

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, February 15th
4:30 Catherine & Nicholas Myronick
by Maureen & Ron Blizchuk

Sunday, February 16th
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30 Maurice and Dorothy Cussen
by Jean and Brian O'Neill

Monday, February 17th
The Seven Holy Founders
of the Servite Order

Tuesday, February 18th

Wednesday, February 19th
9:00 Jeannine Lalonde by her Husband

Thursday, February 20th No Mass

Friday, February 21st
St. Peter Damian

Saturday, February 22nd
Chair of St Peter, apostle
4:30 Mr. & Mrs. Côte de la Richeliere
by Joyce Macnamara

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.

IN OUR PARISH

2019 Tax Receipts The 2019 Donation Tax Receipts are ready. You can pick them up at the back of the church, arranged in alphabetical order. If your family is registered under two names, you should check under both names if you can't find your receipt. For any queries email: ascensionparish375@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office on Tuesday mornings. Thank you.

Lent 2020 Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, this year on **February 26th**. The Season of Lent prepares us for the Holy Season of Easter, the Resurrection of the Lord. Through more fervent prayer, fasting and almsgiving (charity) we ready ourselves spiritually to enter into this season. On Ash Wednesday we will have two Masses, at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., with blessing and distribution of ashes. We hope this will provide all parishioners with the opportunity to begin their Lenten journey in prayer and devotion. We invite you to join us for one of these Masses.

Voices of Spirit Choir, Duquesne University 2020 Tour will include 2 stops in Canada, and we are privileged to welcome them at Ascension of Our Lord on **Monday, March 2nd**, 7pm. Voices of Spirit is a mixed chamber/touring choir dedicated to the study and performance of choral music at an exceptional collegiate level. Come and enjoy this wonderful choral experience on their only Montreal stop!

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.

REFLECTION

Today's readings challenge us to reflect on the true state of our hearts as it relates to stewardship. Do we think of stewardship as something we take care of once a year, simply a matter of ticking off boxes on a commitment card — or do we choose to embrace it as a spirituality and way of life that allows us to grow in conformity to Christ every day?

Our first reading, from the book of Sirach, teaches that our good God has given us freedom to make this choice — “Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.” The concept of stewardship helps us to live out the fundamental choice to put God first. Stewardship is meant to be embraced as a way of life a life that involves a continuous conversion of heart.

In our Gospel passage, from Matthew, Jesus illustrates the difference between an external observance of the law and a true conversion of heart, saying, “You have heard that it was said... you shall not kill... But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.” Our Lord is asking us not only for exterior acts, but for a true change of heart. In stewardship terms, that means seeing everything as a gift from Him, to be used for His glory and the good of others.

In the week ahead, let us examine the state of our hearts to ask ourselves if we have chosen to allow stewardship to become a way of life for us. Only then we will experience its true depth and heart-changing possibilities. The choice is ours.

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IN THE DIOCESE

Come and See Evening-Call to the Priesthood The next 'Come and See' Evening will be taking place Friday, February 21, 6:30 - 8:00 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

St. Monica's Parish: Video Divina Fr. Lloyd Baugh, SJ, presents the ten films of Kieslowski's Decalogue. Loosely inspired by the “Ten Commandments”, the films are consistent in their sharp focus on the absolute primacy New Testament commandment to “love your neighbour as yourself”. Join him Friday, February 21 at 7 p.m. in the parish rectory to view the film " Decalogue Seven: Do Not Steal". Free admission & popcorn with discussion! For info. contact Fr. Lloyd at 514-481-0267 ext. 232 or lloyd.baugh@stmonica.c

The Ignatian Spirituality Centre: Living the Discerning Life Over the course of ten sessions, beginning **March 5th** 7:00-9:00pm, video conferences by Fr. Timothy Gallagher OMV will be used to guide us through St. Ignatius of Loyola's practical guidelines for the discernment of spirits, showing both their profound insight into the human soul and how they can assist us in understanding and navigating through the ups and downs of the spiritual life. Where: the Ignatian Centre (4567 West Broadway) Cost: \$100 (book included) For further info: contact Paul Empsall (514-626-9462) or Louise Eberwein (514-825-5198). Registration Deadline February 27th. To register: contact the Ignatian Centre at 514-481-1064, or email centre@ignatiancentremtl.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 16, 2020

Sixth 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

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

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