## MASSES THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH REFLECTION

#### Saturday, February 29th

4:30 Alex and Roy Myronick by Maureen and Ron Blizchuk

#### Sunday, March 1st

First Sunday of Lent 10:30 Kate and Ed Sampson by Ann & Louis Mallette

#### Monday, March 2nd

9:00 O'Donnell and McCauley Families by Constance O'Donnell

#### Tuesday, March 3rd

9:00 Tom Fleming by Helene and Patricia McCormack

Wednesday, March 4th

Thursday, March 5th No Mass

*Friday, March 6th* World Day of Prayer

#### Saturday, March 7th

St. Perpetua and St. Felicity 4:30 Catherine and Nicholas Myronick by Maureen and Ron Blizchuk

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

#### Share Lent 2020



The theme for Share Lent this year is "Our Common Home: Give from the Heart" Let's stand in solidarity with the defenders of the Earth! Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is encouraging us to support all those in the Amazon and the Global South who are caring for God's creation. How can we help? This week we focus on the tree of solidarity that is Development and Peace — Caritas Canada. In

1967, the Bishops of Canada sowed a seed of solidarity, seeking spiritual strength a nurture a movement for social justice. This seed took root and blossomed into a strong tree. Its roots are the thousands of Canadians who support the organization by donating time and money. Its branches are partners who flourish and help build a world of justice. Their work bears fruit for millions of people in the Global South who are taking charge of their own destiny. Consult the Mini-magazine to learn more about Development and Peace's work: <a href="https://documents.org/lent/resources">devp.org/lent/resources</a>.

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**Selection of Online Lent Resources** This list offers a wide variety of articles, activities, & other resources to aid you in your journey of spiritual renewal during Lent. *onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/* 

https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent

https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent

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 this 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!

As we begin the beautiful and challenging season of Lent, our readings this week remind us why we need these 40 days so much. They also suggest a particular strategy we Christian stewards might take as we make the journey towards Easter.

Our first reading takes us back to Genesis, reminding us of our Creator and the loving care and lavish gifts He gave to our ancestors, Adam and Eve. He created them out of pure love and provided abundantly for them. Life was good in the Garden! Until the first couple allowed just a sliver of doubt in the goodness of God to enter their minds. Swayed by the words of the serpent, they became ungrateful and distrustful despite God's great love and all the gifts of creation He had provided. Sound familiar? These same temptations threaten to pull us away from God today

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How did He do it? By knowing the Scriptures and by proclaiming them confidently. And by His perfect trust in the Father.

<u>www.catholicsteward.com</u>

#### IN THE DIOCESE

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 the 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 (bool 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.

**Lenten Retreat based on "The Wizard of Oz":** Pray through the adventures along the Yellow Brick Road to the Emerald City and Beyond. **Friday, March 6** - 7pm - 9:30pm and **Saturday, March 7** – 9am - 4:30pm, followed by Mass. Facilitated by: Catherine Cherry at the Ignatian Centre, 4567 West Broadway, H4B 2A7. Register at 514-481-1064 or centre@ignatiancentremtl.ca before February 27th. Cost \$30. Bring your own lunch and a bible.

St. Monica's Parish: Between Me and the Well – Lenten Retreat. During this retreat, we will ask for the grace to discern the voices that keep us from drinking from the One Well of Living Water. Jesus needed the desert experience to achieve this discernment, and so do we. Animated by Brent Walker on Saturday, March 14 9:30 am to 3:00 pm in the parish hall (6405 de Terrebonne) Bring your own lunch. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Suggested donation \$20 (or freewill offering gratefully accepted!) For info. & to register by March 10, contact Anna (514) 481-0267 ext. 222 or 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.

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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) -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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## March 01, 2020

## First Sunday of Lent

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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

#### By appointment. Please phone the rectory at least **Baptisms**

one month before.

**Confessions** Saturday from 4:00 to 4:15 PM

Sunday from 10:00 to 10:15 AM

Please give six months notice. Marriages

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.

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**OFFICE HOURS** Monday to Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM or by appointment

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