

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, February 18th

4:30 Edmund C. Mariasine by the Family

Sunday, February 19th

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 Gaetano Martinez

by Father L. MacEachen

Monday, February 20th

9:00 Lacasse and Cross Families

by the Estate

Tuesday, February 21st

St. Peter Damian

9:00 Philip Griffin by Margaret Griffin

Wednesday, February 22nd

Chair of St. Peter, apostle

9:00 Lacasse and Cross Families

by the Estate

Thursday, February 23rd No Mass

St. Polycarp

Friday, February 24th

9:00 John Pozza, 2nd anniversary of Death

by the Family

Saturday, February 25th

4:30 Mary and Edward Cross by the Estate



IN OUR PARISH

2016 Tax Receipts

The 2016 Donation Tax Receipts are ready. You can pick them up at the back of the church, arranged in alphabetical order. If your family is registered under two names, you should check under both names if you can't find your receipt. For any queries email: ascensionaccounts@yahoo.com or call the Parish Office on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

Please note that we have quite a few Masses without intentions, particularly on weekdays. If you would like to remember a loved one, we invite you to contact the parish office to book a Mass time or the Sanctuary Lamp.

Pillars Trust Fund Update

Through the generosity of the English-speaking Catholic community of Montreal, the Pillars Trust Fund (since 1972), has been funding religious services and spiritual programs considered essential by our supporting community. The 2016 Fall/Winter campaign has generated \$151,000 towards our goal of \$200,000 by the end of June 2017. We are grateful and appreciative of all donations received. Our community efforts are your efforts – help us (please) to reach our goal. We are a Roman Catholic organization supporting activities which promote the spirit of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For more detailed information on our programs you can visit: www.pillarstrust.org. We pray that you keep us strong as we respond financially to our community's needs. Blessings to all! And Thank You.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

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| MONDAY | 6:00PM Christian Meditation in the Church For information call 514-931-5536 |
| THURSDAY | 7:30 PM Choir Practice in the Choir Room |

REFLECTION

It's the little things. There's a saying that God is in the details. I have always liked that saying because it reminds me to pay attention to my work or my task, but it also reminds me that God is everywhere. That's a good reminder.

We must follow God's commandments. Those are the big things. And though the Gospel today is a big message, I think it is God telling me to pay attention to those details. Turning the other cheek does not have to be a big cinematic moment where I make the grand gesture. Turning the other cheek can mean not responding in kind when the harried cashier takes so long to attend to the person in front of me in line. Turning the other cheek can mean that I make the decision to not respond or join in when the conversation at work turns petty. I can listen to the other side of an argument and really try to understand. Jesus tells us to love our enemies. He didn't say it was easy. We don't have to like what they do, but when we love our enemies, it reminds us of our humanity, of how connected we all are. It makes us vulnerable because we often like to wrap ourselves in indignation and scorn for others. We need to take off those layers and look for that child of God, for we each are a temple of God. Sometimes we have to be foolish to find wisdom. We can be afraid to let go of those layers, to love our enemies. But by opening ourselves up, by dropping that shield of contempt, we can embrace our better selves. In this often competitive, modern world, we make people our enemies at every turn. It's that person who cuts me off in traffic or an annoying co-worker who frustrates me every day. I can turn the other cheek and love my enemies every single day. I need to remember that God is in the details.

Carol Zuegner, onlineministries.creighton.edu



IN THE DIOCESE

Montreal Directed Retreats Begin the Lenten season 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, **March 10** and ends Sunday afternoon, March 12. Cost \$140. Contact 514-626-9462 or 514-633-1172, or visit www.montrealretreats.org

St. Monica's Parish Lenten Retreat How Big is Your God? Healing Our Images of God presented by Fr. Philip Chircop, SJ. Who is the God you're falling in love with? Is your God perhaps too small, created in your own image and likeness? Has your God grown and matured since you were a child? Please join us at St. Monica's Parish (6405 Terrebonne, Mtl., www.stmonica.ca) on **Saturday, March 4** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for a morning of recollection in which we will explore some unhealthy, toxic images of God, and learn how to replace them with the life-giving images of God found in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. For information, contact Anna at (514) 481-0267 ext. 22 or anna.diodati@stmonica.ca. All are welcome!

The Marriage Course Designed for any couple who wants to invest in their relationship, whether they have been together for 1 or 61 years, and whether they feel they have a strong marriage or are struggling. In a welcoming and relaxing home setting spend some quality time together discovering the essence of a healthy marriage. Conversations are strictly private between each couple- no group discussions. The next course will be held in the West Island, on Wednesday nights at 7:15pm, from **March 1 to April 12**. \$70 per couple, including materials. For info. & registration contact Nathalie or John Bondyra at 514-695-7896 or kahndyra@sympatico.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) -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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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS HOURS

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| 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.

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