

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, April 27th

Saturday within the Octave of Easter
4:30 John and Ann Blizchuk
by Ron & Maureen

Sunday April 28th

Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy
10:30 Andrew J. Bobkovicz
by Maura & Robert Wilkins

Monday, April 29th

St. Catherine of Siena

Tuesday, April 30th

St. Marie de l'Incarnation

Wednesday, May 1st

St. Joseph the Worker

Thursday, May 2nd No Mass

St. Athanasius

Friday, May 3rd

St. Philip and St. James

Saturday, May 4th

Bl. Marie-Léonie Paradis
4:30 Christina Flood by Lynn Loewen



*This week
the Sanctuary lamp
will burn in memory of
Alex Ang
by the family*

IN OUR PARISH

Be My Disciples ~The Ending of another year of Faith Formation for our Children

This weekend we celebrate our last Children's Gathering and Family Mass for this school year. Thank you to our volunteer catechists & substitutes who have helped our children deepen their relationship with Jesus:

MariaLuisa Vigano	Valerie Luzio
Louise Laplante	Gloria Odorizzi
Brenda Garcia	Alex Gil
Anna Romano	Raimonda Gambino
Patricia Smith	Maya Lavoye
Amberly Leasure	Emma Hunter
Nadia Borsellino	Sabrina Pedulla

Today we thank the Lord for the gifts each of you has shared with us in our parish's catechetical program. Our children, their families, and our entire faith community appreciate all that you have done to bring the children to a deeper understanding of the Church's teachings and the Lord's blessings.

Celebration of First Communion & Confirmation

Although our formal Be My Disciples lessons for the year are ended, the coming weeks will continue to be eventful, highlighted by the reception of sacraments. On Sunday, May 12th at the 10:30 Mass 23 children will receive their First Communion. Following that, on Saturday, June 1st the sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred upon 25 young people at an afternoon Mass. As a parish community let us pray for all our young people as they take these important steps of sacramental initiation on their journey of faith.

Mass Intentions

We have quite a few Masses without intentions, particularly on weekdays. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, or for another special intention, you are invited to contact the parish office to book a Mass time or the Sanctuary Lamp.

REFLECTION

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often called the story of "Doubting Thomas" but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ's mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord, especially for us, His modern-day disciples.

While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appeared to them after His resurrection. They were actually in hiding, cowering behind a locked door, paralyzed by fear and doubt. But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? Quite the contrary.

He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them authority to forgive sins. At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift!

This Sunday is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of this gift. Do we really appreciate its healing power? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often? We must also reflect on how well we extend mercy to others as Jesus did to Thomas that day.

Let's commit ourselves to becoming faithful disciples and stewards of Christ's mercy. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a "shout out" during His encounter with Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" — in His merciful love.

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IN THE DIOCESE

Archdiocesan Annual Collection The Annual Collection of the Archdiocese of Montreal will take place from April 28th to May 12th. The purpose of the Annual Collection is to support the most vulnerable parishes and to fund the various pastoral and social services for children, young people, seniors, immigrants and individuals experiencing homelessness and searching for meaning in their life. Envelopes will be available at the back of the church for your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

The Five Love Languages: Understanding How We Give and Receive Love Dr. Gary Chapman, pastor & author of the book "The Five Love Languages", teaches that there are five love languages that we all speak with one being our primary language. To be happier and more successful in our relationships, it is important to know each other's love language. Join us **Saturday, May 4th** 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in St. Monica's Parish hall (6405 Terrebonne). Led by Nathalie and John Bondyra you will identify the love languages, discover your primary love language, and recognize the love languages of your loved ones. Get ready for your best relationships ever! For info. and to register by May 1st, contact Anna at (514) 481-0267 ext 22 or anna.diodati@stmonica.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 _____
Email _____ Telephone _____

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 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy

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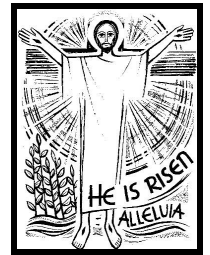
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MASS HOURS

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