

MASSES THIS WEEK

IN OUR PARISH

REFLECTION

Saturday, December 17th

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

Sunday, December 18th

Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:30 Kate and Ed Sampson
by Ann & Louis Mallette

Monday, December 19th

9:00 Normande Blais-Shabley
by Bill & Eileen Curran

Tuesday, December 20th

9:00 Douulton and Cordeiro Families
by Brian & Effie Cordeiro

Wednesday, December 21st

St. Peter Canisius
9:00 Sister Lucy Curran, CND
by Eileen & Bill Curran

Thursday, December 22nd No Mass

Friday, December 23rd

St. John of Canty
9:00 John and Christina Flood
by Lynn Loewen

**Saturday, December 24th
Nativity of the Lord**



*This week
the Sanctuary lamp
will burn in memory of
John Alexander Zupka
by Anna Lengyel*



**Schedule of Masses
Christmas Season**

**Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24**

7:30 p.m. Family Mass
& Children’s Gospel Pageant
9:00 p.m. Christmas Carols
9:30 p.m. Solemn Christmas Mass

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass

New Year’s Day

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, December 31 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 1 10:30 a.m.

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from
December 23rd until January 2nd(inc.)

Christmas Flowers

You 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.



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! A short rehearsal will be held following Mass this 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

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.”

At this time of year, we are so focused on Mary and the Baby Jesus that we often overlook what a remarkably courageous figure Joseph was in responding to his mysterious call in a dream to take the pregnant Mary into his home as his wife.

I suspect that if I had a dream where an angel commanded me to do something similar I would wake up thanking heaven that the message was only a dream. Yet the Christmas story would have had a very different outcome if Joseph had done the first century equivalent of taking two aspirin and moving on because Mary’s explanation of her situation was crazy. Joseph obviously had a lot more faith than most of us.

So what can we learn from his response to this call? While I’m no mystic, I think of the times when I have felt God calling me to do something important. For example, I sensed God’s hand at work in my life when I adopted my two children. I also felt God calling me to teach as a vocation not just a job. I didn’t quite get it but after falling in love with Ignatian spirituality at Creighton, this intuition made perfect sense. St. Ignatius tells us that God is at work in our lives just as he was in Joseph’s.

Take a few minutes to reflect on your life to identify a time when God has called you to do something that has made all the difference. You just have to listen and act in faith when this happens even if the meaning is unclear.



THANK YOU!

* to the children in our Be My Disciples program who donated over 100 gifts & to the “ Santa’s elves” moms who helped sort, check wrappings and deliver the gifts to Share the Warmth to be distributed to children this weekend.

* to those who have so generously donated to our organ restoration fund at the concert December 4th and to our choir whose magnificent performance inspired us. To date we have raised approximately \$8900.

* to all parishioners for your goodwill and kindness in donating to our Advent Mass of Concern which will assist many of our less fortunate neighbours to purchase food and other necessities this Christmas as well as throughout the year .

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.

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

Weekly Donation Envelope Boxes Your new Sunday Donation box for 2017 is available 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.

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