

## MASSES THIS WEEK

### **Saturday, December 2nd**

4:30 Sr. Margaret Johnson by the Alumnae Association of Sacred Heart

### **Sunday, December 3rd**

First Sunday of Advent  
10:30 Frank H. Carlin by the Family

### **Monday, December 4th**

St. John Damascene  
9:00 Anne and John Blizchuk by the Estate

### **Tuesday, December 5th**

9:00 Mary and Edward Cross by the Estate

### **Wednesday, December 6th**

St. Nicholas  
9:00 Maureen Cleyn

by Maureen and Gordon Pallett

### **Thursday, December 7th No Mass**

St. Ambrose

### **Friday, December 8th**

The Immaculate Conception  
9:00 Ginette Boutin by Bill and Eileen Curran

### **Saturday, December 9th**

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin  
4:30 Mary and Edward Cross by the Estate  
**Be My Disciples Children's Gathering & Family Mass 2:45**

### **Christmas Flowers**



#### **to Decorate the Church**

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. Donations should be received at the latest by December 17th in order to allow us to plan the decor of the church during this joyful season.

## IN OUR PARISH

**Election of Wardens** Next Sunday, immediately following the 10:30 Mass a meeting of all parishioners will be held in the Parish Room for the purpose of electing two wardens to replace the two who are completing their term of office on December 31, 2017. Any parishioner, 18 years of age or over, who lives within the parish boundaries, can be nominated to serve as a warden. The term of office is 3 years, and can be renewed once. The role of the warden is to assist the Pastor in managing the financial and temporal affairs of the parish. If you would like to submit your name to serve our parish in this way please speak with Fr. MacEachen. Nominations will be received up until the meeting for the election.

**Advent Mass of Concern** Next weekend, **December 9th & 10th**, we show our concern for our less fortunate neighbours through donations to our annual "Advent Mass of Concern" In your Sunday envelopes, you will find one specific for this Mass. If you do not have Sunday envelopes, a basket containing specially marked envelopes, "Advent Mass of Concern" can be found at the back of the church. Both cash and cheques are accepted. Cheques should be made out to Ascension of Our Lord Parish. These donations will help feed and shelter the homeless and poor this Christmas and are made possible through your generosity in supporting our Advent project. Tax receipts are available for donations greater than \$10 providing you include name and address on the envelope.



**Advent Penitential Service** On **Saturday, December 16th** at 10:30am we will have a short Advent penance service followed by confession. Two priests will be available to hear your confessions in preparation for Christmas.

**Be My Disciples Christmas Gift Project** Next Saturday at our Children's Gathering the children will participate in a pre-Christmas project by bringing Christmas presents to be distributed through the "Spirit of Giving" campaign to less fortunate children. If any parishioners would like to participate you are welcome to do so. Note that gifts must be new, (not gently used), unwrapped and delivered to the parish no later than Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup>.

## REFLECTION

This First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. All the readings during this period of waiting and anticipation concentrate on making us aware that it is time for us to awaken our lives as Christians. Jesus opens our Gospel Reading from St. Mark by saying "Be watchful! Be alert!" and closes it with an intense "Watch!" For many Advent and Christmas are times of light, whether it is the light of the candles on Advent wreaths or the lights on a tree or the festive lights which decorate many houses and businesses. Jesus brings light into our worlds, but we must allow this light to permeate our own lives, to enter into the dark and sinful parts of our lives to illuminate and cleanse them. This should be a time of renewed prayer and penance which truly prepares us to "watch" for the Lord, not just at Christmas but throughout our lives. There is a natural wonder among children at this time of year, but sometimes as we age, we lose that sense as if we are sleeping. It is time to awaken. Our minds may say "Let go" but our spirituality tells us to "Awaken." We are filled with spiritual depths. It is time to seek them, find them, and awaken them. It is Advent, time for us to awaken and become aware of the gifts of love we have received from God and others. Or as Jesus reminds us: "Watch." [www.catholicsteward.com](http://www.catholicsteward.com)



### **Schedule of Christmas & New Year's Masses**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent** Saturday, December 23rd 4:30p.m. Sunday December 24th 10:30a.m.

**Christmas Eve** Sunday, December 24th 7:15 p.m. Family Mass & Children's Gospel Pageant  
9:00 p.m. Christmas Carols 9:30 p.m. Solemn Christmas Mass

**Christmas Day** Monday, December 25th 10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass

**Feast of the Holy Family** Saturday, December 30th 4:30p.m. Sunday, December 31st 10:30 a.m.

**New Year's Day** **Feast of Mary, Mother of God**  
Sunday, December 31st 4:30 p.m. Monday, January 1st 10:30 a.m.

## IN THE DIOCESE

**The Sacred Heart Christmas Fair - Saturday, Dec. 9th** An Early Start to Your Christmas Shopping: an exciting line up of exhibitors, artisans & artists, as well as handmade Christmas cards, & the Sacred Heart Café! Tickets for raffle prizes will be sold on site. **Saturday, December 9** 10 am to 5:00 pm. Free parking. 3635 Atwater Avenue, Montreal. Info: [www.sacredheart.qc.ca](http://www.sacredheart.qc.ca) or call 514-937-2845.

**Brunch Conference: Women Speak Up For Peace** You are invited to a morning conference with two guest speakers the National Women's Program of the South Sudan Council of Churches **Wednesday, December 6th** 10 am. at the Archdiocese of Montreal, room 130 (2000 Sherbrooke St. West). This free event is organized by the Archdiocese of Montreal, Development and Peace, & Kairos. Space is limited, please RSVP to Kim Gottfried Piché at 514-931-7311 ext. 211 or [kpiché@diocesemontreal.org](mailto:kpiché@diocesemontreal.org).

**St. Monica's Parish: Video Divina** Fr. Lloyd's film series looks at movies that courageously examine the multi-faceted experience of Love. Join him **Friday, December 8** at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory (6405 Terrebbonne, Mtl.) to view the movie Crash. Free admission & popcorn, stimulating discussion to follow! For info., contact Fr. Lloyd Baugh, S.J., at 514-481-0267 ext. 32 or [lloyd.baugh@stmonica.ca](mailto:lloyd.baugh@stmonica.ca).

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

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# Ascension of Our Lord Parish



**December 3, 2017**

**First 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.

## PARISH WARDENS

Janet Macklem  
Andrea Bobkowicz  
Brian Weber  
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**OFFICE HOURS** Monday to Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM or by appointment