

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, April 13th

St. Martin I, pope
4:30 Christian Vincent by Delfina Legaspi

Sunday, April 14th

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
10:30 Kate and Ed Sampson
by Ann & Louis Mallette

Monday, April 15th

Monday of Holy Week
9:00 Lucia de Verteuil by Frances de Verteuil

Tuesday, April 16th

Tuesday of Holy Week
9:00 Agnes MacLellan by Louise MacLellan

Wednesday, April 17th

Wednesday of Holy Week
9:00 For a Special Intention

Thank you for your generous support of the 2019 Share Lent campaign!

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada thanks you for your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, the money collected in our parish will help support the actions of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope (available at the back of the church) in the collection or to donate online at devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

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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IN OUR PARISH

Paschal Triduum

Thursday, April 18th

Holy Thursday

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
All Deceased Priests
by Father MacEachen

Friday, April 19th

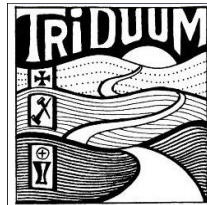
Good Friday

3:00 pm The Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 20th

Holy Saturday

7:30 pm Easter Vigil
All Deceased Parishioners of Ascension
by Father MacEachen



****FRAUDULENT EMAIL ALERT****

A number of parishioners have recently received email messages purported to be from Father MacEachen requesting your help. Please note that these are fraudulent and not from Father. Should you receive such a request do not respond but immediately delete the email message.

Flowers for Easter Donations are being accepted toward the purchase of flowers to decorate the church and altar for the Easter season. If you wish your donation to be made in memory of a loved one please include the names with your donation. Envelopes are available at the back of the church and should be received by this weekend in order to allow us time to organize the decor of our beautiful church during this joyous season.



REFLECTION

Two very different responses to our Lord's passion are highlighted during the Gospel reading from Luke today: the response of Simon of Cyrene and the response of Jesus' acquaintances. Of Simon we are told, "They took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus." Whether Simon entered willingly and compassionately into this service or whether he took up the Cross of Christ with a grudge, we don't know. What we do know is this: Simon did his part faithfully. He stayed near to Christ, carrying the Cross until our Lord reached Golgotha, the site of His crucifixion. We also know that Simon's family were among the first of the early Christians. Staying near to Christ, embracing the Cross (quite literally), transformed his life and the life of his family.



In contrast, near the end of this Gospel account we are told of another reaction to Jesus' passion and death, namely that "all His acquaintances stood at a distance." They knew Jesus! They had heard him preaching and teaching, witnessed His signs and miracles, maybe even benefited personally from them. Perhaps they did not participate in mocking Him or calling for His crucifixion. But they chose to stay a safe distance from Him when the going got tough. Unlike Simon, they refused to go too near to Christ. Where will you place yourself this week? Keeping your distance from all the pain and suffering Christ endured? Or close by, staying near to Him like Simon did? It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. It is by embracing the crosses in our lives, stewarding them well rather than trying to run from them, that we become His true disciples. www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

IN THE DIOCESE

Chrism Mass Everyone is invited to celebrate the Chrism Mass at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral **Wednesday, April 18th** 7:30 pm. During this Mass, the priests, deacons & representatives of the entire diocesan community join the Archbishop, who blesses the Holy Oils for use in the coming year.

Holy Land Commissariat in Canada Pontifical Collection of Good Friday The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled for Good Friday April 19. Each year on Good Friday, our parish is called to support Christians in the Holy Land, many of whom depend on the collection for their lives. As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

Way of the Cross Join us for our annual Way of the Cross which will be held on **Good Friday morning, April 19**, led by Archbishop Christian Lépine, throughout the streets and churches of Old Montreal. The event will start at 9:30 a.m. at Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel (400 St. Paul St. East) and will conclude at noon at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral. We invite everyone to this time of prayer, reflection and song.

Good Friday Blood Drive Archbishop Christian Lépine invites you the annual Good Friday Blood Drive **Friday, April 19** from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral. Members of the Héma-Québec team & volunteers will be there to welcome donors. For more info contact 514-832-5000 or hema-quebec.qc.ca

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 as soon as possible.

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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April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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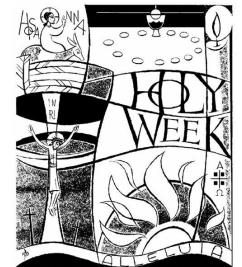
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MASS HOURS

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

Brian Weber (2019)
Don Taddeo (2019)
Bonnie Auger (2020)
Pino DiIoia (2020)
Louise MacLellan (2021)
Andrea Bobkowicz (2021)

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