

Saturday, March 2nd

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

Sunday, March 3rd

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 Mr. & Mrs. Kurt & Linda Krause by the Estate

Monday, March 4th St. Casimir

9:00 For a special intention

Tuesday, March 5th

9:00 Francis X. Finn by Patrick Finn

Wednesday, March 6th Ash Wednesday

9:00am For a special intention

7:00pm For a special intention

Thursday, March 7th St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

Felicity

No Mass

Friday, March 8th St. John of God

9:00 For a special intention

Saturday, March 9th St. Frances of Rome

4:30 Lorraine Cleyn by the Pallett family

Sunday, March 10th

First Sunday of Lent

10:30 Germaine and Leonard Mallette

by Ann & Louis Mallette

Monday, March 11th

9:00 For a special intention

Tuesday, March 12th

9:00 For a special intention

Wednesday, March 13th

9:00 The Gray-Donald Families

by Janet & Dick Macklem

Thursday, March 14th **No Mass**

Friday, March 15th

9:00 For a special intention

Saturday, March 16th

4:30 Alex and Roy Myronick by Ron & Maureen

March 10th the Sanctuary lamp will burn in memory of **Leonardo Umale** by the family

Ash Wednesday ~ Beginning of Lent Wednesday, **March 6th** is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the holy season of Lent. 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. Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are universal days of fast and abstinence from meat. All who are between the age of 18-59, in good health, are required to fast. Fasting means we can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, but combined they should be less than a full meal.

This Selection of online Lent Resources offer a wide variety of articles, activities, & other resources to aid you in your journey of spiritual renewal during Lent. <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>
<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent>
<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent>

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imitation of Jesus, we should ask the Holy Spirit to lead us into the desert, too – the desert of our interior lives where our thoughts and desires reside.

While our Lord was strong enough to withstand the temptations of the devil on His own, we most certainly are not! We must turn to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to show us where we need to grow, and then rely on the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance throughout these 40 days of growth. Perhaps we will be led to take on a spiritual reading program, or a daily time of meditation on the Scriptures. Maybe we'll be inspired to fast from our favorite food or social media fix and find a project that serves the poor in this community.

If these spiritual exercises hurt a little, that means we are doing them right! At the end of this season, we will be prepared to enter into the grace-filled days of the Triduum and we will, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be resurrected as a new creation with our Lord come Easter. Let us begin!

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

Share Lent 2019 For this year's Share Lent, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada and Pope Francis invite us to reach out and encounter migrants and refugees. The Pope has reminded us that, "Faith is an encounter with Jesus, and we must do what Jesus does: encounter others." Together, we are invited to open our hearts and foster a culture of encounter – a culture that requires a deep commitment to go towards others, to stop, listen and really see them, and to give a little of ourselves.

How? Read the Development and Peace Share Lent materials as a way to encounter children, women and men who have been forcibly displaced and to learn how their partners are making a difference. Materials to support our campaign can be found at the back of the church. We encourage you to take some home.

IN THE DIOCESE

"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

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 Fr. 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 Communion. We can also send you a copy of our Parish bulletin. Call 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.** Visit 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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**March 3, 2019
March 10, 2019**

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Sunday of Lent**

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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)
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