

Saturday, April 1st

The Annunciation of the Lord
4:30 Christian Vincent by Delfina Legaspi

Sunday, April 2nd

Fifth Sunday of Lent
10:30 Sr. Mary Burke-Gaffney, RSCJ,
by the Alumnae Association
of Sacred Heart School

Monday, April 3rd

9:00 Lola DeCelles,
1st Anniversary of Death by the Parish

Tuesday, April 4th

St. Isidore
9:00 Barbara MacNamara
by Joyce MacNamara

Wednesday, April 5th

St. Vincent Ferrer
9:00 Agnes MacLellan by Louise MacLellan

Thursday, April 6th No Mass

Friday, April 7th

St. John Baptist de La Salle
9:00 The Hernando Family by Paz Fortier

Saturday, April 8th

4:30 Evarista O'Donnell
by Constance O'Donnell

ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 6:00PM **Christian Meditation**
in the Church- For info. call 514-931-5536
THURSDAY 7:30 PM **Choir Practice**
in the Choir Room
SATURDAY 10:00 AM **Penitential Service**
In the church

An evening in Lent “Laudato Si’ – Care for our Common Home”

This coming June will mark two years since Pope Francis launched his first Encyclical, “Laudato Si, mi Signore, Praise to you, my Lord”. With all women and men of good will, we long to be deeply attentive to the Holy Spirit moving us into a future sustained with hope. Join us **Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00pm** in our parish room when Sr. Maura McGrath CND will facilitate an opportunity to take a closer look at Laudato Si, to nourish our identity and commitment as Catholic Christians living at this time in history. **Registration required by April 3rd** by email: info@ascensionofourlord.ca or call the parish office (514-932-3131) All Welcome!

Lenten Penitential Service As part of our Lenten journey of conversion and renewal, the Church invites us to experience the healing, transforming power of the Lord’s mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Next **Saturday, April 8th** we will hold a communal celebration of this sacrament **at 10:00 a.m.** with opportunity for individual confession. All parishioners are invited to attend and experience the joy of sacramental healing in preparation for Easter.

Flowers for Easter You are invited to make donation in the name of loved ones toward the purchase of flowers to decorate the church and altar for the Easter season. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church and should be received by April 9th in order to allow us time to organize the decor of our beautiful church during this most holy and joyous season.



Schedule of Services Holy Week and Easter

Holy Thursday April 13th 7:30pm
Good Friday, Solemn Passion Service April 14th 3:00pm
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil April 15th 7:30pm
Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord April 16th 10:30am

When people read this they say they see that Jesus is a real human being, son of God, God of heaven, man of the earth, weeping over a friend. His was a human heart. He liked friends and he found a home and a safe place with them, over the hill and away from the mob. We might picture him there – the talk, the chat, the prayers, the love; meals with other friends who dropped in, times of prayer and silence. The one who can share a laugh, eat a scone, have a drink or a cuppa. The one who’d give a wink at the sign of peace! Not always so serious, even about religion. There’s no such thing as a sad saint! He is a good friend. Friendship gives new spirit. When life is ending we will give thanks for friends, and regret the way we have drifted or hurt each other. Real friendship is when another’s thoughts and life become at least as or more important than our own. So the resurrection and the life is not just for after death. It is for now. We raise each other up in friendship and in love. In that is the grace of the Lord, himself a friend, for when we love, God lives in us. Picture your friends and those you love and give thanks to God for each of them.

IN THE DIOCESE

Share Lent 2017 Solidarity Sunday! Thank you for your generosity! Each donation is used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world – from Paraguay to Syria, to Indonesia and beyond! We conclude this Share Lent with the words of Pope Francis, offered on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy: “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.” Thank you for helping us create a future filled with hope! Did you know that in 1992, Rigoberta Menchú, a friend of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, received the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of her work defending the rights of Indigenous peoples? To learn more about this inspiring woman, visit devp.org/ insp-women#rigoberta.

Montreal Directed Retreats Begin Holy Week in a prayerful mode, and be refreshed in mind, body and spirit. Silent directed weekend retreat at La Maison de Prière Notre-Dame (180 De Normandie Blvd., Longueuil). **Begins Friday evening, April 7 and ends Sunday afternoon, April 9.** Cost is \$140. Contact 514-626-9462 or 514-633-1172. Visit www.montrealretreats.org.

National Catholic Mission The National Catholic Mission this year is inspired by the writings and teachings of Fr. Henri Nouwen. Join Sr. Sue Mosteller and Fr. Ron Rolheiser for this two part Mission that will be broadcast during Holy Week on Salt + Light TV (April 11 & 12) and on VisionTV (April 10 & 11). Each part of the Mission will be rebroadcast the following day following the Daily TV Mass. For more information e-mail the NCBC at info@ncbc.ca, call 1-888-383-6277 or visit www.dailytvmass.com.

The New Evangelization Summit ~ Inspiring Catholics This two-day conference will bring together world-class Catholic speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization to provide inspiration, encouragement, training, practical wisdom and resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize. All Catholics – pastors, missionaries, lay ministers, and the lay faithful – will benefit immensely from this opportunity. The NES will be held in Ottawa **May 12-13** and streamed to up to 24 host-sites, including St. John Brébeuf Parish (7777 George St., LaSalle). Tickets are \$35 each and includes Saturday lunch and refreshments both days. For details please contact the office(514-366-0131 x223), Prem & Bob (514-366-8553) or Cory (514-799-1907).

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 and we will get to you ASAP.

Parish Donations can be made ONLINE through Canada Helps using major credit cards, PayPal or Interac. 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 he 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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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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

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