

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, September 30th

St. Jerome
4:30 Barbara Ballantyne by Michael Ballantyne

Sunday, October 1st

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 Nader Chaaban, Yola Myrzykowska & Pawel Mlek by the Family

Monday, October 2nd

The Holy Guardian Angels
9:00 Lorraine Hart Cleyn by Patsy Harris

Tuesday, October 3rd

9:00 The Carvalho-Gracias Family
by Brian & Effie Cordeiro

Wednesday, October 4th

St. Francis of Assisi
9:00 Mary and Edward Cross by the Estate

Thursday, October 5th No Mass

Friday, October 6th

Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher, St. Bruno
9:00 Anne & John Blizchuk by the Estate

Saturday, October 7th

Our Lady of the Rosary
4:30 Anne & John Blizchuk by the Estate



IN OUR PARISH

Catechetical Sunday

Each year, the Catholic Church observes “Catechetical Sunday” – a day on which to celebrate and pray for the Church’s mission to teach the Gospel to all people. The theme chosen this year, is “Missionary Disciples in the Vineyard of the Lord”. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are “disciples” and “missionaries”, but rather that we are always “missionary disciples”.

In our parish the following catechists will be commissioned to share the faith of the Church with the families and children of our Be My Disciples program:

<i>Patricia Smith</i>	<i>Anna Romano</i>
<i>Amberly Leasure</i>	<i>Brenda Garcia</i>
<i>Gloria Odorizzi</i>	<i>Selene Hinteregger</i>
<i>Raimonda Damiani</i>	<i>Valerie Luzio</i>

Louise Laplante Marialuisa Vignano Mathilde Sinor

Thank you for sharing your love of God as missionary disciples serving our parish! We will be sure to pray for you throughout the coming year.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Following the invitation to support the hungry on a more continuous basis, our parish is holding a special Thanksgiving Food Collection throughout the month of October. Please consider bringing non-perishable food items to church every weekend. Donations can be left in the special bin located to the right of the main Altar. These food items will be brought to St. Willibrord’s Food Bank to be distributed to the needy. We appreciate your consideration and generosity.



Parish Choir

The choir of Ascension Parish is seeking new members. We provide music for Sunday Mass and rehearse Thursday nights. If you have an appreciation of the rich liturgical music of the Catholic Church, you are warmly invited to consider joining us. For further info., contact Music Director, David Szanto (see the church bulletin boards for contact info).

REFLECTION

St. Paul offers a formula for living the way we are supposed to live as Christians in the Second Reading. Paul writes, “Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves.” Doing that is a challenge for most all of us. Yet, that is one of the secrets to being a good steward and living as Christ wants us to live.

To truly live that way requires a dramatic conversion. All of us know people who are so self-centered that they often are not even aware that they are totally unwilling to compromise or to even recognize the value of those around them. Achieving this kind of self-awareness, of what kind of a person we are, is a significant step on our faith and life journeys.

Screenwriter and playwright William Nicholson once wrote, “God does not necessarily want us to be happy. He wants us to be lovable, worthy of love, able to be loved by Him. What makes people hard to love? It is called selfishness. Selfish people are hard to love, because so little love comes out of them.” That is our challenge, to love others in such a way that we become lovable as well. Christ told us over and over that the secret to being His disciple and the secret to being a good steward is to “Love your neighbor.” That is how to be the kind of person Paul calls us to be as well.

<http://www.catholicsteward.com>

IN THE DIOCESE

McGill School of Religious Studies 2017 Birks Lectures

The 2017 Birks Lectures - Christian Origins of Religious Freedom - will be given by the well-known Catholic scholar, Robert Louis Wilken, Professor (emeritus) of the History of Christianity, University of Virginia. His two lectures are entitled, “Endowed with Freedom” (**Tuesday October 3**) and “Liberty in the Things of God” (**Wednesday October 4**). Both lectures will be held at 5:30 pm in the Birks Heritage Chapel, 3520 University Street, Montreal, H3A 2A7. Free admission.

Pastoral Home Care (SASMAD) Visitors Listeners wanted!

Are you a good listener with a concern for those who are ill, isolated or elderly? We are currently looking for volunteers to visit persons who are unable to connect to the community due to immobility or illness. Visits would take place in the person’s home or senior’s residence and can be arranged according to your own schedule. Formation will take place **Friday, October 20 (7-9pm) & Saturday, October 21(9am-2pm) and Friday, November 3 (7-9pm) & Saturday, November 4 (9am.-2pm.)** at St. Monica’s Parish. Basic skills of listening and spiritual accompaniment will be explored. If interested, please contact Cathie Macaulay at 514-925-4354; cmacaulay@diocesemontreal.org.

St. Monica’s Parish Faith Sharing Groups

Faith sharing groups meet for 14 sessions throughout the year at different times and locations. The 2017-18 program is based on reflections from the book That You Might Have Life by David Haas – helping readers see that holiness is the key to searching for the something “more” that gives our lives meaning and offers simple spiritual practices to help grow closer to God and one another. Join one of the groups: Tuesdays & Thursdays at St. Monica, Mondays at St. Ignatius of Loyola and Fridays at Manoir Westmount. For information and to register, contact Anna at 514-481-0267, ext. 22 or Email her at: anna.diodati@st.monica.ca. Cost for book and printed materials is \$25.

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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October 01, 2017

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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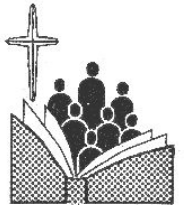
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Christian Meditation

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