



Saturday February 10th

St. Scholastica
4:30 Lydia Wong Yuk Lin by Anselem

Sunday February 11th

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day of the Sick
10:30 Germaine and Leonard Mallette
by the Mallettes

Monday, February 12th

9:00 Mary and Edward Cross by the Estate

Tuesday, February 13th

9:00 The Serrao-Cordeiro Families
by Brian & Effie Cordeiro

Wednesday, February 14th

Ash Wednesday

9:00 am Anne and John Blizchuk
by the Estate
7:00 pm Mary and Edward Cross
by the Estate

Thursday, February 15th No Mass

Friday, February 16th

9:00 Alessandro & Florence Sacconaghi
by the Family

Saturday February 17th

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
4:30 Mary Maher
by Beverly & Myles Redmond
**2:45 Children's Gathering
& Family Mass (4:30)**



Ash Wednesday ~ Beginning of Lent

This coming **Wednesday, February 14th** is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the holy season of Lent. According to the Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, Jesus spent 40 days of fasting in the desert where he was tempted by Satan. Lent originated as a

mirroring of this event in Jesus' life, fasting 40 days as preparation for the Holy Season of Easter, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving throughout the 40 days Christians express their deep desire to turn toward God. On Ash Wednesday we will have two Masses, at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., with blessing and distribution of ashes. We hope this will provide all parishioners with the opportunity to begin their Lenten journey in prayer and devotion.

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are universal days of fast and abstinence from meat. All who are between the age of 18-59, and in good health are required to fast. Fasting means we can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, but combined they should be less than a full meal.

Meal at Welcome Hall Mission

On **Sunday February 18th**, Ascension will be providing and serving food for approximately 200 people less fortunate than us for the 6PM meal at Welcome Hall Mission. We do this by pre-making a meal and dessert. Along with this we serve soup, bread and juice. This weekend we are supplying pans and recipes for the meal and dessert. If you are unable to prepare something, we gladly accept cash donations to buy the other items. For more information, please contact Aletha Thompson at 514-482-5660 or see a volunteer at the back of the church.

2017 Tax Receipts

The 2017 Donation Tax Receipts are ready. You can pick them up at the back of the church, arranged in alphabetical order. If your family is registered under two names, you should check under both names if you can't find your receipt. For any queries email: ascensionparish375@gmail.com or call the Parish Office on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning. Thank you.

Any story involving leprosy is a story of inclusiveness with Jesus. The people whom nobody wanted were deep in his heart. Jesus wanted to make his life better and in this case, the man was cured. The news spread of this new religious man, a prophet maybe, but one who went where nobody else would go. Jesus sees into the heart and there he finds a home, because God his Father lives in each of us. His motivation is his deep relationship with all of us. He will cleanse any of the unacceptable sides of ourselves so that we see ourselves as image of God, forgiven and clean. Can we see others like that?

Who would be those he would reach today like this? Maybe the people who want to change their lives from condemnation by self and others. We can name them often, and our society can be cruel on prisoners and their families, abusers of any sort, prostitutes, victims of AIDS and many others. He offers a way out of condemnation and that is often through the goodness and care of another. When we come to him, we meet his followers, and that also can make a difference. Recall someone who made a difference in your life at a bad time. Give thanks! Jesus, healer of souls, heal what keeps me from loving like you. *Donal Neary SJ*

World Day of the Sick

This Sunday, February 11th, marks the 26th World Day of the Sick initiated by Saint John Paul II. The theme for this year is provided by the words that Jesus spoke from the Cross to Mary, his Mother, and to John: "Woman, behold your son ... Behold your mother. And from that hour the disciple took her into his home" (Jn 19:26-27). To mark the occasion, the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered in our parish at 10:30 Mass. All who feel they are in need of the graces and strength of the sacrament are invited to receive the sacrament. You can read The full text of the message of His Holiness, Pope Francis at <https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents>



IN THE DIOCESE

Catholicism: The Pivotal Players This film series with Bishop Robert Barron illuminates people who not only shaped the life of the Church, but changed the course of civilization. Join Michael Van Dussen, Jennifer Dickson & Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, **Wednesdays February 21, 28, & March 7** 7:00 to 9:15 p.m., at St. Monica's Parish (6405 Terrebonne) as they help us unlock the truth behind three influential people: St. Catherine of Siena, G. K. Chesterton & Blessed John Henry Newman. For info. and to register by February 19, contact Anna at (514) 481-0267 ext. 22 or anna.diodati@stmonica.ca.

Montreal Directed Retreats For Lent 2018: Is it time for you to renew or deepen a personal relationship with the Lord? Consider our upcoming dates for a weekend retreat: **February 23-25 and/or March 23-25** at La Maison de Prière Notre-Dame (180 De Normandie Blvd., Longueuil). To register, or for more info, call 514-626-9462 or visit www.montrealretreats.org

Pillars Trust Fund Campaign The members of the Board of the Pillars Trust Fund are very grateful and thankful for the support that it has received to date from its faithful supporters. As of January 31st, the campaign total for this year is \$122,219, a significant amount, however a decline in funding from previous years. "The Mission of the Pillars Trust Fund is to provide leadership, support and financial assistance to promote pastoral activities deemed essential to the English-speaking Catholic community of Montreal."

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.

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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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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World Day of the Sick

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