

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, November 16th

St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
4:30 The Souls in Purgatory
by Ron & Maureen Blizchuk

Sunday, November 17th

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day of the Poor
10:30 Germaine and Leonard Mallette
by Ann & Louis Mallette

Monday, November 18th

Dedication of the Basilicas
of Saints Peter and Paul
9:00 Philip Griffin by Margaret Griffin

Tuesday, November 19th

9:00 Mary Carvalho
by her grand-daughter Effie Cordeiro

Wednesday, November 20th

9:00 Michael Murphy by his Irish Friends

Thursday, November 21st No Mass

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, November 22nd

St. Cecilia
9:00 Helen Rainville by Kathleen Toomey

Saturday, November 23rd

St. Clement I; St. Columban
4:30 The Souls in Purgatory
by Ron & Maureen Blizchuk

IN OUR PARISH

Capital Campaign

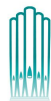
Our Capital Campaign is doing very well. Thanks to your generosity and to an anonymous donor who made an exceptional gift we have received pledges exceeding the \$900,000. The Committee has now set a new Campaign goal of 1.3 million dollars in order to provide the parish with a contingency fund to address additional and unforeseen repairs and renovations. Even more important, at the moment, we have a participation rate of less than 30% of registered parishioners. We need to make a statement as a parish and arrive at a participation rate of at least 50% of our parishioners. 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.

Ascension Choir Christmas Concert The members of our Parish Choir would like to invite all parishioners to join us **Sunday, December 1st, at 3:00pm** for an afternoon concert featuring seasonal choral music under the direction of our Music Director, David Szanto. The concert will highlight our rich choral tradition and our beautiful heritage Casavant organ. The proceeds will be directed to our Capital Campaign fund.

Election of Wardens On **Sunday, December 8th** immediately following the 10:30 Mass, a meeting of parishioners will take place in the Parish room for the purpose of electing two new church Wardens to replace the two who are completing their term of office on December 31, 2018. To be eligible to be nominated as a Warden, the person must be 18 years or older, a Roman Catholic who resides within the boundaries of the parish. Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, will be accepted at the meeting. The Wardens term of office is three years, renewable once. Please contact the Father MacEachen for more information, or to propose a nominee.

Sunday Missals 2020 The Living with Christ Sunday Mass books still are available for sale at the back of the church. The cost is \$5 each. Only a few remain so purchase your copy as soon as possible & write your name in your book.



REFLECTION

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, our readings offer a sobering reminder that this life is not our ultimate aim, and that God's justice will triumph in the end. Now is the time to get our priorities in right order, putting God first above all else as his faithful stewards.

Our Lord brings home the urgency of right priorities in our Gospel passage from Luke, reminding the people around him who were looking at the temple nearby, "All that you see here — the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." All in this world is passing, our Lord reminds. We must keep our focus on eternity.

Yet, before the eternal bliss of heaven, we should expect to be tried and tested. "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name."

Sounds scary. But if you are living a stewardship way of life, there is nothing to fear. You have a plan in place. All you need to do is stick with it. Put our Lord first in your time, with your talents and through your use of treasure. This way of life is not meant to be easy. But Jesus promises it will lead to eternal salvation and the joy of union with Him. "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

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Book of Remembrance Throughout the month of November a Book of Remembrance is available at the back of the church. You are invited to inscribe in it the names of family & friends whom you would like remembered in prayer by our parish community at Mass during this month.

IN THE DIOCESE

World Day of the Poor November 17th. Pope Francis says in his World Day message: The hope of the poor shall not perish forever. The Pope rests upon the written word of God and mobilizes the Church to adopt "the option for those who are least, those whom society discard and adds that it is a priority that Christ's followers are called to pursue, so as not to impugn the Church's credibility but to give real hope to many of our vulnerable brothers and sisters." We can listen prayerfully this year to the realities of our own community and act in whatever way we can to alleviate the suffering of those who are most vulnerable.

2019-20 PILLARS TRUST FUND CAMPAIGN The Pillars Trust Fund has again chosen St. Jean-Marie Vianney, patron saint of parish priests worldwide, to be the special patron of its 2019 campaign. One of the foundational "pillars" of the Fund is the Diocesan Priesthood Guild (DPG), with over a million dollars in grants given to the DPG for the education of seminarians. Pillars is the only fundraising organization working on behalf of Montreal's English-language Catholic Community and has many additional funding commitments! More information can be found in the Pillars envelopes available at the back of the church. Donations can be made online at www.pillarstrust.org or by mail to 2005 St. Marc Street, Montreal QC, H3H 2G

*This week the Sanctuary lamp
will burn in memory of
Gloria Zorrilla Monfort
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 _____
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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November 17, 2019

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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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