

## MASSES THIS WEEK

## IN OUR PARISH

## REFLECTION

### **Saturday, October 14th**

St. Callistus I, Pope  
4:30 Peter McLoughlin  
by Kathleen & Hugh Quinlan

### **Sunday, October 15th**

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:30 Brian Power Smith by the Taddeo Family

### **Monday, October 16th**

World Food Day  
St. Marguerite D'Youville  
9:00 Anne & John Blizchuk by the Estate

### **Tuesday, October 17th**

St. Ignatius of Antioch  
9:00 Lorraine Hart Cleyn by Patsy Harris

### **Wednesday, October 18th**

St. Luke, Evangelist  
9:00 Hon. Frederick Collins & Mrs. Irene Collins  
by their Family

### **Thursday, October 19th No Mass**

St. Paul of the Cross

### **Friday, October 20th**

St. Hedwig; St. Mary Margaret Alacoque  
9:00 Anne & John Blizchuk by the Estate

### **Saturday, October 21st**

4:30 Mary and Edward Cross by the Estate

### **"Be My Disciples" Faith Education Program**

This weekend we welcome 137 grade 1-6 students and their parents to our first Children's Gathering and the beginning of their Be My Disciples journey for this year. We pray that God will lead them into a deeper relationship with Jesus and to a greater understanding of discipleship.

### **Fall Catch-Up Campaign**

By now you have received the letter regarding our Catch-Up campaign. To date, the response to helping us to achieve our goal of meeting our budget requirements is encouraging. If you have not yet had a chance to respond, you may place your Fall Catch Up envelope in the collection plate at Mass, drop it into the mail slot at the rectory or mail it at your convenience. If you did not receive an envelope, there are some available at the back of the church. Thank you all for your generosity and continuing support.

### **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

Our Thanksgiving Food Collection continues throughout the month of October. Please remember to bring nonperishable food items to church every weekend. Donations can be left in the special bin located to the right of the main Altar & at the back of the church and will be delivered to St. Willibrord's Food Bank. We appreciate your consideration and generosity.

### **Feeding the Hungry: Move to Welcome Hall**

To ensure our efforts continue to reach those most in need, we have decided to change the venue for our "Feed the Needy" program from Benedict Labré to Welcome Hall Mission. Welcome Hall Mission operates one of the largest food banks in Canada and serves up to 200 meals 7 days a week. Because we will be responding to a greater need than in the past, some changes will be necessary: the meal time will be 6PM on Sunday – and both more food & more volunteers (18 years of age and over) will be needed. Cash donations will still be accepted as we will still need to buy soup, bread, vegetables, ketchup and juice. Our first meal is planned for Sunday November 12. The details will be given closer to that date.

**Save the Date! Our Choir Christmas Concert** will take place on Sunday, **December 3rd**, at 3:00pm in the church.

Today's Gospel from the Book of Matthew again includes parables. We have been hearing the Lord share parables with us throughout our readings in recent weeks. The first parable we hear today is called The Parable of the Wedding Feast. In this story shared by Jesus for our benefit a king is hosting a wedding feast for his son. He sends out invitations and people ignore them or choose not to respond. It may seem somewhat remarkable to us that people turn down an invitation to a royal wedding feast.

Yet, the Lord invites us to join Him on a regular basis through Holy Scripture and the Sacraments. Many ignore the invitation, and in most cases are not even aware of the fact they have received it. Those who read this are aware of the invitation. The question is "How do we respond?"

What do we do after we attend a Holy Mass? What is our reaction to the reception of Christ's incredible gift in the Eucharist? We may not make light of it like some of the people in the parable, but if we merely go our separate ways, and do not strive to be active disciples, we are basically doing the same thing as those Jesus describes in this parable. In one of his first appearances Pope Francis declared, "Go make disciples of all nations." We cannot make disciples unless we are ourselves disciples.

<http://www.catholicsteward.com/blog/>



## IN THE DIOCESE

### **Euthanasia: A Question of Compassion?**

Two years into the legalization of euthanasia in our province, where are we now? All are welcome to hear three speakers discuss the social, political and spiritual impact of the new law in daily life. Archbishop Christian Lépine will address the spiritual meaning of death, suffering and compassion. Join them at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral (René-Lévesque & de la Cathédrale) **Tuesday, October 17, 7:30 pm.**

### **Pastoral Home Care (SASMAD) Visitors Listeners wanted! ?**

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](mailto:cmacaulay@diocesemontreal.org).

### **Women's Day Retreat**

**Wednesday, October 18**, at Villa Saint-Martin (9451 Gouin Blvd, W., Pierrefonds). Registration: 9:15 a.m.. Animator; Sr. Pat O'Neill, SNJM. Thought-provoking presentations; quiet time for personal reflection & prayer; Eucharistic celebration; sharing for those who wish to participate. ALL women welcome. Bring a brown bag lunch; coffee & tea provided. Suggested donation: \$15.00. Info.: (514) 684-1290.

**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](http://www.ascensionofourlord.ca)) -click on the main page button "EVERY DOLLAR HELPS" for instructions **or 2.** go directly to [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org) and search for "Ascension of Our Lord Parish, Westmount". Thank you for your generosity.

*This week  
the Sanctuary lamp  
will burn in memory of  
**Johanna Ramaseder**  
by her daughter Brigitte*



**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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# Ascension of Our Lord Parish



**October 15, 2017**

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**FOR I WAS HUNGRY  
AND YOU FED ME;  
I WAS THIRSTY  
AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK.  
I WAS A STRANGER  
AND YOU WELCOMED ME;  
NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME...  
MATTHEW 25: 35-36**

**World Food Day  
October 16th**

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