

## MASSES THIS WEEK

### Saturday, November 30th

St. Andrew, Apostle  
4:30 Deceased Members of the Cross Family by Ron & Maureen Blizchuk

### Sunday, December 1st

First Sunday of Advent  
10:30 Frank H. Carlin by the Family

### Monday, December 2nd

9:00 Deceased members of the Garoia Garcia Quevedo family by Brenda Garcia

### Tuesday, December 3rd

St. Francis Xavier  
9:00 Souls of the Carvalho Gracias families by Effie Cordeiro

### Wednesday, December 4th

St. John Damascene  
9:00 Hon. Frederick Collins & Mrs. Irene Collins by their family

### Thursday, December 5th

*No Mass*

### Friday, December 6th

St. Nicholas  
9:00 Charlotte Jolicoeur by Bob & Maura Wilkins

### Saturday, December 7th

St. Ambrose  
4:30 Deceased Members of the Cross Family by Ron & Maureen Blizchuk

*This week  
the Sanctuary lamp  
will burn in memory of  
**Donald McElroy**  
by Joan Lamontagne*



## IN OUR PARISH

**Capital Campaign.** Our Capital Campaign is doing very well. Thanks to your generosity and to an anonymous donor who made an exceptional gift we have received pledges exceeding the \$900,000. If you have not made your contribution as of yet, please consider doing so at this time. Whatever the amount, it will be most appreciated and meaningful in helping us reach our goal.



**Election of Wardens Sunday, December 8th** immediately following the 10:30 Mass, a meeting of parishioners will take place in the Parish room for the purpose of electing two new church Wardens to replace those who are completing their term of office on December 31, 2019 To be eligible to be nominated as a Warden, the person must be 18 years or older, a Roman Catholic who resides within the boundaries of the parish. Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, will be accepted at the meeting. The Wardens term of office is 3 years, renewable once. Please contact Fr. MacEachen for more information, or to propose a nominee.

**Advent Mass of Concern** Next weekend we show our concern for our less fortunate neighbours through donations to our annual “Advent Mass of Concern” In your Sunday envelopes, you will find one for this Mass. If you do not have Sunday envelopes, a basket containing envelopes labelled “Advent Mass of Concern” will be available at the entrances to the church. Both cash and cheques (made out to Ascension of Our Lord Parish) are accepted. Your generosity in supporting our Advent project will help feed and shelter the homeless and poor this Christmas.

**Weekly Donation Envelope Boxes** Parishioners who use the envelope system for their parish contribution will find the 2020 boxes at the main entrance of the church this weekend. Please pick up only the box that has your name & number on it. Boxes are in alphabetical order. If you don't have a donation envelope box—but would like to make your weekly donations to the parish using this method, or if you have any questions please contact the parish office. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

**Advent Penitential Service Saturday, December 14th** at 10:30am we will have a short Advent penance service followed by confession. Avail yourself of this occasion to confess your sins in preparation for the Christmas season.

## REFLECTION

In faith and in hope we begin Advent this week with its first candle. With Mary and Joseph we wait for Christ. The candles are lighting the way for them – and for us! The coming light of Jesus lights both our waiting and our journey in life. May it shine the light of Christ into the darknesses of the year since last Christmas – bereavement, illness, depression, disappointments?

We prepare best for Christmas by spreading this light. The way to celebrate Christmas is rooted in our following of the gospel. Among our ways are care for the poor, some daily prayer, and the wish to forgive and be forgiven.

All the different images of Christmas prepare us for this birth – the carols we hear and sing, the lights in the streets, the star over the church and the ways we pray with anticipation and remember other Christmas days with joy. Everything of this month can remind us of God. The Christmas trees, lights, cards, carols, parties, Santa hats, the houses lit up with reindeer and all the things we see about Christmas, all remind us that God is near.

We welcome this light in the spirit of Pope Francis: “Those who have opened their hearts to God’s love, heard his voice and received his light, cannot keep this gift to themselves. Since faith is hearing and seeing, it is also handed on as word and light” (The Light of Faith, 37).

*Donal Neary. SJ*



**Ascension Choir Christmas Concert It's this Sunday!** The members of our Parish Choir invite all parishioners to join us this Sunday afternoon at 3:00pm. The concert will feature excerpts from Handel's Messiah. A wine & cheese reception (and sweets) will follow. Proceeds from the concert will go towards our Capital Fund Campaign specifically for the refurbishment of our beautiful heritage Casavant organ.

**Christmas Flowers to Decorate the Church** You are invited to make a donation toward the purchase of flowers to decorate the church & altar for the Christmas 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 & should be received by December 16th in order to allow us to plan the decor of the church during this holy season.

### **Resources for Advent Reflection and Prayer**

1. The “Praying Advent” website offers many helpful resources for individuals and families who want some help to begin the season of Advent and move through it well. There are a great variety of pages which will address the issues almost anyone is facing. In addition, there is a Daily Prayer for each day of Advent. Just Google “Praying Advent” or go directly to: [onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent)
2. Loyola Press Advent Resources [www.loyolapress.com/liturgical-year/advent](http://www.loyolapress.com/liturgical-year/advent) Includes interactive Advent calendars for adults, children and families, Advent activities for children and inspirational articles for all.
3. IgnatianSpirituality.com Ignatian contemplation and reflective prayer encourage us in the season of Advent. Resources include: Advent Weekly Prayer reflections, Video Reflections & Podcasts

**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.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code \_\_\_\_\_  
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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](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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**December 1, 2019**

**First Sunday of Advent**

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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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