

Saturday, December 21st

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

Sunday, December 22nd

Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:30 Intentions of John Vianney Cordeiro
by Effie Cordeiro

Monday, December 23rd

St. John of Canty

Tuesday, December 24th

The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Eve
7:15 The Deceased former Priests
of Our Parish
9:30 Eileen DeNeeve
by the Meditation Group

Schedule of Christmas Season Masses

Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24th
7:15 p.m. Family Mass
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.

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, why not consider doing so at this time and top up your 2019 donations! Whatever the amount, it will be most appreciated and meaningful in helping us reach our goal.



*This week
the Sanctuary lamp
will burn in memory of
Antonio Ang
by the Family*



Advent Mass of Concern Donations to our parish Advent project are still being accepted. 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, labelled Advent Mass of Concern, are still available at the doors of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

As our Advent preparations draw to a close and Christmas fast approaches, it is fitting that today's readings demonstrate the intensity of the Father's perfect and passionate love for each of us, culminating in the gift of His own Son, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day. In response to such an overwhelming gift, what can we do except offer our lives as gift in return, embracing a stewardship way of life with all the love and strength we have to give? In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we find an unparalleled example of one who embraced this way of life in St. Joseph, as he obeys God's call to him through the message of an angel. We never hear St. Joseph speak, but the Scriptures tell us he was always listening, attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit for his family. It was Joseph who found the stable where the baby Jesus would be born. No doubt it was Joseph who cleaned it up and prepared it for Mary and Jesus since we know that Mary was about to give birth. Joseph protected the family, guarded them, tended to their safety, their comfort, and their well-being at the expense of his own plans and preferences. Though we do not hear any words from St. Joseph his actions clearly show that he offered himself, his whole life, as a gift to his family through his strong guidance, protection and service. Let us imitate St. Joseph then as good stewards, giving our very lives to those around us in love and gratitude to God who has given us everything we have, especially His own Son, Jesus Christ. www.catholicsteward.com



In the Spirit of Christmas Giving: Thank You

- ✿ to all who so generously donated to our organ restoration fund at the Christmas Concert December 1st and to our choir for a wonderful and inspiring performance, as well as to the parish volunteers who assisted with the reception, ushering & other organizational needs of the concert
- ✿ to all parishioners for your goodwill & kindness in donating to our Advent Mass of Concern which will assist many of our less fortunate neighbours to purchase food and other necessities this Christmas
- ✿ to the children in our Be My Disciples program who donated 90 gifts and to "mom-elves" Laura Mulette and Amberly Leasure who delivered the gifts to Share the Warmth which will allow needy parents to select Christmas gifts for their children this year.

IN THE DIOCESE

Young Adult Retreat Come enjoy a weekend in conversation, music and reflection in the Laurentians at Camp Kinkora (Lac de la Borne, QC) **January 10-12, 2020** to learn more about who you are, how God made you with purpose & what plans God has in store for you. For young adults, ages 18-26. Retreat includes an online Clifton Strengths Assessment™, 2-night accommodation, food & other activities. Cost: \$195 + hst Contact: Barry@emergentstrengths.com or Elizabeth@emergentstrengths.com

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 _____

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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December 22, 2019

Fourth 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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