

Saturday, March 17th
 St. Patrick
 4:30 Janette Hartley by Angela Sacconaghi

Sunday March 18th
 Fifth Sunday of Lent
 10:30 Kate and Ed Sampson by Ann & Louis Mallette

Monday, March 19th
 Solemnity of Saint Joseph
 Principal Patron of Canada
 9:00 Mr. & Mrs. Kurt and Linda Krause by the Estate

Tuesday, March 20th
 9:00 Anne & John Blizchuk by the Estate

Wednesday, March 21st
 9:00 Hon. Frederick Collins & Mrs. Irene Collins by their Family

Thursday, March 22nd No Mass

Friday, March 23rd
 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
 9:00 Anne & John Blizchuk by the Estate

Saturday, March 24th
 4:30 Albert Baillargeon by Beverly & Myles Redmond

Share Lent 2018 ~ Solidarity Sunday
 We wish to thank you for your generosity on this Development and Peace Solidarity Sunday. Your donation will be used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world — from Lebanon to Cambodia, to Nigeria and beyond! The theme of our Share Lent campaign Together for Peace, invites us to build peace through dialogue and reconciliation and to consider mercy as a source of hope for the future. This is what Pope Francis underlined on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy: “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.”
Envelopes for your Share Lent donations are available at the back of the church. Thank you for helping us create a future filled with hope!

Flowers for Easter
 You are invited to make a donation in the name of loved ones toward the purchase of flowers to decorate the church and altar for Easter season. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church and should be received by March 25th in order allow us time to organize the decor of our beautiful church during this most holy and joyous season.



**Schedule of Services
 Holy Week and Easter**

Holy Thursday March 29th 7:30 pm
Good Friday, Solemn Passion Service March 30th 3:00 pm
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil March 31st 7:30 pm
Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord April 1st 10:30 am

I come from a long line of gardeners. My grandfather had a garden the size of a basketball court. My dad followed suit, although his forte was starting tomatoes from seed. Each spring he would pour over the seed catalogs for the newest hybrids and heirloom tomatoes. My garden is a 4' x 12' plot. There, I plant, weed, water and harvest my produce. Tomatoes are my specialty, too—lots of them—in fact, so many that starting in early summer, I make regular stops at the nursing home where my mother-in-law lives, and drop off dozens each week.

The hardware store I shop at already has its flower and garden seeds display set up to greet you right when you walk in, with beautiful pictures on the packets of what you can expect, if only you take the time to plant and nurture the seeds. But when you open the seed packet, at the bottom are about 20 seeds, each as small as the head of pin, an almost microscopic withered piece of matter that for all intents and purposes, looks dead. But if you plant at the right time, weed often, water frequently and have the right amount of sun, you will be blessed with a bumper crop to enjoy and share with family and friends.

Why do so many of us, like my family, have a fascination with gardening? Is it about putting fresh food on the table, or is it testing one's ability; that with diligent care and attention we can take a small, seemingly inert piece of matter and turn it into a beautiful flower or a ripe red tomato? Could it be that Jesus' focus may have been on the process it takes to produce the fruit-- the commitment a gardener must make to diligently prepare the soil, plant, water, weed and constantly tend to his garden if it is to produce much fruit when he said to Andrew and Philip, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”

During our Lenten renewal, are we willing to be like garden seeds and risk being split apart so that we can renew ourselves and grow into a life rich with abundance to share with others? Are we willing to dedicate ourselves to growing our faith and our relationship with Christ so that we may become the Christians God wants us to be? Equally as important, are we willing to let the world's greatest gardener nurture us, not by sun and water, but by His never-ending love and his promise to us each and every day? If so, then through our death and rebirth we, too, can produce much fruit, fruit that we can share with others through our service to them.



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I Call You Friend (Jn. 15:15)
 In the season of Lent, we hear the call of Jesus to come spend time with Him in silence and prayer. This is a special call...to be still...to listen...to allow Jesus to speak to our heart and call us His friend. You are invited to join us for a quiet day of prayer and reflection. Date: **Friday March 23, 2018**. Time: 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Eucharist at 11:30 A.M. Bring your own lunch (tea/coffee/ snacks provided). Location: Ignatian Spirituality Centre. Facilitator: Irene Miller. Fee: \$20.00 or free-will donation. To register, please contact the Ignatian Centre at 514-481-1064 or centre@ignatiancentremtl.ca.



*This week the Sanctuary lamp will burn in memory of
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 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 _____
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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) -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.

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March 18, 2018

Fifth 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)
Brian Weber (2019)
Don Taddeo (2019)
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