

**Saturday, March 7th**

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

**Sunday, March 8th**

Second Sunday of Lent  
10:30 Dr. Andrew Bobkowicz  
by Andrea and Aidan Bobkowicz

**Monday, March 9th**

St. Frances of Rome  
9:00 Lorraine and Otto Cleyn by the Family

**Tuesday, March 10th**

9:00 Letizia Randaccio by Louise Maclellan

**Wednesday, March 11th**

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

**Thursday, March 12th**      **No Mass**

**Friday, March 13th**

**Saturday, March 14th**

4:30 Josephine Fedele  
by Diane, Shirley, Hilda & Donna

**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.

**Share Lent Week 2 “Our Common Home: Give from the Heart”**

The focus this week is on Yesica: a voice that reverberates from the Amazon to the Synod. Yesica Patiachi Tayori of the Peru’s Harakbut Indigenous community was invited to the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon Region in October 2019. She said, “We, the Indigenous peoples, have been, are and will always be the guardians of the forest. But caring for our common home is everyone’s

responsibility, not just that of Indigenous peoples.” Development and Peace’s partner, the Amazonian Centre for Anthropology and Practical Application (CAAAP), helps the Indigenous peoples of the Amazon ensure that their rights and territories are respected. On this International Women’s Day, let us salute the courage of women like Yesica, who bravely lead the defence of the land, water and people. Watch Yesica’s testimony at [devp.org/campaign/yesica](http://devp.org/campaign/yesica). Information on this year’s campaign including envelopes for your donations, can be found at the back of the church

**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/](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/)  
<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent>  
<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent>

**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](mailto:ascensionparish375@gmail.com)  
Thank you



Our readings for this second Sunday of Lent offer us Christian stewards motivation to continue on our 40-day journey towards deeper holiness.

The first reading from the book of Genesis describes God’s call to Abram (who would later be called Abraham). God instructs Abram to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abram response is an ancient example of a good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable home and way of life, he recognizes that all he has is gift from God, puts his trust in God and obeys. And God rewards him saying, “I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.” To “be a blessing” is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, the extra acts of service we perform during this season — all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others.

Lest we grow weary on this path, our Gospel passage today, from Matthew, offers us a powerful image of the great God we serve. It is the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus, when our Lord reveals Himself in His true glory and the Father says, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” The apostles who witnessed this were awestruck. But our loving Savior reassured them saying, “Rise, and do not be afraid” to heart. Let us rely on God’s strength to aid us in our spiritual disciplines as we move through Lent. We will arrive at Easter with deeper holiness, as a blessing to God and others — and as better stewards of all God’s gifts to us.

[www.catholicsteward.com](http://www.catholicsteward.com)

**IN THE DIOCESE**

**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. 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](mailto:anna.diodati@stmonica.ca).

**Jesuits and First Nations: Towards a Spirituality of Reconciliation** Join us for a free, bilingual evening mini-retreat featuring Fr. Peter Bisson, SJ, former provincial superior of the Jesuits in English Canada and longtime advocate for justice and reconciliation committed to indigenous peoples. **Thursday, March 19,** 7 -9:30 pm. at the Villa Saint-Martin (9451 Gouin Blvd. W.). A time for quiet reflection following the talk will give participants space to reflect and prepare themselves for spiritual conversation at the end of the evening. Your donations to support our mission are welcome! For \$20, you can join Fr. Peter Bisson and other participants for supper at 5:30 p.m. Register for the dinner at 514-684-2311 ext. 0.

**Montreal Directed Retreats** *Be refreshed in body, mind and spirit...* Silent directed weekend retreat at La Maison de Prière Notre-Dame (180 De Normandie Blvd., Longueuil). Friday evening, **April 3rd** to Sunday afternoon. To register, & for more info, call 514-626-9462 or 514-633-1172 or visit [www.montrealretreats.org](http://www.montrealretreats.org)

**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](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.

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**March 8, 2020**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

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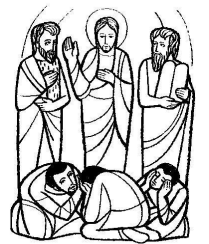
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**MASS HOURS**

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.

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