

## IN OUR PARISH

### Catechetical Sunday

This weekend all parishes are invited to celebrate Catechetical Sunday. The theme-*What are you talking about ON THE ROAD?* - evokes a question that Jesus asked that appears in two of the Gospels. Today, asking this question “what are we talking about on the road?” makes it resonate with the issues that lie at the heart of our contemporary concerns.

In our parish the following catechists will be commissioned to share the faith of the Church with the families and children of our Be My Disciples program:

<b>Patricia Smith</b>	<b>Marilyn Baron</b>	<b>Elisa Balleine</b>
<b>Grace Smith</b>	<b>Barbara Cefis</b>	<b>Beata Nawacki</b>
<b>Brenda Garcia</b>	<b>Anna Romano</b>	<b>Audra Jurkowski</b>
<b>Valerie Luzio</b>	<b>Gloria Odorizzi</b>	
<b>Marialuisa Vigano</b>	<b>Mathilde Sinor</b>	

Thank you to each of you for showing us how to live our faith! We will be sure to pray for you throughout the coming year.

### “Be My Disciples” 2015-16 Registration: Faith Education program for Children

Registration for children grades 1 to 6 continues. Forms for new and returning families are available at the back of the church or can be obtained by contacting Linda Wiltshire, Pastoral Associate by email: [wiltshirecl@msn.com](mailto:wiltshirecl@msn.com) or by phone 514-932-3131 (Mon & Thurs) There will be a **meeting for all parents on Monday, September 28th** at 7pm in the Parish Room

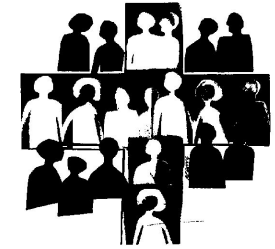
### Parish Choir

Our parish choir is seeking new members. The choir sings at Sunday Mass from mid-September to mid-June and rehearses each Thursday night. If you have an appreciation of the rich choral music of the Church and have a basic singing ability, you are warmly invited to join us. An ability to read music is an asset, but not required. Please contact the Music Director, David Szanto at (514) 899-0548 or [davidszant@hotmail.com](mailto:davidszant@hotmail.com).

### 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)

## The Focus of Our Love



“What were you arguing about on the way?’ But they remained silent.”

In the silence that follows the simple question of Jesus, we cringe along with the disciples, almost intuiting the truth which comes then to explicit expression: “They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest.” Not having understood Jesus’ second prediction of his passion (and with it, the implication that their own lives would be drawn into that passion), they relate to one another in very human terms and according to human logic: If there’s a group, someone has to be on top!

The name given by the Letter of James to this all-too-human manner of thinking and acting is “selfish ambition,” which breeds, according to that same Letter, “disorder and every foul practice.” No small thing, this worrying about who is the greatest! James’ diagnosis of human discord, illustrated by Jesus’ friends, points to a disease that afflicts all human hearts, but one that has a particular effect on those closest to Jesus.

Focus on self remains in direct opposition to focus on God. No one can move toward God who remains focused on the self. The spiritual tradition of eastern Christianity names *philautia*, the love of self, as the “queen of all vices.” This remains true for all, but what of those “closest to Jesus”?

In a passage of his apostolic exhortation on evangelization, Pope Francis speaks to all those who work “in and for the Church,” cautioning them about the temptation to “spiritual worldliness.” That is, he warns about attitudes and behaviors that seek “not the Lord’s glory but human glory and personal well-being.” This, he goes on to say, can take on many forms, depending on the kinds of persons and groups into which it seeps. How can we avoid this? Pope Francis: “. . . by making the Church constantly go out from herself, keeping her mission focused on Jesus Christ, and her commitment to the poor.”

For all, but especially those who work “in and for the Church,” the gospel asks us to pay attention to the focus of our love: Love of self? Or love of Jesus and those whom he loves?

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th September 2015

### IN THE DIOCESE

#### ***Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada***

Every year, the Bishops of Canada make an appeal for financial assistance to support their work and the work of each diocese by means of the Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada. The President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), the Most Reverend Paul-André Durocher, has described this Collection as “an opportunity to all the faithful to help their dioceses collaborate in financing the regional episcopal assemblies (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, and the West) and also the CCCC. These associations support the Bishops in their local ministry and in working together on issues of common concern.” Any additional revenues raised support individual diocesan pastoral programs. Through your contribution to the Collection, you too can collaborate with the Bishops in their ministry to teach, sanctify and govern.

**The Collection will be held next weekend, September 26 & 27.** For those who use parish envelopes, one was included in your package for this year, however, was dated September 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### ***The Sacred Heart School of Montreal: Open House***

5th and 6th grade girls considering enrolment at Sacred Heart – the Catholic all girls’ High School in montreal-are invited to visit the school during Open House on **Saturday, Sept. 26th**, from 12:30 pm to 4 pm. 3635 Atwater Avenue. Parking available. For information 514-937-2845 or [www.sacredheart.qc.ca](http://www.sacredheart.qc.ca)

#### ***Contemplative Prayer Group***

St. Monica’s Parish (6405 Terrebonne, Mtl., [www.stmonica.ca](http://www.stmonica.ca)) Contemplative Prayer Group meets every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory beginning **September 22**. After listening to a talk on the spiritual journey, we meditate together for up to half an hour. Please join us! For information, please contact Audrey Booth at (514) 481-0267.

#### ***Living the Discerning Life***

With Paul Empsall and Louise Eberwein. Thursday evenings beginning September 24 at the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Montreal. This course explores St. Ignatius’ practical guidelines for the discernment of spirits, showing their profound insight into the human soul and the spiritual life. The second hour of each evening will be a guided discussion of ways in which this teaching has concrete application to our own daily lives. Cost: \$75 (book and study guide included). For further information: Call Louise Eberwein (514-825-5198) or Paul Empsall (514-626-9462). To register, contact the Ignatian Centre at 514-481-1064.

#### ***Seniors Action Quebec: Fundraising Concert***

Starring Oliver Jones and friends on **Sunday, September 27** from 1pm-4pm at the Oscar Peterson Concert Hall (7141 Sherbrooke St. West). Tickets are \$50. Featuring Montreal comedian Joey Elias as emcee with performances by Lisa Forget, Christine Forget, Skipper Dean, Denise Guerin, Greg Halpin, Carol McCormick and the Bernadette Short Irish Dancers. Contact 450-218-3227 or [ruthpelletier613@gmail.com](mailto:ruthpelletier613@gmail.com) . Visit <http://www.seniorsactionquebec.ca/>.

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASSES THIS WEEK

#### **Saturday, September 19th 2015**

St. Januarius  
(1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15)  
5:00 Ann Elisabeth Ramaseder by her Family

#### **Sunday, September 20th 2015**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37)  
10:30 Monica de Erney  
by Mary Lou & Antonio Sacconaghi

#### **Monday, September 21st 2015**

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist  
(Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13)

#### **Tuesday, September 22nd 2015**

(Ezra 4:4-5. 6:1, 6-8,12,14-20; Luke 8:19-21)  
9:00 Margaret Keough, by her Family

#### **Wednesday, September 23rd 2015**

St. Pius of Pietrelcina ( Padre Pio)  
(Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6)

#### **Thursday, September 24th 2015 No Mass**

Bl. Emilie Tavernier-Gamelin  
(Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9)

#### **Friday, September 25th 2015**

St. Cosmas and St. Damian  
(Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22)  
9:00 Ann Elisabeth Ramaseder,  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Death by the Parish

#### **Saturday, September 26th 2015**

St. John de Brébeuf and St. Isaac Jogues,  
Secondary Patrons of Canada  
(Rev 7:9-17; 2 Cor 4:7-15, Luke 9:23-26)  
5:00 Louise DeHeinrick by Mary Lou & Antonio Sacconaghi

## 20th September 2015

### 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

#### ***Change in Mass Hours***

*Please note that the hours of **weekday Masses** have changed as follows:*  
**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 9:00am.**  
*There is no longer by a 5:00 Mass on Tuesday nor a Mass on Thursdays.*

#### ***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.