

Saturday, April 7th

Saturday within the Octave of Easter
4:30 Deceased members of the Quinlan Family
by Kathleen & Hugh Quinlan

Sunday April 8th

Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy
10:30 Gloria Baylis by her husband Richard

Monday, April 9th

The Annunciation of the Lord
9:00 Evarista O'Donnell by Constance O'Donnell

Tuesday, April 10th

9:00 Helen McCauley by Constance O'Donnell

Wednesday, April 11th

St. Stanislaus
9:00 Mary & Edward Cross by the Estate

Thursday, April 12th No Mass

Friday, April 13th

St. Martin I, Pope
9:00 Barbara Ballantyne by Michael Ballantyne

Saturday, April 14th

Be My Disciples Children's Gathering
4:30 Mary and Myles Redmond
by Beverly Redmond

Used Stamps Don't throw out your used mailing stamps! Instead, bring them to church where we collect them for reuse. They are given to a community of religious Sisters who prepare them for re-sale and use the money earned to support their missionary activities in foreign countries. Be sure to leave a border around the stamps when you cut them out of the envelope. Thank you.

Easter 2018 ~ A Thank you Note from our Pastor

Each year we Christians celebrate the central mystery of our faith, the death and resurrection of Jesus. We began with Passion-Palm Sunday and this lead us into the Sacred Paschal Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. At Ascension parish much preparation went into the organization and celebration of these holy days. I am grateful to all who participated in and attended the various liturgies, parishioners and visitors alike.

Special thank you to David and Martha Barrington for decorating the church, to the Ushers at all services, the Eucharistic ministers and Lectors, the volunteers who participated in the foot washing Holy Thursday, the Altar servers, Ken Flegel for overseeing the lighting of the fire at the Easter Vigil, and to our Choir under the direction of David Szanto who enriched our celebrations with their music.

I wish all of you a Blessed Easter season and may the Risen One reward your faithfulness and service. Happy Easter!

Collection of Eyewear As we have in the past, in our parish we are still continuing the collection of used eyeglasses. These glasses receive a second life and are donated to two organizations that reuse them by giving them to the needy here in Montreal and to those in the missions. Please make a difference by bringing your used eyewear to church and placing them in the marked container at the back of the church. Thank you.

Archdiocesan Annual Collection The Annual Collection of the Archdiocese of Montreal will take place from **April 8th to the 22nd**. The purpose of the Annual Collection is to support the most vulnerable parishes by participating financially in the ministry for children, and in the pastoral work that ensures services for the reception of refugees and spiritual support for the homeless. Envelopes will be available at the back of the church for your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Thomas ... thanks! For bringing honesty into our faith. He didn't pretend that he was better than he was. He began by wanting proof and ended by being glad of faith. He is the patron saint of transitions and steps in faith. Faith is a journey. He is the saint of faith in our times. The community was the place he found faith, having lost it when he tried to go it alone. Then he came back to the community of faith and went on a journey of life that took him to martyrdom in India. He also found Christ in wanting to touch his wounds. We find God when we enter into his wounds in the wounds of our world. In the faith community of the church we can keep our faith. Our faith grows here too. Thomas looked for faith by wanting to touch the wounds of Jesus. When Jesus invited him to do so, he found he didn't need to. He found faith in being present with the wounded Christ and discovered there his faith in the glory of Christ.

We can do the same. What was said to Thomas is said to us all: 'You believe because you can see me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Recall those who have strengthened your faith and be grateful; picture each person and pray for each of them.

Lord, I believe, strengthen my belief.



Fr Donal Neary, S.J

IN THE DIOCESE

Islam: Introduction and Overview with Robert Assaly **Wednesday, April 18** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Monica's Parish (6405 Terrebonne)in the parish hall: an overview of Islam and the practices of Muslims. Robert will clarify understandings of the world's second largest, and perhaps most misrepresented & misperceived religion. For those who attend this preparatory presentation, a visit to a Mosque will follow on Sunday afternoon, April 22. For information and to register by April 16, contact Anna at (514) 481-0267 ext. 22 or anna.diodati@stmonica.ca.

New Evangelization Summit On **April 27th & 28th**, join thousands of Catholics at the New Evangelization Summit from Ottawa, broadcast live to St. Kevin's Parish (5600 Cote-des-Neiges). Speakers who are leaders in the New Evangelization will provide inspiration, training, & resources on how Catholics can effectively evangelize. All will benefit from this powerful opportunity to be further equipped in the mission of the Church. For more info visit www.newevangelization.ca

The art of living and dying The Canadian Religious Conference is organizing a formation day **April 14** at the Institut de pastorale des Dominicains (2715 Côte-Sainte-Catherine Road) featuring Sr. Nuala Kenny, Sisters of Charity of Halifax, as keynote speaker. Sister Kenny is a medical doctor, ethicist & professor and was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada for her contributions to child health and medical education. In the afternoon a discussion panel will be hosted by specialists from the West Island Palliative Care Residence. Time 8:30am - 3:15pm. Cost \$40(includes lunch) Registration : Nathalie Gauthier (ngauthier@crc-canada.org)

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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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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April 8, 2018

Second Sunday of Easter ~ Divine Mercy

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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 (2018)
Louise MacLellan (2018)
Brian Weber (2019)
Don Taddeo (2019)
Bonnie Auger (2020)
Pino DiIoia (2020)

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