

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, February 25th

4:30 Mary and Edward Cross by the Estate

Sunday, February 26th

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 Ann & John Blizchuk by the Estate

Monday, February 27th

9:00 Ann & John Blizchuk by the Estate

Tuesday, February 28th

9:00 Ann & John Blizchuk by the Estate

Wednesday, March 1st

Ash Wednesday

9:00 Mary and Edward Cross by the Estate

7:00PM Lacasse & Cross Families

by the Estate

Thursday, March 2nd

No Mass

Friday, March 3rd

World Day of Prayer

9:00 Mary and Edward Cross by the Estate

Saturday, March 4th

St. Casimir

4:30 Frances Xavier Finn by Patrick Finn

IN OUR PARISH



This coming **Wednesday, March 1st**, is **Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

Ashes will be distributed at both services.

We hope this will provide all parishioners with the opportunity to begin their Lenten journey in prayer and devotion.

We would also remind you that Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fast and abstinence from meat. All who are between the age of 18-59, and in good health are required to fast. Fasting means we can have only one full meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, but combined they should be less than a full meal.

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This season offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

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.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

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

'Today's trouble is enough for today!' These are the concluding words of the gospel for this Sunday. We are "not to be anxious". Rather, we are invited to be single-minded in our commitment. The challenge of this gospel is to live in the present, in right relationship and connection with the whole Earth community and to trust in the goodness and providence of God. That is not always easy, especially for certain personalities and under certain difficult circumstances.

The challenge not "to be anxious" appears six times in various forms in this one gospel reading. Three times in this passage Jesus tells the assembled crowd, including his disciples, not to worry. They are not to be anxious about food or drink or clothing. Neither are they to worry about what tomorrow might bring. It is clear that Jesus does not discount the human need for food and drink and clothing, for he states explicitly that God knows that they need all these things (6:32). Jesus' concern is with their "little faith" or their lack of trust in God's capacity to provide for the needs of all living beings. He challenges his listeners to be attentive to the processes among all living things, such as the way the birds of the air are fed and the lilies of the field are clothed. He also invites attentiveness to the life-sustaining processes at work in our own bodies. The hairs of our head, for instance, grow without any effort or anxiety on our part.

Jesus places all of this in the context of the right ordering of our relationships with the whole Earth community, expressed in terms of seeking God's kin-dom and God's "righteousness". There is an echo here of Matthew 5:6 where those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are said to be blessed and told that they will "be filled". In other words, God will care for them in the same way as God cares for the birds of the air and the lilies of the fields.

Veronica Lawson RSM

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.



*This week the Sanctuary lamp will burn in memory of **Daniel C. Lopez** by the Family*

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.

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Address _____ Postal code _____
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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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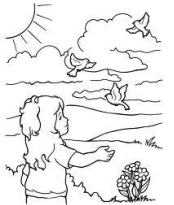
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MASS HOURS

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.

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