

MASSES THIS WEEK**IN OUR PARISH****REFLECTION****Thanks, Thomas!****Saturday, April 22nd**

Easter Octave
4:30 Art & Eileen O'Connell
by the Estate

Sunday, April 23rd

Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy
10:30 Kate & Ed Sampson
by the Mallettes

Monday, April 24th

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
9:00 Myronick & Blizchuk Families
by the Estate

Tuesday, April 25th

St. Mark, evangelist
9:00 Lacasse & Cross Families
by the Estate

Wednesday, April 26th

Our Lady of Good Counsel
9:00 Christopher Bennett Carty,
1st Anniversary of Death by the parish

Thursday, April 27th No Mass**Friday, April 28th**

St. Peter Chanel;
St. Louis Grignon de Monfort
9:00 Fiona Albek
by Antonio & Mary Lou Sacconaghi

Saturday, April 29th

St. Catherine of Siena
4:30 Special Intention for Gary Cross
by Maureen & Ron Blizchuk

Easter 2017 ~ A note from our Pastor

Each year we Christians celebrate the central mystery of our faith, the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Holy Week services at Ascension parish were prayerful, solemn and well attended. I am grateful to all of you for attending and worshipping with us. We acknowledge those who carried out various ministries throughout the week: the Eucharistic minister, Lectors, Ushers, Altar servers, Sacristans, the Choir under the direction of David Szanto, those who participated in the Holy Thursday washing of the Feet representing the service and charity of Christ. We are appreciative of the generous monetary contributions of our parishioners and in particular those who offered a donation in memory of a loved one to decorate the Sanctuary with Easter flowers. Special thanks to David Barrington for ordering and arranging the flowers on the altar. *May the Risen Lord bless all of you this Easter.*

Be My Disciples ~ Another Year Comes to an End

This weekend we celebrate our last Children's Gathering & Family Mass for this school year. Thank you to our volunteer catechists who have helped our children deepen their relationship with Jesus:
*Maria Luisa Vigano Mathilde Sinor Valerie Luzio
Gloria Odorizzi Jessica Guillot Amberly Leasure
Brenda Garcia Anna Romano Elisa Balleine
Barbara Cefis Fiona Ambuell Patricia Smith*
We are grateful that you have shared the goodness of the Lord in you with the young people of our parish!

Celebration of First Communion and Confirmation

Although our Be My Disciples lessons for the year are ended, the coming weeks will be eventful, highlighted by the reception of sacraments. On Sunday, May 7th 25 children will make their First Communion. Following that, on Saturday, June 4th the sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred upon 17 young people. As a parish community let us pray for them as they take these important steps of sacramental initiation on their journey of faith.

Warden's Election A meeting of the parishioners will be held on **Saturday May 6th** in the Parish Room following the 4:30 Mass. The purpose of this meeting is to elect a Parish Warden to replace Tom Brady who is moving out of the Province. Tom Brady is serving his second mandate which began January 1, 2017. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Thomas ... thanks! For bringing honesty into our faith. He didn't pretend that he was better than he was. He began by wanting proof and ended by being glad of faith. He is the patron saint of transitions and steps in faith. Faith is a journey. He is the saint of faith in our times. The community was the place he found faith, having lost it when he tried to go it alone. Then he came back to the community of faith and went on a journey of life that took him to martyrdom in India. He also found Christ in wanting to touch his wounds. We find God when we enter into his wounds in the wounds of our world. In the faith community of the church we can keep our faith. Our faith grows here too. Thomas looked for faith by wanting to touch the wounds of Jesus. When Jesus invited him to do so, he found he didn't need to. He found faith in being present with the wounded Christ and discovered there his faith in the glory of Christ. We can do the same. What was said to Thomas is said to us all: 'You believe because you can see me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.' *Donal Neary, S.J*

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Archdiocesan Annual Collection The Annual Collection of the Archdiocese of Montreal will take place from April 23rd to May 7th. This collection provides funds to support projects which assist the diocesan Church in our mission to proclaim God's love. This year as we celebrate Montreal's 375th anniversary, it offers us the opportunity to highlight the spiritual dimension of our city's origins and its history. We reconnect with the missionary and spiritual drive, with the communal ideals and social concern that motivated the men & women who founded Ville-Marie. Envelopes will be available at the back of the church for your donations.
Life in the Spirit & Living the Truth St. Monica Parish invites everyone to explore questions for daily life & the life of our faith community. Join pastoral intern, Robert Assaly, on **Wednesday, April 26** from 7 to 9 pm in the parish hall to reflect on the connection between 'life in the Spirit' and 'living the truth'. For information and to register by April 24, contact Anna at 514-481-0267, ext. 22 or by Email: anna.diodati@stmonica.ca.

Women's Day Retreat Wednesday, April 26, 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.

St. Monica's Parish: Video Divina Fr. Raymond's film series looks at movies - and life - through the lens of the Holy Spirit. Join him on **Friday, April 28th** at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory (6405 Terrebonne, Mtl.) to view the movie **Unfinished Song**. Free admission, popcorn, and stimulating discussion to follow! For information, contact Fr. Raymond Lafontaine at 514-481-0267 ext. 23 or fr.raymond@videotron.ca.

Kinkora Palooza 2017! A fundraising concert and Silent auction for Camp Kinkora's Camper Support Program - helping to reduce the cost of camp programs geared toward low-income individuals and families, and those with special needs. **Saturday, April 29** 6:30 - 10:30 pm(silent auction: 6:30 show: 7:30) at the Eric Maclean Center for the Performing Arts (Loyola High School) Tickets: Regular: \$20 Students & Seniors: \$15 Cash bar Tickets and info: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2921350> or <https://www.facebook.com/events/1946471302241034/> Come and enjoy an evening of great entertainment, awesome, unique Silent Auction items, and great people... all for a great cause!

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 _____ Postal code _____
Address _____ Telephone _____
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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 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 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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April 23 , 2017

Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy

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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
Andrea Bobkowicz
Thomas Brady
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Bonnie Auger
Louise MacLellan

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