

## MASSES THIS WEEK

**Saturday, November 23rd**  
 St. Clement I; St. Columban  
 4:30 The Souls in Purgatory  
 by Ron & Maureen Blizchuk

**Sunday, November 24th**  
 Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 King of the Universe  
 10:30 Freda Baylis by her son Richard

**Monday, November 25th**  
 St. Catherine of Alexandria

**Tuesday, November 26th**  
 9:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 by Effie Cordeiro

**Wednesday, November 27th**  
 9:00 Michelina Pistilli by Fr. MacEachen

**Thursday, November 28th No Mass**

**Friday, November 29th**  
 9:00 Sister Lucy Curran, CND  
 by Eileen & Bill Curran

**Saturday, November 30th**  
 St. Andrew, Apostle  
 4:30 Deceased Members of the Cross  
 Family 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. 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 invite all parishioners to join us **Sunday, December 1st, at 3:00pm** for an afternoon concert featuring excerpts from Handel's Messiah, under the direction of our Music Director, David Szanto. Proceeds from the concert will go towards our Capital Fund Campaign specifically for the refurbishment of our beautiful heritage Casavant organ.

**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.

**Welcome Hall Mission: Thank You! Thank You** Due to your amazing generosity, we feed approximately 350 (a record for us!) hungry, cold people a wonderful, nutritious meal on Sunday November 17 at Welcome Hall. Our food was greatly appreciated. Also, due to your continued financial support we purchased much appreciated adult diapers & some protein rich food for Chez Doris. Thank you to Aletha Thompson for her leadership in this project and all the amazing cooks, servers and donors from our parish community!

## REFLECTION

On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And it is an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant leaders — stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom.

In our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians, Paul describes the great power and dignity that characterize Christ the King. "All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together." It makes you want to stand up and cheer. That's our King.

Yet, what a contrasting description of the same King we find in our Gospel passage from Luke. Now, we see our King nailed to the Cross. Everyone from rulers, to soldiers, to the criminals on either side of Christ is mocking Him. They tauntingly urge Him to prove His kingship by coming down from the Cross to end His suffering with a great show of power. "if you are the King of the Jews, save yourself."

But He does not. Amazingly, it is in this moment of seeming weakness that the full breadth of His greatness as king is displayed. Though all things were created through and for Him — Christ chooses to live entirely for others, for us!

What does this mean for us as His followers and stewards of His kingdom? Precisely that our lives are not about us. They are about Christ and others. And we will advance his kingdom to the extent that we embrace this mindset: my life is not about me; it is about serving the King of kings. [www.catholicsteward.com](http://www.catholicsteward.com)

**Christmas Flowers to Decorate the Church** You are invited to make a donation toward the purchase of flowers to decorate the church and altar for the Christmas 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 December 16th in order to allow us to plan the decor of the church during this holy season.



## IN THE DIOCESE

**Come and See Evening-Call to the Priesthood** The next 'Come and See' Evening will be taking place **Friday, November 29, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** at Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish (71 Roosevelt Ave., TMR) These gatherings are intended for men who are discerning a vocation to follow Jesus as a priest and are an excellent opportunity for those who are discerning a call to the priesthood to share in fellowship and to explore their call together. For information or to reserve a spot, please contact Fr. Robert Clark at 514-903-6200 or [mtlvocations@hotmail.com](mailto:mtlvocations@hotmail.com).

**2019-20 PILLARS TRUST FUND CAMPAIGN** The Pillars Trust Fund has 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 more 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](http://www.pillarstrust.org) or by mail



*This week  
 the Sanctuary lamp  
 will burn in memory of  
**Luciano 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.

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 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code \_\_\_\_\_  
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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](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.

