

Saturday, December 16th

4:30 The Laplante Family
by Louise Laplante

Sunday, December 17th

Third Sunday of Advent
10:30 Kate and Ed Sampson
by the Mallettes

Monday, December 18th

9:00 Mr. John J. McCauley
by Constance O'Donnell

Tuesday, December 19th

9:00 Anne and John Blizchuk
by the Estate

Wednesday, December 20th

9:00 Anne Kostovcik
by Milan Kostovcik

Thursday, December 21st

No Mass

St. Peter Canisius

Friday, December 22nd

9:00 Anne and John Blizchuk
by the Estate

Saturday, December 23rd

St. John of Canty
4:30 Lydia Wong Yuk Lin by Franca

Sunday, December 24th

Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:30 Anne and John Blizchuk
by the Estate

Schedule of Christmas & New Year's Masses

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 4:30 p.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.

Election of Wardens At a meeting of parishioners held on Sunday, December 10th, two wardens were elected: **Bonnie Auger** was re-elected for a second term and **Pino DiIoia** was newly elected to serve his first mandate. Congratulations to both!

I wish to express my gratitude to Andrea Bobkowitz for faithfully serving Ascension as a warden for two terms. Her gifts and abilities were much appreciated. *Fr. MacEachen*

Christmas Flowers to Decorate the Church All are invited to make a donation in the name of loved ones for the purchase of flowers to decorate our church this 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.



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! A short rehearsal will be held following Mass this 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 is a time of joy – joy in the waiting and this Sunday we wear the joyful rose coloured vestment. The messenger in the first reading is the 'joyful messenger', and his joy is that God is near and God is coming. This would be the message of Jesus –that he was the joyful messenger of his Father's love. He would be the shepherd – the one who cares, knows and actively looks after the sheep. John the Baptist is the voice of joy and energy, preaching the new message.

Voices of Advent to bring God near – The central message within all the voices of Christmas. God's Christmas voice is I love you, you are all brothers and sisters, and nothing except love is final. Not just a voice...but actively loving in word and deed. One way of touching that love is the Mass. Jesus is not really love from the sky, but food of the Eucharist, that nourishes us and makes a difference. We bring our ordinary concerns to Mass, and let God lighten them and transform them, and enlighten us with his word. The voice of God makes sense of and brings light into the ordinariness of life. God is present in his word, and in his body – we wait in joy for the Word to be made flesh.

*Remember this week what makes you joyful about the coming feast of Christmas and be grateful.
Lord I believe your word was made flesh and appeared among us.*

Donal Neary SJ, www.messenger.ie



Thank You !

- ✱ to the children in our Be My Disciples program who donated 160 gifts and to "Santa's elf" mom Ingrid who helped sort and pack the gifts for the Spirit of Giving campaign where they will be distributed to needy children this week,
- ✱ to those who have so generously donated to our organ restoration fund at the concert December 3rd and to our choir whose magnificent performance inspired us. To date we have raised approximately \$6800.
- ✱ to all parishioners for your goodwill and kindness in donating to our Advent Mass of Concern which will assist many of our less fortunate neighbours to purchase food and other necessities this Christmas as well as throughout the year .

Advent Mass of Concern Have you shared in the parish Advent project by contributing to our Mass of Concern? Many of our less fortunate neighbours depend on our help for money to purchase food and other necessities at Christmas as well as throughout the year. Donation envelopes for this good work of the parish are still available at the doors of the church. Thank you for your generosity.



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. 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.

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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Ascension of Our Lord Parish



December 17, 2017

Third 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

Andrea Bobkowicz (2017)
Bonnie Auger(2017)
Janet Macklem (2018)
Louise MacLellan(2018)
Brian Weber (2019)
Don Taddeo (2019)

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