

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, December 14th

St. John of the Cross
4:30 Special Intention
of Maureen and Ron Blizchuk

Sunday, December 15th

Third Sunday of Advent
10:30 The O'Driscoll and McCauley families
by Constance O' Donnell

Monday, December 16th

9:00 Hon. Frederick Collins
& Mrs. Irene Collins by their Family

Tuesday, December 17th

9:00 Souls of the Gracias-Doulton Families
by Effie Cordeiro

Wednesday, December 18th

9:00 Antonio, Iola and Gino Romano
by Cristina Maurizio

Thursday, December 19th No Mass

Friday, December 20th

Saturday, December 21st

St. Peter Canisius
4:30 Special Intention of Gary Cross
by Maureen and Ron Blizchuk

Christmas Flowers 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 & must be received by **December 16th** in order to allow us to plan our decor for this holy season.



IN OUR PARISH

Election of Wardens

At a meeting of parishioners held Sunday, December 8th, two wardens were elected: **Don Taddeo** was elected for a second term and **Madeline Varkay** was newly elected to serve a first mandate. Congratulations to both! We thank Brian Weber who served on the Board for two terms and who did a wonderful job. The term of office for the two new Wardens begins on January 1st, 2020.
Fr. MacEachen

Christmas Eve Children's Gospel Pageant

If you will be attending the 7:15 Mass on Christmas Eve, your children are invited to participate in the Children's Gospel Pageant. A long-time tradition, at this point, due to lack of participation, the Pageant may have to be cancelled this year. To sign up contact Linda Wiltshire after Mass, at the parish office or by email at wiltshirecl@msn.com **The deadline to sign up is Monday December 16th**. A short rehearsal will be held following Mass next Sunday,

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. 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.

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.

REFLECTION

Good news, Christian stewards — we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will come again in triumph one day. Today's readings on this Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday are filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples. Such a day almost seems too good to be true, especially when we look around at the dire circumstances we face in our world at present. But by faith we know this day is coming. Lest we grow weary as we await the glorious day of Christ's return, St. James, in our second reading, offers wise counsel. "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord... Make your hearts firm... Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged."

This is excellent advice for us Christian stewards as we face the challenges of everyday life in our broken world, especially in the hectic days that precede Christmas, when stress can make us and those around us less than our best selves. St. James reminds us that we can choose our response to both the great strains and the minor annoyances of life.

In other words, we can be good stewards of our attitude, "making our hearts firm" by practicing patience with others and refusing to give in to the temptation to complain. We can choose to see and rejoice in God's presence with us, no matter the circumstances surrounding us.

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Schedule of Christmas Season Masses

Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24th 7:15 p.m. Family Mass & Children's Gospel Pageant
9:00 p.m. Christmas Carols 9:30 p.m. Solemn Christmas Mass

Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25th 10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass

Feast of the Holy Family Saturday, December 28th 4:30 p.m. Sunday, December 29th 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Day **Feast of Mary, Mother of God**

Tuesday, December 31st 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 1st 10:30 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord Saturday, January 4th 4:30 p.m. Sunday, January 5th 10:30 a.m.

Advent Mass of Concern Have you shared in the parish Advent project by contributing to our Mass of Concern? Many of our less fortunate neighbours depend on our help for money to purchase food and other necessities at Christmas as well as throughout the year. Donation envelopes for this good work of the parish still available at the doors of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

IN THE DIOCESE

Come and See Evening-Call to the Priesthood The next 'Come and See' Evening will be taking place Friday, December 20, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish (71 Roosevelt Ave., TMR) These gatherings are intended for men who are discerning a vocation to follow Jesus as a priest and are an excellent opportunity for those who are discerning a call to the priesthood to share in fellowship and to explore their call together. For information or to reserve a spot, please contact Fr. Robert Clark at 514-903-6200 or mtlvocations@hotmail.com.

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.

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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December 15, 2019

Third 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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