

## IN OUR PARISH

### ***Refugee Project Update***

As you are aware our parish has begun the process to welcome and sponsor two Syrian refugees. The application procedure required is underway, and the two refugees presently living in Lebanon are taking the necessary steps to proceed with the screening required by Immigration Canada. We have been receiving donations from parishioners and friends of parishioners, and for this we are extremely grateful. We do not know how long the process will take place, but we hope that they will be accepted quickly. Meanwhile, we pray for them and all refugees everywhere.

### ***Ascension Choir Concert Exultate!***



The members of our Parish Choir would like to invite all parishioners to join us for an afternoon of sacred choral music and organ works, under the direction of our Music Director and organist Dr. David Szanto. The concert will take place on **Sunday, February 7th, at 3:00pm** in the church.

We would greatly appreciate your support of our wonderful music program by placing an ad in the program to be distributed at the Concert or, as a benefactor by making a donation to the event. For more info. contact Mary Rivard-David at 514 932-0927 or by email at [claudemary@sympatico.ca](mailto:claudemary@sympatico.ca)

### ***The Sacrament of Baptism in our Parish***

We welcome into our Catholic Church young members who were baptized at Ascension recently:

- Jacob Samuel Yee, son of Daniela & Tony
- Juliet Rose Lauture, daughter of Allison & Jean-Michael
- Milo Gabriel Zorko, son of Melissa & William
- Ruby Cara Luzio, daughter of Nadia & John-Anthony
- Freya Leona Luzio, daughter of Nadia & John-Anthony
- Sienna Girosan, daughter of Tania & Jason
- Adelyn Finlay Archibald, daughter of Ashley & Tyler



### ***Meals on Wheels***

We are currently seeking Volunteers to help deliver, drive or cook meals in the Westmount/downtown area on Friday mornings from September – June. The meals are prepared at the Greene Ave center and the time commitment is 2 hours. Volunteers are scheduled once or twice a month depending on their availability. For more information please contact Frances de Verteuil 54-937-3317 or [fdev@primus.ca](mailto:fdev@primus.ca)

### ***Mass Intentions***

Please note that we have quite a few Masses without intentions, particularly on weekdays. 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.

## REFLECTION



In today's Gospel reading, chapter four of Luke, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The “year acceptable to the Lord” is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed. This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is the Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God.

The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled. The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God

## IN THE DIOCESE

**Getting to Know the Gospel**

Who is the Jesus that you love and admire? Is he the Jesus of the Gospels? On Monday evenings from **January 25 to March 14**, 7:15pm-9pm at the CND Mother House (2330 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal) Sr. Kay Duffin cnd, will offer sessions on the Jesus as he is portrayed in the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke and John. The series, *Getting to Know the Gospel* by Scott M. Lewis, SJ as advertised in *Living with Christ* will be used as well as the Gospel text. Cost is \$20. If interested, please contact Sr. Kay at 514-762- 1844 or kayduffin2@gmail.com.

**Sacred Heart School Winter Gala - Celebrating 155 Years**

The Sacred Heart School of Montreal will hold a fundraising Winter Gala on **Friday, February 5**, in celebration of its 155th anniversary, at the historic Ritz Carlton Hotel in Montreal. An exciting evening is planned with dinner and dancing, a live auction & raffles. Tickets can be purchased online at the school's website at: [www.sacredheart.qc.ca](http://www.sacredheart.qc.ca). All proceeds benefit the school's implementation of 21st-century classroom technology, an ongoing project that will culminate with the introduction of Chromebooks with Google Apps for Education for all students, starting in the Fall of 2016.

**St. Monica's Parish****The Two Feet of Love in Action: Social Justice and Charitable Works**

Our Lord invites us through the prophet Micah, "To act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with God." Love builds upon a foundation of justice. Charity implies giving what is mine to others, but justice calls us to give to others what is rightfully already theirs because of who they are as children of God. Please join us **Wednesday, February 17 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM** in the parish hall(6405 Terrebonne, Mtl.) with **Brian McDonough** to learn how justice and love interact with each other to promote the common good! For information and to register by **February 15**, contact Anna at (514) 481-0267 ext. 22 or [anna.diodati@stmonica.ca](mailto:anna.diodati@stmonica.ca).

**St. Monica's Parish: Video Divina**

Join Fr. Raymond for **The Long Walk Home**, the fifth film of this year's "Movies with a Mission" series, on **Friday, February 26** 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](mailto:fr.raymond@videotron.ca).

**Newman Centre ( McGill university) : Theology Thursday**

Join us Thursday, **January 28**, 6pm (3484 Peel St., Montreal) for Energy, Ethics, and Climate Change, a Theology Thursday conversation with special guest Prof. Michael Northcott (University of Edinburgh), renowned Christian scholar and author. For more details visit <http://newmancentre.org/wp/1362-2/>. Contact the office at 514-398-4106 or [newmancentre@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:newmancentre@mail.mcgill.ca).

## MASSES

**Saturday, January 23rd 2016**

(2 Samuel 1: 2, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21)  
5:00 The Kennedy Family  
by Hugh & Kathleen Quinlan

**Sunday, January 24th 2016**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Neh 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21)  
10:30 Alicia de Roussy de Sales  
by Simonne Clarke

**Monday, January 25th 2016 No Mass**

Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle  
(Acts 22:3-18; Mark 16:15-18)

**Tuesday, January 26th 2016 No Mass**

St. Timothy and St. Titus  
(2 Timothy 1:1-8; Luke 10:1-9)

**Wednesday, January 27th 2016 No Mass**

St. Angela Merici  
(2 Samuel 7:1-17; Mark 4:1-20)

**Thursday, January 28th 2016 No Mass**

St. Thomas Aquinas  
(2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25)

**Friday, January 29th 2016 No Mass**

(2 Samuel 11:1-10, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34)

**Saturday, January 30th 2016**

(2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41)  
5:00 The Quinlan Family  
by Hugh & Kathleen Quinlan

## ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 6:00 PM  
**Christian Meditation** Choir room.  
For information call 514-931-5536

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

**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**

Parish donations can be made ONLINE through CanadaHelps. Donations may be made using Visa, MasterCard, American Express, PayPal or Interact. You receive your Tax e-receipt immediately. 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.

**2015 Tax Receipts**

Your income tax receipts for 2015 donations are ready. You can pick them up at the back of the church, arranged in alphabetical order. Thank you.

**2016 Donation Envelopes**

If you have not already done so, please remember to pick up your box with your donation envelopes for this year.