

**Saturday, February 23rd**

St. Polycarp  
4:30 Deceased members of the Quinlan family by Hugh & Kathleen Quinlan

**Sunday, February 24th**

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:30 Kate and Ed Sampson by Ann & Louis Mallette

**Monday, February 25th**

9:00 For a special Intention

**Tuesday, February 26th**

9:00 For a special Intention

**Wednesday, February 27th**

9:00 For a special Intention

**Thursday, February 28th No Mass**

**Friday, March 1st**

9:00 For a special Intention

**Saturday, March 2nd**

4:30 The McCauley and O'Donnell Families by Constance O'Donnell

**Multiple Chemical Sensitivity** Exposure to scented products such as perfume and cologne can aggravate health problems for some people. In our parish we have a number of parishioners who are extremely sensitive to scented products to the point that they are not able to attend Mass or must leave the church before the end of Mass. We ask you to be thoughtful of the needs of these members of our parish community and invite you to refrain from wearing these artificially scented products at Mass. Thank You! Your thoughtfulness and assistance is greatly appreciated.

**Lent 2019** Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday**, this year on **March 6th**. It commences a yearly journey of the whole Church in preparation for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery at Easter. During Lent we are invited and encouraged to pay closer attention to God's Word through more fervent prayer, penance and almsgiving. These 40 days prepare us to be more in line with our roots and aware of the journey we began at Baptism toward our Eternal destiny. On Ash Wednesday we will have two Masses, at **9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**, with blessing and distribution of ashes. We hope this will provide all parishioners with the opportunity to begin their Lenten journey in prayer and devotion.

**2018 Tax Receipts** The 2018 Donation Tax Receipts are ready. You can pick them up at the back of the church, arranged in alphabetical order. If your family is registered under two names, you should check under both names if you can't find your receipt. For any queries email: ascensionparish375@gmail.com or call the Parish Office on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning. Also, if you have not already done so, please remember to pick up the box containing the envelopes for your 2019 parish donations.

**Mass Intentions** We still have many weekday Masses without intentions. 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.



In today's Gospel, taken from the sixth chapter of Luke, Jesus offers a very challenging, seemingly impossible approach to daily life. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak do not withhold even your tunic." It makes one want to say, "Seriously, Lord?" And He doesn't stop there. Jesus adds, "Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back."

It seems so unfair! That is, unless we look at this way of life from a stewardship point of view. Then, not only does it seem doable (though challenging), it actually makes perfect sense. A steward understands clearly that all he has and all that he is — his very life — is a gift from God given to him from an unfathomable abundance of love. This changes everything! This means "my" cloak, "my" tunic, "my" money and time — all of it ultimately belongs to God. He has entrusted these things to each of us in love to use for His purposes and His glory.

Does this mean we are to be passive "doormats" to anyone who wants to take advantage of us? Certainly not. Jesus explains this in the next verse of this passage when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." There is nothing wrong with loving oneself since God loves us and has made us in His own image and likeness. Jesus is simply asking that we also approach others, and the sharing of our gifts, with this same attitude. He is giving us a definition here of real love, a steward's love!

<http://www.catholicsteward.com/blog/>

**IN THE DIOCESE**

**St. Monica's Parish: Video Divina** This year, Fr. Lloyd's film series, "The human journey to Wholeness", looks at movies from different cultural and religious traditions and considers how their deity invites believers to undertake the journey towards holiness which is wholeness. Join him **Friday, March 8th** at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory (6405 Terrebonne) to view the film "My Father, My Lord". Free admission & popcorn, with discussion to follow! For more info., contact Fr. Lloyd Baugh, S.J. 514-481-0267 ext. 32 or lloyd.baugh@stmonica.ca.

**"The Scared, The Scarred and Our Sacred Duty" Wednesday, March 13th**, St. Matthias' Church will be hosting an information forum on the topic of human trafficking and forced labour/modern slavery. The Keynote speaker is Anthony Housefather, chair of Commons' Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights. The committee has just released a report "Moving Forward In The Fight Against Human Trafficking In Canada", which will be central to his presentation. The event will take place at Victoria Hall. Doors open at 6:15, program from 7-9:30pm. Light refreshments will be served. Free admission. For more info. or to register contact: stmatthias.forum@gmail.com



*This week the Sanctuary lamp will burn in memory of Daniel C. Lopez by the family*

**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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**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 ASAP.

**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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# Ascension of Our Lord Parish



**February 24, 2019**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Love  
YOUR  
enemies  
DO  
good  
TO  
those  
WHO  
hate  
YOU  
Luke 6:27

**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)  
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Louise MacLellan (2021)  
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**OFFICE HOURS** Monday to Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM or by appointment