

MASSES THIS WEEK



Saturday, December 1st

4:30 Iola, Antonio & Gino Romano
by Christina Maurizio

Sunday, December 2nd

First Sunday of Advent
10:30 Miron Mackyshyn
by Christine & John MacKay

Monday, December 3rd

St. Francis Xavier
9:00 All Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, December 4th

St. John Damascene
9:00 Sick members of our Parish Community

Wednesday, December 5th

9:00 Unemployed members
of our Parish Community

Thursday, December 6th No Mass

St. Nicholas

Friday, December 7th

St. Ambrose
9:00 All Deceased of the Parish

Saturday, December 8th

The Immaculate Conception
4:30 Art and Helen Zwicker by Lynn Loewen
*Be My Disciples Children's Gathering
& Family Mass*

IN OUR PARISH



Ascension Choir Christmas Concert this Sunday! The members of our Parish Choir invite all parishioners to join us this Sunday afternoon at **3:00pm**. The concert will feature seasonal choral music.

A wine & cheese reception (and sweets) will follow. Proceeds from the concert will go towards helping cover the cost of refurbishing our magnificent Casavant organ.

Election of Wardens On **Sunday, December 9th** immediately following the 10:30 Mass, a meeting of parishioners will take place in the Parish room for the purpose of electing two new Wardens to replace the two who are completing their term of office on December 31, 2018. To be eligible to be nominated as a Warden, the person must be 18 years or older, a Roman Catholic who resides within the boundaries of the parish. Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, will be accepted at the meeting. The Wardens term of office is three years, renewable once. Please contact the Pastor for more information, or to propose a nominee.

Advent Mass of Concern Next Sunday we show our concern for our less fortunate neighbours through donations to our annual "Advent Mass of Concern" In your Sunday envelopes, you will find one for this Mass. If you do not have Sunday envelopes, a basket containing specially marked envelopes, "Advent Mass of Concern" is available at the entrances to the church. Both cash & cheques are accepted. Cheques should be made out to Ascension of Our Lord Parish. Your generosity in supporting our Advent project will help feed and shelter the homeless and poor this Christmas.

Christmas Flowers to Decorate the Church

All are invited to make a donation in the name of loved ones toward the purchase of flowers to decorate our church for the Christmas season. Donations should be received at the latest by December 17th in order to allow us to plan the decor of the church during this holy season.



REFLECTION

One of the best ways to prepare for the very special season of Advent is to "get in touch with ourselves." It may sound odd, but one symptom of our contemporary lives is that we can often be quite "out of touch" with what is going on in our very own hearts. We are about to begin our Advent, right at the time our Western culture begins Christmas preparations. It is a busy time, and our heads are filled with details to remember. And, it is a time of emotional complexity that is part of this holiday season - with all of the expectations and challenges of family and relationships: who we want to be with and who we struggle to be with. So, our hearts are a bit tender, if not completely defended from experiencing anything deeply. We are about to hear some very powerful and stirring readings from Isaiah, the Prophet. We will re-enter the ancient tradition of a people longing for the coming of a Savior. We may remember the days of our childhood when we longed for Christmas to come, because it was a magical time of receiving gifts. As adults, we have to ask ourselves: "What is it I long for now?" The answer won't come easily. The more we walk around with that question, and let it penetrate through the layers of distraction and self-protection, the more powerfully we will experience Advent.

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Resources for Advent Reflection and Prayer

1. The "Praying Advent" website offers many helpful resources for individuals and families who want some help to begin the season of Advent and move through it well. There are a great variety of pages which will address the issues almost anyone is facing. In addition, there is a Daily Prayer for each day of Advent. Just Google "Praying Advent" or go directly to: onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent
 3. Loyola Press Advent Resources www.loyolapress.com/liturgical-year/advent Includes interactive Advent calendars for adults, children and families, Advent activities for children and inspirational articles for all.
 2. *IgnatianSpirituality.com* Ignatian contemplation and reflective prayer encourage us in the season of Advent. Resources include: Advent Weekly Prayer reflections, Video Reflections & Podcasts
- Advent Penitential Service** On **Saturday, December 8th** at 10:30am we will have a short Advent penance service followed by confession. Avail yourself of this occasion to confess your sins in preparation for the Advent/Christmas season.
- Baptisms** During the past month the following children were baptized and welcomed into the family of God in the Catholic Church. Congratulations and welcome to:
- Liam Parker Gauthier*, son of Laura Smith & James Gauthier
 - Alessandro DiGregorio*, son of Emma Castro & Steven DiGregorio
 - Logan Sky Zammit*, son of Jessica Thomas & Domenick Zammit
 - Zayn Alexander Zammit*, son of Christine Taouk & Anthony Zammit
 - Annabella Qu*, daughter of Ying Qu & Steve DiFruscia
 - Victor Joseph Nobrega*, son of Cindy Nobrega & Matthew Potvin
 - Henry Michael San Gregorio*, son of Amy Geris & Francesco San Gregorio
 - Matthew Giacomo D'Agostino*, son of Sandy Melo & Mariano D'Agostino



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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December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

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MASS HOURS

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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

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

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