

Saturday February 17th

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
4:30 Mary Maher
by Beverly & Myles Redmond

Sunday February 18th

First Sunday of Lent
10:30 Kate and Ed Sampson
by the Mallettes

Monday, February 19th

9:00 Anne and John Blizchuk
by the Estate

Tuesday, February 20th

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

Wednesday, February 21st

St. Peter Damian
9:00 Donald "D.J." MacEachern
by Carl and Peg Madigan

Thursday, February 22nd No Mass

Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

Friday, February 23rd

St. Polycarp
9:00 John F. Rooney by John D. Rooney

Saturday February 24th

4:30 Lydia Wong Yuk Lim by Anselem

Share Lent 2018 "Together for Peace"

This year Development and Peace is encouraging us to come together for peace! You will find inspiring testimonials in the Mini-magazine available with other resources, including the Solidarity Calendar, at the back of the church today. During this first week, our search for peace takes us to Cambodia to meet ICSO, a Development and Peace partner that works with minority Indigenous communities to help them have their rights recognized by the government, defend their land against corporate interests, and develop sustainable economic activities that enable them to live with dignity.

There are many ways to be part of Share Lent. Use the Solidarity Calendar with your family and don't forget make a donation on Solidarity Sunday, which will take place on March 18.

A SELECTION OF ONLINE LENT RESOURCES

1. Everyday Lent Resources
onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry
Everyday Lent Resources including a Lenten Online Retreat and Eight Weeks of Retreat

2. www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent/ Includes: Living Lent Daily, a daily email series designed to help you grow in friendship with God.

An Ignatian Prayer Adventure, an adapted version of the Spiritual Exercises, perfectly timed as a Lent and Easter retreat.

Arts & Faith: Lent, a visual prayer experience this Lent. Each week includes a video commentary about a work of art inspired by the Sunday Scriptures

3. www.loyolapress.com/liturgical-year/lent
Take advantage of Lent as a wonderful time for spiritual renewal. You will find a variety of articles, activities, and other resources that will aid you in this special time of prayer and preparation .

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.



Every Lent is a new beginning; sometimes beginnings are welcomed, other times half and half! We welcome Lent as a time to make our faith fresh, but we know from other Lenten times that it's hard to keep going, and it's for a long time! We might ask ourselves what Lent is really for.

The focus of Lent is not on what we give up but on what we are given. We focus our minds on the self-giving love of Jesus which we will celebrate in Holy Week. We allow ourselves believe in this love. Often it's difficult to believe in the tender love of God. This conquers all else in the world; it is given in the mercy and compassion of God. Lent pours the grace of forgiveness into our world, needed individually and as a people. We need to know that God is bigger than any of our sins, wars, violence and hatred. God wants his kingdom to come now. Lent is our time of saying 'yes' to a partnership with God in saving the world from the effects of evil and sin. Maybe we can ask what our Lent does for others than just what we are doing for Lent. It is a time of renewal, then it shows in love, forgiveness and care of others in our lives. Pray a bit, read the gospel every day, good something good for another every day – this is the way to share in the saving love of God.

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free, you are the Saviour of the world.
Donal Neary SJ

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

Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue is urging members of all different religious traditions to support Pope Francis' call for a day of prayer and fasting for peace on **Friday February 23rd**. The Pope said: "Faced with the tragic protracted situations of conflict in different parts of the world, I invite all the faithful to take part in a special Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace", and asked people to pray especially for those suffering violence in the DRC and in South Sudan, where political unrest and a protracted civil war continues to claim thousands of lives. Pope Francis said: "Everyone, in their own conscience, before God, should ask 'what can I do for peace?'" "Surely, we can pray", he said, "but not only: each one of us can say 'no' to violence in their own way".

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 MacEachern after Mass.

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February 18, 2018

First Sunday of Lent

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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)
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