). The evening will include a concert and silent auction to help raise money for *Kamp Kinkora* programs which benefit children at risk, families living in poverty and adults at risk of isolation. Featuring *Shane Murphy, The Echo Hunters, The Choirboys, 3.5 Men, Craig Hodson* and a very special performance by *Aurora Choreal*. Tickets cost \$20 and are available at <http://tinyurl.com/nz67g3x>.

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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25th October 2015

MASSES

Saturday, October 24th 2015

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

Sunday, October 25th 2015

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52)
10:30 Nader Chaaban
by families & catechists
of the Be My Disciples program

Monday, October 26th 2015

(Romans 8:11-17; Luke 13:10-17)
9:00 Patrick McDevitt
by Jerry & Margaret Brennan

Tuesday, October 27th 2015

(Romans 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21)
9:00 Therese Birsthistle
by Jerry & Margaret Brennan

Wednesday, October 28th 2015

St. Simon and St. Jude, apostles
(Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-19)

Thursday, October 29th 2015 No Mass

(Romans 8:31-39; Luke 13:31-35)

Friday, October 30th 2015

(Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6)

Saturday, October 31st 2015

(Romans 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29; Luke 14:1, 7-11)
5:00 Barbara Ballantyne
by Pat & Helene McCormack



*This week the Sanctuary lamp
will burn in memory of Justina Lopez
by the Family*

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

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) 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.