

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, February 8th

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

Sunday, February 9th

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 The O'Donnell & McCauley Families
by Constance O'Donnell

Monday, February 10th

St. Scholastica

Tuesday, February 11th

Our Lady of Lourdes
World Day of the Sick

Wednesday, February 12th

9:00 Hon. Frederick Collins &
Mrs. Irene Collins by their Family

Thursday, February 13th No Mass

Friday, February 14th

St. Cyril and St. Methodius

Saturday, February 15th

4:30 Catherine & Nicholas Myronick
by Maureen & Ron Blizchuk



IN OUR PARISH

World Day of the Sick Tuesday February 11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses.

The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. The theme of this year's observance is "Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest," taken from Matthew's Gospel (11:28). Pope Francis is urging the human warmth and personalized approach of Christ, the Good Samaritan, in healthcare professionals, workers and volunteers.

To mark the occasion this weekend we will have a communal Celebration of the Sick at our 10:30am Sunday Mass. Who may receive this Holy Anointing? The Church offers the sacrament of anointing to those who are seriously ill or who are 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.

Food for the Hungry Thanks to your recent generosity, we were able to deliver a sizable amount of food items to St. Willibrord's Food Bank. However, please remember that hunger is ongoing and your continued support is appreciated. Don't forget to bring at least 1 non-perishable food item to Mass every weekend. Donations can be left in the special bins located to the right of the main Altar & at the back of the church. These food items will be brought to St. Willibrord's Food Bank to be distributed to the needy.

***Please note that the bins are for food items only.

Unfortunately we are unable to accept used clothing or household items.

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's readings are part pep talk and part marching orders for us Christian stewards. They offer wonderfully clear guidance on what matters most to God in the way we prioritize our lives and the way He intends for us to use the gifts He has given us.

The first reading, from the prophet Isaiah, gives us very straightforward instructions: "Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own." The Lord gives no wiggle room here — care for our brothers and sisters in need is a "must do" for the Christian steward.

But note how generous our God is to us when we do these things. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your wound shall quickly be healed." The more we give ourselves away the more we will find ourselves, and "light shall rise" for us in the form of more of God's grace in our lives and more joy and peace in our hearts.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew sends us out on our stewardship way with a bang as Jesus declares to us, His disciples, that we are the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." But, He adds, salt no longer gives flavor if allowed to go stale — light cannot bring its blessed brightness if left hidden. Therefore, we must act! We must live our lives so that others will see the things that we do — the ways that we serve others, care for the vulnerable, prioritize our family relationships and above all, our love for God — and then give Him glory.

This is the stewardship way of life. Let's give it our all!

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IN THE DIOCESE

Friends of Mercy

Created in conjunction with Pastoral Home Care, the main objective of Friends of Mercy is to encourage the 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 invited 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 a 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

Catholicism: The Pivotal Players

Bishop Robert Barron's film series illuminates people who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization. Join our guest presenters, Prof. Michael Van Dussen and Fr. Paul Geraghty, at St. Monica's Parish on **Wednesday evenings, February 12 and 19** 7:00 to 9:15 p.m. in the parish hall, as they help us to unlock the truth behind two of the Church's most influential people from the fourth and fifth centuries: St. Augustine and St. Benedict. For information, and to register by February 10, contact Anna at (514) 481-0267 ext. 222 or at anna.diodati@stmonica.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 _____
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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February 9, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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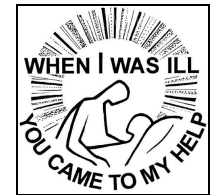
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**World Day of the Sick
February 11th**

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

*Bonnie Auger (2020)
Pino DiIola (2020)
Louise MacLellan (2021)
Andrea Bobkowicz (2021)
Don Taddeo (2022)
Madeleine Varkay (2022)*

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