

MASSES THIS WEEK

IN OUR PARISH

REFLECTION

Saturday, December 10th

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

Sunday, December 11th

Third Sunday of Advent
10:30 Dr. Pat Fitzgerald by the Family

Monday, December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe
9:00 Mariela Heweston
by Frances deVerteuil

Tuesday, December 13th

St. Lucy
9:00 Art & Helen Zwicker by Lynn Loewen

Wednesday, December 14th

St. John of the Cross
9:00 Michael Laplante
by his sister Louise Laplante

Thursday, December 15th No Mass

The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, December 16th

9:00 Mr. John McCauley
by Constance O'Donnell

Saturday, December 17th

4:30 Mr. & Mrs. Gabor & Louise d'Heinrich
by Antonio & MaryLou Sacconaghi

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MONDAY 6:00 PM Church.

Christian Meditation

For info. call 514-931-5536

THURSDAY 7:30 PM Choir Practice

Notice Re: Election of Wardens Please note that the election of parish wardens which was to have taken place this Sunday, December 11th is postponed until further notice.

Christmas Eve Children's Gospel Pageant

All children whose families will be attending the 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service are invited to participate in the Children's Gospel Pageant. Visiting nieces, nephews and cousins are also welcome! The deadline to sign up is Thursday

December 15th in order to allow us time to arrange to have sufficient costumes on hand. A short rehearsal will be held following Mass next Sunday, December 18th. For more information or to register, please contact Linda Wiltshire at the parish office (Mon. & Thurs.) or by email at wiltshirecl@msn.com

Christmas Flowers

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.

Weekly Donation Envelope Boxes

Starting this weekend you can pick up your new Sunday Donation box for 2017 at the main entrance of the church. Please be sure to pick up only the box that has your name and number on it. Boxes are in alphabetical order. If you don't have a donation envelope box—but would like to make your weekly donations to the parish using this method, there are some unassigned ones available. Please remember that when starting a new year, do not use envelopes from previous years. For more information or if you have any questions you can contact the parish office.



Gaudete Sunday, in our waiting for Christmas, the exclamation of joy! Joy comes not from created objects that prickle a moment of happiness, but a deep in dwelling acknowledging our spiritual treasure. An emotion where searching ends and steadfast peaceful exuberance prevails. Joy can be as contagious as the proverbial winter cold, if we don't trap the joy internally, but let it manifest in our outward demeanor. For joy is not capable like a soda fizzing from a bottle, freely flowing, bubbling over.

What do we let joy empower in our lives? How does joy transcend to passion? Does your joy see beyond the immediacy of now to hope in faith? The prophets are our role models. They faced challenges and hardships, but the basis of their witness encompassed joy to prepare a way for the Lord. Do we have the patience to deal with joy as they did, to let the Spirit direct the joy to where it will bear fruit? Or do we try to save ourselves instead of letting Divine joy save us from distractions that sap joy from our lives? Without justice, joy evaporates, for the kingdom of God fails to matriculate faith with the human family. People are oppressed, captive to exploitation, strangers unwelcomed, people blinded from seeing the true cost of their economic endeavors, the least in society existing not living, so humanity's intercessions obstruct God's justice and dwarf the potential for joy to exist beyond superficial platitudes. Only a phony joy, removed from spiritual origins exists when God's justice strains to be upheld. We must probe our conscience to ask ourselves what type of good news we proclaim to the poor. Do we, as society, empower them for participation in an equitable society or do we trap them in servitude with false hyperboles? This is one of the many questions we must ask and then with courage exhort the path of justice to reign forth joy in our lives and share the opportunity for the infusion of joy in others' lives. peaceonjustice.wordpress.com

Advent Mass of Concern Have you shared in the parish Advent project by contributing to our Mass of Concern? Many of our less fortunate neighbours depend on our help for money to purchase food and other necessities at Christmas as well as throughout the year. Donation envelopes for this good work of the parish are still available at the doors of the church. Thank you for your generosity.



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.

Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel: Les Choralies With magical ambience, the Chapel (400 Saint-Paul St. E., Old Montreal) has been presenting free Christmas concerts for almost 20 years now. Les Choralies program has something for everyone, **Saturdays & Sundays December 2-23**, 1:30pm & 3pm each day. Admission is free (goodwill offering). Our traditional closing concert starring Ensemble Da Capo will be Friday, December 23, 8pm. Tickets (\$23) are required, available at the Marguerite Bourgeoys Museum or online at www.lavitrine.com/search?q=Choralies. Contact 514-282-8670 x221.

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 _____
Address _____ Postal code _____
Email _____ Telephone _____

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) -click on the main page button "EVERY DOLLAR HELPS" for instructions **or 2.** go directly to canadahelps.org and search for "Ascension of Our Lord Parish, Westmount". Thank you for your generosity.

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Third 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.

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