

## MASSES THIS WEEK

### **Saturday January 13th**

St. Hilary  
4:30 Emilia & Bolek Kmita,  
Janina & Jan Korwin-Szymanowski  
by the Family

### **Sunday January 14th**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
World Day of Migrants and Refugees  
10:30 Kate and Ed Sampson by  
Ann & Louis Mallette

### **Monday, January 15th No Mass**

### **Tuesday, January 16th No Mass**

### **Wednesday, January 17th No Mass**

St. Anthony, Abbot

### **Thursday, January 18th No Mass**

### **Friday January 19th No Mass**

### **Saturday January 20th**

St. Fabian; St. Sebastian  
4:30 Anne and John Blizchuk  
by the Estate



*This week  
the Sanctuary lamp  
will burn in memory of  
**Teresita Lopa**  
by the Family*

## IN OUR PARISH

### **Christmas 2017 ~ A Thank you to all!**

Christmas was celebrated in a festive spirit, and our services were well attended despite the frigid temperatures. I wish to thank all our parishioners for your presence and your continued support of the parish.

Many people were involved in the preparation of Christmas and also in the various services celebrated. I would like to express my gratitude to all who offered their time and talent- David Barrington for decorating the church and Sanctuary, our Lectors and Eucharistic ministers, our Choir and Cantors, our Ushers at each service, the Altar servers, members of our Parish Staff and the team who set up our outdoor crèche: Wilfrid deFreitas, Greg Dunning and Michael Gala.

Thank you to those who made an offering to purchase the flowers and decorations, to parishioners who so generously gave to the Mass of Concern appeal, and to the children from our Be My Disciples program who brought gifts to distribute to other less fortunate children.

I also express my gratitude to all of you who contributed to the various collections, and to those who sent greetings or goodies to me in the rectory. I promise to remember you in prayer and wish you many graces and blessings throughout the New Year.

**Father MacEachen**

### **Weekly Donation Envelope Boxes**

Parishioners are reminded that the 2018 boxes for weekly donations are available at the main entrance of the church. Boxes are in alphabetical order. Some of you will note that you have a different number on your box this year. This is due to our computer system and our new printer-producer of the boxes. If you do not currently have a box for your donations, please contact the parish office and we will be pleased to organise one for you. Thank you for your comprehension and faithful generosity.

## REFLECTION



*“Speak, for your servant is listening.” With those few words Samuel humbles himself and declares his loyalty and obedience to God. There are perhaps for many of us challenges in those words. Initially Samuel responds “Here I am,” but thinks it was Eli who called him. The idea of being a servant and the willingness to serve are what may be trials for us in terms of how we live.*

*Samuel does not recognize the voice of the Lord. That, too, may be a problem for us. First we need to be listening. Are we, or are we merely going through the motions? Responding to God with “Here I am” is a magnificent way to react to God. It is not that God does not know where we are, but saying that can serve as a reminder to us that we are stewards, servants to Him, and it implies we are prepared to hear what He wants us to do.*

*“Here I am” is said numerous times by those in the Old Testament including Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Isaiah, and by Ananias in the New Testament. When Jesus says, “Come follow me,” as He does to us, do we hear Him, and even more important do we respond and do we follow?*

*In order to do that properly we have to be prepared to serve Him and others. Thus, like Samuel, we need to listen, and then we need to serve. At a recent papal audience, Pope Francis said, “Love and charity are service, helping others, serving others. When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love!”*

<http://www.catholicsteward.com/blog/>

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** Every year from January 18-25, Christians around the world are invited to celebrate a Week of Prayer for the unity of all Christians. The Theme for this year, prepared by an ecumenical team from the Caribbean is "Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power" (Exodus 15:6)- the song of Moses and Miriam - a song of triumph over oppression. We are invited to reflect on scripture together, participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services and to share fellowship. In Montreal an Ecumenical Prayer Service organised by the Canadian Centre of Ecumenism will be held **Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup>** at 3PM at Union United Church (2007 Delisle St.)

**Judaism: Sacred Spaces and Objects**, A workshop led by Catherine Cherry will be held on **Wednesday, January 24** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the parish hall of St. Monica's Parish (6405 Terrebonne) An opportunity to get in touch with the Faith Tradition of our heritage – Judaism, we will explore God's loving and active presence in their Sacred Spaces and Objects. For those who attend this presentation, a visit to a Synagogue will follow on Sunday afternoon, February 4. For information and to register by January 21, contact Anna at (514) 481-0267 ext. 22 or [anna.diodati@stmonica.ca](mailto:anna.diodati@stmonica.ca)

**Winter Coat Project! Help International Students Survive the Cold!** The Newman Catholic Centre of McGill University is now accepting donations of clean, lightly-used warm winter coats, hats, mittens, scarves, and boots. Donations can be dropped off at the centre, 3484 Peel Street, between 10:00am and 2:00 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. (Free parking for short periods of time in the Newman Parking lot for winter coat drop-off.) Please mark all bags clearly as “McGill Winter Coat Project” and drop them in the Newman lobby (basement entrance). For more info, email [morsl@mcgill.ca](mailto:morsl@mcgill.ca).

**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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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



**January 14, 2018**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Christian Meditation**

Monday 6PM  
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**WORLD DAY OF  
MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

*"To welcome, protect,  
promote, integrate  
migrants and refugees"*

**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 DiIoio (2020)

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