

## MASSES THIS WEEK

## IN OUR PARISH

## REFLECTION

### **Saturday, March 23rd**

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo  
4:30 For a Special Intention  
by Ron & Maureen

### **Sunday, March 24th**

Third Sunday of Lent  
10:30 Kate and Ed Sampson  
by Ann & Louis Mallette

### **Monday, March 25th**

The Annunciation of the Lord  
9:00 For a Special Intention

### **Tuesday, March 26th**

9:00 Agnes MacLellan by Louise MacLellan

### **Wednesday, March 27th**

9:00 Agnes MacLellan by Louise MacLellan

### **Thursday, March 28th No Mass**

### **Friday, March 29th**

9:00 Maude Patersen by Joyce MacNamara

### **Saturday, March 30th**

4:30 Catherine and Nicholas Myronick  
by Ron & Maureen



### **Meal at Welcome Hall Mission**

Next **Sunday March 31st** we will be providing and serving food for approximately 250 people less fortunate than us at the Welcome Hall Mission. We do this by pre-preparing a meal and dessert. Along with this we serve soup, bread and juice. **This weekend we are supplying pans and recipes for the meal and dessert.** If you are unable to prepare something, we gladly accept cash donations to buy the other items. We serve between 250 and 270 people, so we need all the help we can get. The Welcome Hall staff as well as the clients have been most impressed and grateful for our past meals. For additional information, please contact Aletha Thompson at 514-482-5660 or see a volunteer at the back of the church.

### **Share Lent 2019 Week 3**

*Share the journey with the Rohingyas of Myanmar*

Facing persecution and violence, 723,000 Rohingyas have fled Myanmar since August 2017 and taken refuge across the border, in neighbouring Bangladesh. Development and Peace's long-time partner Caritas Bangladesh is working hard to restore some dignity to these people who simply yearn to live in peace. Thanks to your donations, Caritas Bangladesh has been able to provide temporary shelters, access to clean water, safe latrines and showers for women and girls, and hygiene kits, and to raise awareness among refugees about safety issues. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of the Rohingya! [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give)

### **Flowers for Easter**

You are invited to make a donation toward the purchase of flowers to decorate the church and altar for the Easter 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 and should be received by April 14th in order to allow us time to organize the decor of our beautiful church during this most holy and joyous season.

Today's Gospel passage reminds us that life is precious and the gift of time on this earth is just that — a gift. None of us knows how much time will be granted to us, so it is urgent that we use this gift intentionally to glorify God and serve our neighbor.

Jesus offers the parable of the fig tree to further illustrate this truth. The owner of the orchard came searching for fruit on a fig tree he'd had planted in his orchard. Finding no fruit on the tree after three years, he told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener intercedes and asks for one more year to cultivate and fertilize the tree in hopes it would bear fruit in the future. The fig tree was not dying; it simply wasn't doing much of anything at all. Can this be said of us and our lives as well?



The season of Lent is a time to reflect carefully on the way we spend our time. Do we give first priority to God, tending to our spiritual growth and sacramental life with diligence? Do we give next priority to our loved ones, focusing intentionally on them each day without distractions from phones, screens or thoughts of work? If not, now is the moment to repent of our waste of time or of misplaced priorities on our use of time. God is merciful but just. Let's turn to Him and ask Him to make our lives fruitful while we still have time to do so.

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

## IN THE DIOCESE

### **Diocesan Lenten Mission 2019**

Come join Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, Episcopal Vicar, and the members of his diocesan team as together we explore what it means to be missionary disciples: living out Jesus' call to be holy, to bear witness, and to serve generously. The Mission will take place at St. Monica's Parish Hall (6405 de Terrebonne) this **Monday March 25 to Wednesday, March 27**, 7 to 9 p.m., and will feature elements of teaching, witness, praise, and worship. For more info. or to register contact Rita Maisonneuve (514-925-4300 ext. 229). All are welcome!

### **Come, Rest in my Heart, Lenten Day Retreat**

In the season of Lent, we hear the call of Jesus to come spend time with Him in silence and prayer. This is special call...to be still...to listen...to allow us to rest with Jesus and to once again become acquainted with his heartfelt love for us. You are invited to join us **Thursday April 4**, 9:00am-3:00pm at The Ignatian Centre ( 4567 West Broadway) for a quiet day of prayer and reflection led by Irene Miller. Cost: \$20 contribution appreciated. For more info. contact Mary Tel. 514-481-1064 or by email:[centre@ignatiancentermtl.ca](mailto:centre@ignatiancentermtl.ca)

**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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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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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**March 24, 2019**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

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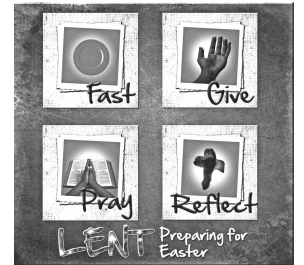
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**MASS HOURS**

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 Diloia (2020)  
Louise MacLellan (2021)  
Andrea Bobkowitz (2021)

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**OFFICE HOURS** Monday to Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM or by appointment