

## MASSES THIS WEEK

### **Saturday, December 3rd**

St. Francis Xavier  
4:30 Art & Eileen O'Connell by the Estate

### **Sunday, December 4th**

Second Sunday of Advent  
10:30 Hilda Peters Collins  
by Diana & Peter Blusanovics

### **Monday, December 5th**

9:00 Lacasse and Cross Families  
by the Estate

### **Tuesday, December 6th**

St. Nicholas  
9:00 Jean Claude Cardinal Turcotte  
by Brian & Effie Cordeiro

### **Wednesday, December 7th**

St. Ambrose  
9:00 Hon. Frederick Collins &  
Mrs. Irene Collins by the Family

### **Thursday, December 8th No Mass**

The Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### **Friday, December 9th**

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin  
9:00 Mr. & Mrs. Gonzalo and Rita Garcia  
by Brenda Garcia

### **Saturday, December 10th**

4:30 Mr. & Mrs. R.J. MacCauley  
by Constance O'Donnell

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

**MONDAY** 6:00 PM Church.

### **Christian Meditation**

For info. call 514-931-5536

**THURSDAY** 7:30 PM Choir Room.

### **Choir Practice**

**SATURDAY** 2:45 PM Church

"Be My Disciples" **Children's Gathering**  
& **Family Mass** (4:30PM)

## IN OUR PARISH



### **Ascension Choir Christmas Concert**

**It's this Sunday!** The members of our Parish Choir invite all parishioners to join us this Sunday afternoon at 3pm. The concert will feature excerpts from Handel's

Messiah and seasonal choral music. A wine & cheese reception (and sweets) will follow. Proceeds from the concert will go towards helping cover the cost of refurbishing our magnificent Casavant organ.

**Election of Wardens** will take place next **Sunday, December 11th**, immediately following the 10:30 Mass at a meeting of all parishioners in the Parish Room. Two wardens will be elected to replace those completing their term on the Board as of December 31, 2016. The Board, comprised of 6 elected wardens & the pastor manages the financial and temporal affairs of the parish. Anyone of goodwill, residing within the boundaries of the parish may submit his or her name for election. A seconder is required for each nomination. 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

**Advent Penitential Service** On **Saturday, December 10th** at 10:00am we will have a short Advent penance service followed by confession. Three priests will be available to hear your confessions in preparation for Christmas.

**Be My Disciples Share the Warmth Project** Next Saturday at our Children's Gathering the children will participate in a pre-Christmas project to support Share the Warmth by bringing wrapped Christmas presents to be delivered on December 17th at their "Santa Day". The gifts will be given to less fortunate children. If any parishioners would like to participate you may bring gifts to the parish that are new, wrapped and labelled boy or girl with appropriate age group no later than Monday morning December 12<sup>th</sup>.

## REFLECTION

St. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, our Second Reading on this Second Sunday of Advent: "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another." That statement is prayer-like, something that Paul tends to do in his letters, because Paul recognizes and knows that it is only through the Holy Spirit that each of us can find that internal conversion to have the same endurance and patience to achieve the harmony for which we seek. That in part is what we are striving for during this Advent season. Often, especially at this time of year, we are in a hurry. God may seem to work too slowly for us. God's plan is based upon patience and endurance. Paul continues that we need to "welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you." Christ does indeed welcome us with all our faults and our sins as well. Throughout His ministry the Lord called us to treat one another, to love one another, as He treats and loves us.

As part of our Advent journey we need to work toward finding that same love in our hearts that the Lord feels for us. First, we need to recognize and accept that love. Then we need to seek the conversion that allows us to translate that love into our treatment of others. This is, in effect, what stewardship is all about — to glorify God in our actions by thinking of others first, by sharing who and what we are.

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**Advent Mass of Concern** This weekend 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" is 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.

**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. Although donations will be accepted at any time, if you wish to have the names included in the Christmas bulletin, your donation would need to be made by December 18 at the latest.



## IN THE DIOCESE

**Women's Day Retreat Wednesday, December 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 Scripture & works of renowned spiritual writers; quiet time for personal reflection and prayer; Eucharistic celebration; sharing for those who wish to participate. ALL women welcome. Bring a brown bag lunch; coffee & tea provided. Suggested donation: \$15.00. Info.: (514) 684-1290.

**2016 Pillars Trust Fund Campaign is ON!** Since our official Campaign launch, in all our English parishes we are pleased to report that as of November 30<sup>th</sup> we have raised a total of \$90,800 towards our goal of \$200k. This goal was established because last year Pillars disbursed more than \$229K to our major and minor beneficiaries. Together, we can raise these funds which are in such demand in our community. You can donate to Pillars Trust fund by using the envelopes found at the entrances to the church, or on line at [www.pillarstrust.org](http://www.pillarstrust.org). On behalf of our beneficiaries, kindly accept their deepest appreciation and gratitude for your financial support.

**PARISH SUPPORT** We encourage all parishioners to use the Sunday envelopes. To obtain your envelopes please call the parish office (514-932-3131) or complete this form and place it in the collection plate. We extend a warm welcome to new parishioners. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Father MacEachen after Mass.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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**You are not forgotten** If you, or a loved one, are not able to come to church, we would be happy to pay you a visit and bring you Communion. We can also send you a copy of our Parish bulletin. Let us know by calling the parish office (514-932-3131) and we will get to you ASAP.

**Parish Donations** can be made ONLINE through Canada Helps using major credit cards, PayPal or Interact. You obtain a Tax e-receipt immediately. **There are 2 ways to access the site:** **1.** Via the parish website ([www.ascensionofourlord.ca](http://www.ascensionofourlord.ca)) -click on the main page button "EVERY DOLLAR HELPS" for instructions **or** **2.** go directly to [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org) and search for "Ascension of Our Lord Parish, Westmount". Thank you for your generosity.

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# Ascension of Our Lord Parish



**BULLETIN December 6, 2016**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

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**MASS HOURS**

Saturday	4:30 PM
Sunday	10:30 AM
Monday	9:00 AM
Tuesday	9:00 AM
Wednesday	9:00 AM
Thursday	NO MASS
Friday	9:00 AM

**SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

**Baptisms** By appointment. Please phone the rectory at least one month before.

**Confessions** Saturday from 4:00 to 4:15 PM  
Sunday from 10:00 to 10:15 AM

**Marriages** Please give six months notice.  
Marriage preparation course required.

**Sick calls** Please notify us at anytime if someone in your family is ill, in order to arrange for Anointing of the Sick.

**PARISH WARDENS**

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**OFFICE HOURS** Monday to Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM or by appointment