

Saturday, December 9th

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
4:30 Harrison Thomas Joseph &
Lidia B. Diaz Abreus by the Families

Sunday, December 10th

Second Sunday of Advent
10:30 Dr. Pat Fitzgerald by the Family

Monday, December 11th

St. Damasus I, Pope
9:00 Mr. & Mrs. R.J. McCauley Sr.
by Constance O'Donnell

Tuesday, December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe,
9:00 The Doulton-Cordeiro Family
by Brian & Effie Cordeiro

Wednesday, December 13th

St. Lucy
9:00 Hon. Frederick Collins &
Mrs. Irene Collins by their Family

Thursday, December 14th No Mass

St. John of the Cross

Friday, December 15th

9:00 Mary and Edward Cross
by the Estate

Saturday, December 16th

4:30 The Laplante Family
by Louise Laplante

Election of Wardens

This 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 will complete their term of office December 31. Anyone of good will who resides within the boundaries of the parish may submit his or her name for election. There must be a seconder for each nomination. 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.

Weekly Donation Envelope Boxes

Parishioners who use the envelope system for their parish contribution will find the 2018 boxes available at the main entrance of the church this weekend. Please be sure to pick up only the box that has your name and number on it. Boxes are in alphabetical order. Some of you will note that you have a different number on your box this year. This is due to our computer system and our new printer-producer of the boxes. Don't worry- your number and name are all on our computer and lists. Thank you for your comprehension and faithful generosity.

Christmas Eve Children's Gospel Pageant

All children whose families will be attending the 7:15 p.m. Christmas Eve Service are invited to participate in the Children's Gospel Pageant. Visiting nieces, nephews and cousins are also welcome! The deadline to sign up is Thursday December 14th in order to allow us time to arrange to have sufficient costumes on hand. A short rehearsal will be held following Mass next Sunday, December 17th. For more information or to register, please contact Linda Wiltshire at the parish office (Mon. & Thurs.) or by email at wiltshirecl@msn.com

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.



There's a family expectancy on the air about Christmas, people looking forward to the celebration just now. Even if we dread bits of Christmas, and many do, we know that there is something very good about it. We look forward to it, as we look forward to the visit of someone we love, or a holiday afterwards, or the break from work. The people at Jesus' time were like that – looking forward to the 'one who is to come'. It would all take time, and the last of the messengers was John the Baptist. His mother would await his birth with huge expectation. He preached forgiveness. This is one of the special gifts of God, and one of the big celebrations of Advent. We are a forgiven people, and we welcome the forgiveness of God in our repentance. This means we are firstly grateful for forgiveness, that we do not have to carry forever the burden of sin, meanness and our faults and failings. God covers them over in mercy. The second step of welcoming forgiveness is to try to do better in life – to move on from this sinfulness and meanness to a life of care, compassion, love and joy. It is a call and a challenge to forgive others. Advent is not complete without some admission of sin and our need for mercy. The parish celebrations of the sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) in common or individually is a step which makes our celebration of Christmas complete.



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Advent Mass of Concern This weekend 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" is available at the entrances to the church. Both cash and cheques are accepted. Cheques should be made out to Ascension of Our Lord Parish. Your generosity in supporting our Advent project will help feed and shelter the homeless and poor this Christmas.

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. 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 17th at the latest.



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.

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 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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December 10, 2017

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