

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, March 25th

The Annunciation of the Lord
4:30 Valentina Blusanovics
by Diana & Peter Blusanovics

Sunday, March 26th

Fourth Sunday of Lent
10:30 Kate & Ed Sampson
by Ann & Louis Mallette

Monday, March 27th

9:00 Ann Craig by Maureen & Ron Blizchuk

Tuesday, March 28th

9:00 Health for a friend
by Maureen and Ron Blizchuk

Wednesday, March 29th

9:00 Thomas McCauley by Constance O'Donnell

Thursday, March 30th No Mass

Friday, March 31st

9:00 Agnes MacLellan by Louise MacLellan

Saturday, April 1st

4:30 Christian Vincent by Delfina Legaspi

ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 6:00PM Christian Meditation

in the Church- For info. call
514-931-5536

THURSDAY 7:30 PM Choir Practice

in the Choir Room

SATURDAY 10:30 AM

"Be My Disciples" **First Reconciliation**

IN OUR PARISH



Benedict Labré House:

Thanks to Our Volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers who cooked and served the wonderful meal for Benedict Labré last Sunday. We served approximately 70 people and it was much

appreciated. Additionally, with your generous contribution we were able to buy 68 pairs of boxers and briefs. We have also bought 24 pairs of long johns (I will continue to look for a deal on more mediums). We will give those in the fall when the cold starts. Thank you to all who donated.

A Coffee Sunday to meet our Syrian refugees

This weekend we are pleased to welcome among us our family of Syrian refugees. Following 10:30 Mass on Sunday you are warmly invited to gather with your fellow parishioners to enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation. We hope you'll take advantage of this perfect opportunity to come together in a spirit of community.

Lenten Penitential Service

As part of our Lenten journey of conversion and renewal, the Church invites us to experience the healing, transforming power of the Lord's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On **Saturday, April 8th at 10:00 a.m.** we will hold a communal celebration of this sacrament, with opportunity for individual confession. All parishioners are invited to attend and experience the joy of sacramental healing in preparation for Easter.

Flowers for Easter

You are invited to make a donation in the name of loved ones toward the purchase of flowers to decorate the church and altar for the Easter season. Donations envelopes are available at the back of the church and should be received by April 9th in order to allow us time to organize the decor of our beautiful church during this most holy and joyous season.

REFLECTION

In the entire Bible from Genesis in the Old Testament through the Gospel of John, the incident reported in John 9, the Gospel Reading on this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the restoration of sight to the blind man is the only instance of a blind person since birth being healed. No other prophet or apostle or priest ever performed such a miracle. Isaiah the prophet had predicted "The eyes of blind will be opened" (Isaiah 35:5) in his prophecies of the Messiah. Of course, we need to understand that the "eyes of the blind will be opened" has a double meaning. Yes, the blind man can see, but he can also understand and comprehend what Jesus' saving grace means.

This time during Lent is a time for us to open our eyes as well. We need to see and to embrace the fact that Jesus is our Savior and Redeemer. To see we need light. In the Second Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, Paul says, "Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth."

Is that not what our whole purpose in Lent is? To seek the light; to find an understanding of the Lord's place in our lives; to open our eyes; and to become Disciples of the Lord? We often make reference to the fact that we are called to be disciples. What does that mean? According to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, it meant, "Do not keep Christ to yourselves. Share with others the joy of your faith. The world needs the witness of your faith; it surely needs God."

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IN OUR PARISH

Share Lent 2017 The theme of the annual Share Lent campaign is entitled Women at the Heart of Change. Supporting women is a priority for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. We invite you to listen to the voices of women who are working to build the world of tomorrow. Women are creating a future filled with hope in Syria. This week, open your heart to the reality of women living in a country at war. Listen to the voice of Hannan, a Syrian woman who tells us how our partner's training centres are helping to change the female workforce and the financial autonomy of women in her region. "Through the training course, I personally evolved a lot as a person. Today, I dream of teaching sewing and running a learning centre." Thanks to your support during Share Lent this year, 280 Syrians will have access to an 11-week training course in sewing and psychosocial services! Next week is Solidarity Sunday and the Share Lent collection will take place. Please, be generous!

An evening in Lent at Ascension of Our Lord: "Laudato Si' – Care for our Common Home"

This coming June will mark two years since Pope Francis launched his first Encyclical, "Laudato Si, mi Signore, Praise to you, my Lord". Our Holy Father begins by quoting the beautiful canticle of Saint Francis of Assisi who reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. With all women and men of good will, we long to be deeply attentive to the Holy Spirit moving us into a future sustained with hope. Join us on **Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00pm in our parish room** when Sr. Maura McGrath CND will facilitate an opportunity to take a closer look at Laudato Si, to taste it's wisdom, to absorb the love of our Incarnate God, and to nourish our identity and commitment as Catholic Christians living at this time in history.

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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Fourth Sunday of Lent

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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.

PARISH WARDENS

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