

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, December 8th

The Immaculate Conception
4:30 Art and Helen Zwicker by Lynn Loewen

Sunday, December 9th

Second Sunday of Advent
10:30 Dr. Pat Fitzgerald by the Family

Monday, December 10th

9:00 Eleanor Murray by Margaret Griffin

Tuesday, December 11th

St. Damasus I, pope
9:00 Mr. & Mrs. R. J. McCauley Sr.
by Constance O'Donnell



Wednesday, December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe
National Day of Prayer in
Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples
9:00 Dr. Osman Gialloredo by the Family

Thursday, December 13th No Mass

St. Lucy

Friday, December 14th

St. John of the Cross
9:00 Zelindo & Felimena D'Alesio &
Sylvannia by Angela & Rosato Pedicelli



*This week
the Sanctuary lamp
will burn in memory of
Petronilo Enrile
by the family*

IN OUR PARISH

Election of Wardens This Sunday, immediately following the 10:30 Mass a meeting of all parishioners will be held in the Parish Room for the purpose of electing two wardens to replace the two who will complete their term of office December 31. Anyone of good will who resides within the boundaries of the parish may submit his or her name for election. There must be a seconder for each nomination. If you would like to submit your name to serve our parish in this way please speak with Fr. MacEachen. Nominations will be received up until the meeting for the election.

Advent Mass of Concern This weekend 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 specific 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 and 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.

Weekly Donation Envelope Boxes Parishioners who use the envelope system for their parish contribution will find the 2019 boxes available at the main entrance of the church this weekend. Please be sure to pick up only the box that has your name and number on it. Boxes are in alphabetical order. A few among you will have a different box number this year. This is due to our computer system and updating of our parish lists. If you don't have a donation envelope box—but would like to make your weekly donations to the parish using this method, or if you have any questions please contact the parish office. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

REFLECTION

A poet wrote: "when I am an old woman I shall wear purple", to remind her that life can be different day by day or that she might be personally noticed and change her life. This time of the year the Church wears purple and we remind ourselves that Jesus is near, that life can be different and that we can change our lives. The gospel from John the Baptist encourages a change in our lives. We would look on ourselves and regret what we should regret – our sins, our meanness, our minor faults and failings, our injustices and hurt of others. In his time the people would immerse themselves in the river and be forgiven. We can immerse ourselves in the healing and forgiving love of God in many ways, including the sacrament of reconciliation (penance, confession). We can immerse ourselves in the mood of waiting for Christmas, and take this on the spiritual level and well as the ordinary.

All of the weeks of Advent can be a preparation for the way of the Lord, which we will hear of during the readings of the coming year. This is a time of joyful waiting, knowing we cannot be let down. The purple of Advent is not the purple of mourning but of joyful anticipation – like when we dress in the football team's colours early in the morning to look forward to a match.

If we take time for the spiritual preparation with some prayer, sacraments (maybe go to Mass once or twice a week, or daily for Advent), and if we help our neighbour a bit more than usual, then nothing of all the preparations can be just secular. Everything of this month can remind us of God... trees, lights, carols, parties, Santa hats, cards, gift-buying – big reminders that God is near.

Donal Neary SJ

Schedule of Christmas Season Masses

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24th 7:15 p.m. Family Mass & Children's Gospel Pageant
9:00 p.m. Christmas Carols 9:30 p.m. Solemn Christmas Mass

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th 10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 29th 4:30 p.m. Sunday, December 30th 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Day **Feast of Mary, Mother of God**

Monday, December 31st 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 1st 10:30 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 5th 4:30 p.m. Sunday, January 6th 10:30 a.m.



IN THE DIOCESE

Saint-Léon de Westmount: Gregorian Vespers for the Third Sunday in Advent **December 16** 4pm. Chanted before Our Lady's altar in the left hand transept of the Church. For Information : Joseph Blain 514-979-9724 All are welcome.

Women's Day Retreat **Wednesday, December 12th** 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. ALL women welcome. Bring a brown bag lunch; coffee & tea provided. Suggested donation: \$15.00. Info.: (514) 696-8188

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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Ascension of Our Lord Parish



December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

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