

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday January 7th

St. André Bessette
4:30 Carolina Ciallella by her daughter

Sunday, January 8th

Epiphany of the Lord
10:30 Aldo Romulus Coviello
by Diana & Peter Blusanovics

Monday, January 9th

Baptism of the Lord
9:00 Michael Laplante,
1st Anniversary of Death by the Parish

Tuesday, January 10th

9:00 Anne & John Blizchuk by the Estate

Wednesday, January 11th

9:00 Hon. Frederick Collins
& Mrs. Irene Collins by the Family

Thursday, January 12th No Mass

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

Friday, January 13th

St. Hilary, Bishop
9:00 Ruth Rooney,
1st Anniversary of Death by the Parish

Saturday, January 14th

4:30 Art & Eileen O'Connell by the Estate



IN OUR PARISH

Election of Wardens

Next **Sunday, January 15th**, 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 completed their term of office December 31, 2016. A warden serves on the Board, which comprises six elected wardens and the pastor, and manages the financial and temporal affairs of the parish. 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.

Benedict Labré House

On **Sunday January 22**, Ascension will be providing and serving food for approximately 150 people less fortunate than us. We do this by pre-making a meal and dessert. Along with this we serve soup, bread and juice. Next weekend, January 14/15 we will be supplying pans and recipes for the meal and dessert. If you are unable to prepare something, we gladly accept cash donations to buy the other items. For additional information, please contact Aletha Thompson at 514-482-5660.

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

SATURDAY 2:45 PM Church
"Be My Disciples" **Children's Gathering & Family Mass** (4:30 PM)

REFLECTION

Gifts say something about the person who gives the gift as well as the giver's view of the person receiving. The Magi's gifts say something about their faith, their trust and their knowledge of who Jesus would be.

Gifts for the Child

Gold was for a king; frankincense for someone divine and myrrh for the anointing at death. The gifts say a lot about Jesus – God and man, and he would die and be entombed.

For us now, the only gift worth our giving is our love. We bring love and ask God to accept the love of our lives – husband and wife, children, friends, neighbours: whoever are the loves of life we can bring to the crib today.

God's gift

But there is another gift...The biggest gift of today is the child in the crib! God's gift to humanity. He knows what we need. And we need Jesus' message in our country – to address the lack of respect for life, the violence of our streets, abuse of alcohol, our use of others for comfort, pleasure, wealth – there are many ways we harm each other. There is also a lack of faith and meaning in life.

Deep down the gift of God today is of love for us; and the invitation to let this love flow into our lives and our society, so that we live as God asks us to live.

Can we go to the crib and just offer ourselves and our love this day?

We call today 'little Christmas'. Can we, with our love, make little Christmas a really big Christmas, and make each day of the year a gift of love to the Lord?

Christ-child, may your love fill the earth.



Donal Neary SJ

IN THE DIOCESE

World Day of Migrants and Refugees A day for families to reflect on the message from Pope Francis under the theme Young, Migrant, Vulnerable and Voiceless **Sunday, January 15, 2pm** at the Cathedral of St-Maron, 10755 St-Charles Ave., Mtl (Henri-Bourassa metro). Hosted by the Maronite community, with Most Rev. Tabet Marwan, Eparchial Bishop, welcoming us. Bring a dish from your country of origin to share in a multi-cultural potluck following the celebration. RSVP by January 9. Contact Fr. Pierangelo Paternieri at 514-931-7311 x309 or ppaternieri@diocesemontreal.org.

St. Monica's Parish Video Divina This year, Fr. Raymond's film series looks at movies - and life - through the lens of the Holy Spirit. Join him **Friday, January 13 at 7pm** in the parish rectory (6405 de Terrebonne St., Montreal) to view the movie The Jewish Cardinal. Free admission and popcorn, and stimulating discussion to follow! For information, contact Fr. Raymond Lafontaine at 514-481-0267 x 23 or fr.raymond@videotron.ca. Visit www.stmonica.ca.

Notre-Dame de Bon Secours Chapel All are invited to a special bilingual Mass celebrating the feast of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys on **Sunday, January 15, 10:30am** (400 Saint-Paul St. East, Old Montreal), presided by Archbishop Christian Lépine. Contact 514-282-8670.

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 _____
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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 (514-932-3131) 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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Epiphany of the Lord

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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