

**Saturday, March 14th**

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

**Sunday, March 15th**

Third Sunday of Lent  
10:30 Germaine and Leonard Mallette  
by Ann & Louis Mallette

**Monday, March 16th**

**Tuesday, March 17th**

St. Patrick  
9:00 Sr. Joyce Robert, CND  
by Kathleen Toomey

**Wednesday, March 18th**

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

**Thursday, March 19th** *No Mass*

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Principal Patron of Canada  
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**Friday, March 20th**

**Saturday, March 21st**

4:30 Deceased Members of the Blizchuk  
Families by Ron and Maureen Blizchuk

**Share Lent Week 3. The Mura: beset by**

**buffaloes, plagued by potash** For several years now, the Mura people of Brazil’s Amazonas state have sought to assert their claim to their ancestral lands. To their frustration however, it has been much easier for cattle herders and a potash mine to occupy and control those lands than it has been for them to have their rights respected. Development and Peace’s partner, the Indigenous Missionary Council (CIMI), helps them advocate for, defend and publicize their cause more effectively. “On behalf of the Mura in my region, I want to thank Canadians. We are very happy to have your support. It helps us in our struggle to have our rights and our land respected.” — Jeremias Oliveira, representative of the Mura community, Brazil Watch the Mura’s testimony at [devp.org/campaign/mura](http://devp.org/campaign/mura).

*Information on this year’s campaign including envelopes for your donations, can be found at the back of the church*

**Lenten Penitential Service** As part of our Lenten journey of conversion and renewal, the Church invites us to experience the healing, transforming power of the Lord’s mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On **Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** we will hold a communal celebration of this sacrament, with opportunity for individual confession. All parishioners are invited to attend and experience the joy of sacramental healing in preparation for Easter.

**Flowers for Easter** You are invited to make a donation toward the purchase of flowers to decorate the church and altar for the Easter season. If you wish your donation to be made in memory of a loved one please include the names with your donation. Envelopes are available at the back of the church and should be received by April 5th in order to allow us time to organize the decor of our beautiful church during this most holy and joyous season.

Today’s readings on this third Sunday of Lent present us with the theme of “thirst” and show us that a stewardship way of life can both satisfy our spiritual thirst for Christ and help us to satisfy Christ’s thirst for souls.

Our first reading, from the book of Exodus, begins with the words, “In their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses.” What little faith and lack of trust they show after all God has done to free them from slavery. But Moses cried out to God for help, and sure enough God provided generously to satisfy thirst. He continues to provide generously for us these many centuries later.

Our Gospel passage from John recounts the life-changing encounter Christ has with the Samaritan woman at the well beginning with His words to her, “Give me a drink.” Then, He adds, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” Christ is speaking the very same words to us today. These two verses encapsulate the call to stewardship. Christ asks us to “give him a drink” by sharing what we have with Him and with others for His sake. Yet, it is Christ Himself who provides the water — the living water that is His grace.

God has chosen to include us in His plan for bringing all people to salvation through Him. We live out our part in His plan through a stewardship way of life. This Lent, let us resolve to respond to His call with passion and commitment. Let us do our part to quench His thirst.

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**IN THE DIOCESE**

**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.

**Euthanasia and Vulnerability: A Catholic Response to MaïD** The Newman Centre welcomes this year’s speaker, Bishop Noël Simard of the Diocese of Valleyfield for the 2020 Marguerite D’Youville lecture. Join us **Saturday, March 21**, from 11 a.m.-12 noon at the Newman Centre (3484 Peel St). Spaces are limited. RSVP by March 19 at [director@newmancentre.org](mailto:director@newmancentre.org)

**Come and See Evening-Call to the Priesthood** The next 'Come and See' Evening will be taking place **Friday, March 20, 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](mailto:mtlvocations@hotmail.com)

*This week*

*the Sanctuary lamp*

*will burn in memory of*

**Uy Kin**

*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.

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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 15, 2020**

**Third 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**

**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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