

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**IN OUR PARISH**

**REFLECTION**

**Brings Out Our Best**

**Saturday, December 15th**  
4:30 Mr. & Mrs. Kurt & Linda Krause  
by the Estate

**Sunday, December 16th**  
Third Sunday of Advent  
10:30 Deceased members of  
the Laplante Family by Louise Laplante

**Monday, December 17th**  
9:00 Deceased Parishioners  
by Father MacEachen

**Tuesday, December 18th**  
9:00 John McCauley  
by Constance O'Donnell

**Wednesday, December 19th**  
9:00 Hon. Frederick Collins  
& Mrs. Irene Collins by their Family

**Thursday, December 20th No Mass**

**Friday, December 21st**  
St. Peter Canisius  
9:00 Sestilio & Giuseppina Pedicelli  
by Angela & Rosato Pedicelli

**Saturday, December 22nd**  
4:30 In Memory, Raymond Sheehan

**Schedule of Christmas & New Year's 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.



**Christmas Flowers to Decorate the Church**

There is still time this weekend 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 19th to allow us to plan the decor of the church during this holy season.



**Advent Mass of Concern** Have you shared in the parish Advent project by contributing to our Mass of Concern? Many of our less fortunate neighbours depend on our help for money to purchase food and other necessities at Christmas as well as throughout the year. Donation envelopes for this good work of the parish are still available at the doors of the church. Thank you for your generosity.



**Election of Wardens** At a meeting of parishioners held Sunday, December 9th, two wardens were elected: **Louise MacLellan**, re-elected for a second term & **Andrea Bobkowicz**, newly elected to serve a first mandate. Congratulations to both! I wish to express my gratitude to Janet Macklem for faithfully serving Ascension as a warden for two terms. Her gifts and abilities were much appreciated. *Fr. MacEachen*

This mid-point of Advent alerts us to issues of justice and equality. The prophet John has been asked as a sort of trick by people who exploited others with tax bills, and soldiers who often used their brute force on others, how they should repent. His words were tough but quite ordinary – don't overcharge, share your surplus with the needy and don't exploit people. It's another, but more figurative way, of stating the basic demands of 'Love one another'.

Christmas can bring out the best in us to care for the needy. We are surrounded by charities looking for aid. We know that Jesus hears the cries of the poor, and he joins every carol singing group trying to help. Christmas also asks us to consider our honesty and integrity, for we know that many are poor, at home and abroad, because of the greed of others. Christmas is a reminder and a challenge that all can live with the dignity we have come to regard as human rights – education, safety, shelter, food, water, employment, freedom. The Christ child who was born poor represents all the poor of the world, especially children. As he was born ordinary, he represents that God meets, greets and helps us in the ordinary aspects of life. The one who is to come is the one who will live and love according to these truths of human dignity and equality. *Come, Lord Jesus, child of the earth, child of God. Come into our world of joy and sorrow. Stay with us always, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

*Donal Neary SJ*

**Thank You !**

- \* to all who so generously donated to our organ restoration fund at the concert December 2nd and to our choir whose magnificent performance inspired us, as well as to the parish volunteers who assisted with the reception, ushering & other organizational needs of the concert
- \* to all parishioners for your goodwill & kindness in donating to our Advent Mass of Concern which will assist many of our less fortunate neighbours to purchase food and other necessities this Christmas
- \* to the children in our Be My Disciples program who donated 120 gifts to Share the Warmth where they will be distributed to needy children this week.

**Christmas Eve Children's Gospel Pageant** All children whose families will be attending the 7:15p.m. Christmas Eve Service are invited to participate in the Children's Gospel Pageant. Visiting nieces, nephews & cousins are also welcome! The deadline to sign up is Monday December 17th in order to allow us time to arrange to have sufficient costumes on hand. A short rehearsal will be held following Mass on Sunday, December 23rd. For more information or to register, please contact Linda Wiltshire at the parish office (Mon. & Thurs. ) or by email at [wiltshirecl@msn.com](mailto:wiltshirecl@msn.com)



**Weekly Donation Envelope Boxes** The boxes with the 2018 Donation envelopes are available at the main entrance of the church. Please be sure to pick up only the box that has your name and number on it. Boxes are in alphabetical order. Some of you will have a different number on your box this year 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.



*This week  
the Sanctuary lamp  
will burn in memory of  
**Antonio Ang**  
by the family*

**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](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.

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# Ascension of Our Lord Parish



**December 16, 2018**

**Third 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