

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, February 1st

4:30 Donald McElroy by the Family

Sunday, February 2nd

The Presentation of the Lord

World Day for Consecrated Life

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

Monday, February 3rd

St. Blaise; St. Ansgar

Tuesday, February 4th

9:00 Fernand DeVerteuil
by Frances DeVerteuil

Wednesday, February 5th

St. Agatha

Thursday, February 6th No Mass

St. Paul Miki and Companions

Friday, February 7th

Saturday, February 8th

St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita
4:30 Gloria Zorrilla Monfort by the Family

IN OUR PARISH



Thank You Martha Barrington, our parish secretary has retired after 10 years of working for Ascension. On behalf of all the staff and parishioners of Ascension we express our gratitude to Martha for her long service and the quality of her work, most especially her congenial manner and loyalty. Enjoy your retirement Martha, and thank

you for agreeing to continue as you have in the past volunteering in various ways. *Father MacEachen*
World Day of the Sick Tuesday February 11th, the Memorial of our Lady of Lourdes, is *World Day of the Sick*. To mark this occasion next **Sunday February 9th** we will have a communal Celebration of the Sick at our 10:30am Mass. Who may be anointed? The Church offers this sacrament of the sick to those who are seriously ill or feeble because of old age. This includes those who suffer from serious chronic illnesses; patients before serious surgery; elderly people who are weak. All who feel they are in need of the graces and strength of this sacrament are invited to receive it. If you have any questions you can chat with Father who will explain the sacrament to you.

Capital Campaign Our Capital Campaign continues throughout this 2020 New Year. Thanks to your generosity and to an anonymous donor who made an exceptional gift we are doing very well. If you have not made your Contribution as of yet, why not consider doing so at this time. Whatever the amount, it will be most appreciated and meaningful in helping us reach our goal.

Mass Intentions We have quite a few Masses without intentions, particularly on weekdays. 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. The stipend is \$20.



REFLECTION

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, when Mary and Joseph brought their infant Son to the Temple in obedience to the laws of their Jewish faith. This is a beautiful, and in many ways, mysterious feast — and one that is filled with lessons for a stewardship way of life.

Our Gospel passage from Luke, recounting the details of the Presentation, teaches us a stewardship lesson through the example of St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother, the “Holy Parents.” Even knowing their Son was God, they still carefully observed the faith practices of their day bringing him to the temple “to present Him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord.” Later in the passage we read that, “When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to their own town of Nazareth.” The Holy Parents were good stewards of their child, teaching Him to live in obedience to the practices of their faith from His infancy and throughout His “growing up” years. Those of us entrusted with the care of children — whether our own children, godchildren, nieces, and nephews, grandchildren, or students — have a vital role to play in the faith formation of these young ones. We, like the Holy Parents, must steward these children well, forming them in the faith by both instruction and example throughout their lives.

What a privilege and high calling we have as Christian stewards. Let us take these stewardship lessons to heart and present our gifts and our young ones joyfully to the Lord.

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IN THE DIOCESE

World Marriage Day

Following Pope Francis’ invitation to use to occasion of St. Valentine’s Day to support and encourage married couples to grow in love and in mercy (The Joy of Love, n. 208), the Archdiocese of Montreal is inviting all couples, parishes and communities to celebrate World Marriage Day February 9th. The Centre for Marriage, Life and the Family is happy to collaborate with the Worldwide Marriage Encounter to promote this special day. On Saturday, **February 8th**, there will be a bilingual Mass presided by Archbishop Christian Lépine at Mary, Queen of the World Cathedral at 5 p.m. During this Mass, couples will be invited to remember the day of their marriage and renew their wedding vows.

Friends of Mercy

Created in conjunction with Pastoral Home Care, the main objective of Friends of Mercy is to encourage members of the parishes in our Archdiocese to become aware of the large number of those in need, to pray for the sick, for their families and for all members of the association. All Friends of Mercy are invite on the 11th of each month to offer their day for the intentions of the sick, their families and the volunteers who minister to them. In addition, we pray for all members of the association, our community partners and the parishes involved in caring for the sick. New members will be asked to sign pledge form and will receive a certificate of participation signed by Archbishop Christian Lépine. If you would like to participate contact Arlene Provotiaux at arlene2155@videotron.ca



*This week
the Sanctuary lamp
will burn in memory of
Eugenia Enrile
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.ascensionoffourlord.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.

