

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

**Sunday, December 23rd**  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
10:30 Kate and Ed Sampson  
by Ann & Louis Mallette

**Monday, December 24th**  
The Nativity of the Lord  
Christmas Eve  
7:15 For Grieving Parents  
who have lost a child  
9:30 Deceased Parishioners  
by Fr. MacEachen

**Tuesday, December 25th**  
The Nativity of the Lord  
10:30 Father George Oakes  
by Fr. MacEachen



*This week the Sanctuary lamp will burn with a special intention for **Dr. Andrew J. Bobkowicz** by Aidan & Andrea Bobkowicz*

**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.

**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! A short rehearsal will be held following Mass this Sunday, December 23rd. For more information please see Linda Wiltshire after Mass or contact 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.

**Mass Intentions**

Throughout the holidays and into the New Year we have quite a few Masses without intentions.. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, or for another special intention, you are invited to contact the parish office to book a Mass time or the Sanctuary Lamp.

*It's almost Christmas. My family always celebrates on Christmas Eve and that's when we open presents, so it's really almost Christmas for me. Christmas is tomorrow with my family. All through Advent we've all been waiting and watching. I've been reading an Advent calendar book – it has a dated essay for each day leading up to Christmas. I gave my nephew's boy a chocolate Advent calendar. It continues a tradition. The season has its own challenges – trying to get grading done and grades in, preparing for Christmas by decorating and buying presents, travelling. And with all the stress it can be overwhelming and distracting. I've been stressed and distracted. It's sometimes hard to stay focused on the goal. I read something recently, maybe in the online retreat group, maybe in the Advent book (I've been stressed and distracted) about why the Christmas carols say "The Lord is come" and "Christ is born" instead of "The Lord has come" or "Christ was born." I mean, it's past tense, right? It all happened a really long time ago. And as an English teacher I am very much into verb tenses and correct grammar. But the magic of Christmas is that it is not past tense. It is present tense and it continues. The first reading talks about the little town of Bethlehem that seemed too small and insignificant to make any difference for anything, but is remembered and revered (and sung about in Christmas carols) to this day as the birthplace of the savior whose "greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace." In the Gospel, when the pregnant Mary visits the pregnant Elizabeth, Elizabeth's baby (who will be John the Baptist) recognizes the Lord who will be born this week. The baby leaps for joy in his mother's womb. John will be the voice in the wilderness preparing the way for the Lord. And we spend Advent making our spiritual and secular preparations. This week is Christmas. In present tense we celebrate his birth. We should leap for joy today in anticipation of the birth that will save us. The Lord is come. This week the Lord is born, and he continues to live in our lives and in our hearts.*



Tamora Whitney, [onlineministries.creighton.edu](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu)

**IN THE DIOCESE**

**The Pillars Trust Fund's 2018 campaign** As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, please consider giving to "Catholic Strong", the 46th annual fundraising campaign of the Pillars Trust. If you've already made a donation, we "thank you" from the bottom of our heart! Pillars Trust is the sole fundraising organization for the 34 English language Roman Catholic parishes in the Archdiocese of Montreal and we are on fire for Christ. Everything we do, every cause we support, every dollar of your donation is aimed at growing the grassroots church in English-speaking Montreal and turning believers into disciples. In short, making our community "Catholic Strong". Donate online, by mail or by phone (514-937-2301 ext 255). For more info. visit [www.pillarstrust.org](http://www.pillarstrust.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.

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 23, 2018**

**Fourth 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 DiIola (2020)

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