

**December 6th, 2020    Second Sunday of Advent**

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK**

***Saturday, November 5th***

4:30 Aline Chrétien by Dr. Gaston and Maria Schwarz

***Sunday, December 6th***

Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 Teresa Gale by Frances de Verteuil & Michael Gale

***Monday, December 7th***

St. Ambrose

9:00 Sr. Lucy Curran, CND by Bill and Eileen Curran

***Tuesday, December 8th***

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 Lilia Salon-del Campo Mr. & Mrs. Danilo Corpus

***Wednesday, December 9th***

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

9:00 Sr. Alice Curran, SNJM by Bill and Eileen Curran

***Thursday, December 10th***

***No Mass***

Our Lady of Loreto

***Friday, December 11th***

St. Damasus I. pope

***Saturday, December 12th***

Our Lady of Guadalupe

National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples

4:30 Vincent Cosentino by Nadine Cosentino, Kenneth Berall, Vanessa, Melissa & Alexis Berall

*This week the Sanctuary lamp*

*will burn in memory of*

***Petronilo Enrile***

*by the Family*

## REFLECTION

We serve a merciful and patient God. In His kindness, He warns us that we will be called to make an account one day for the way in which we made use of the gifts He has given us.

The most precious gift He has given us is His own Son, Whose birth we are preparing to celebrate.

St. Peter describes the loving kindness of the Father in our Second Reading today, saying God “is patient with you, not wishing that anyone should perish but that all should come to repentance.” Yet, in the same passage we receive this warning: “The Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar... and the earth and everything on it will be found out.”

How are we to assimilate these two truths — the merciful love of God and the responsibility that comes with the privilege of living as His disciple? St. Peter tells us we should conduct ourselves “in holiness and devotion.” Indeed, this is the goal of our Advent “reset” — to return to living lives focused on Christ, in gratitude for all He has done for us.

In our Gospel passage from Mark, John the Baptist instructs us to “prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” We must make good use of the gift of time we have been given this Advent season. Let’s be sure to get to Confession, prioritize a daily reading the of Scriptures, and reach out to someone in need with a word of comfort or an act of service.

In this way, we will honor both the mercy and justice of our God, and we will be prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ and give account for all His gifts to us.

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## **Schedule of Masses ~ Christmas Season 2020**

### ***Christmas Eve***

Thursday, December 24th    6:30pm                      8:00pm                      9:30 pm

### ***Christmas Day***

Friday, December 25th        9:30am                      11:00 am

### ***Feast of the Holy Family***

Saturday, December 26th    4:30pm

Sunday, December 27th    10:30 am

### ***New Year’s Day    Feast of Mary, Mother of God***

Thursday, December 31st    4:30 pm

Friday, January 1st        10:30 am

### ***Epiphany of the Lord***

Saturday, January 2nd        4:30 pm

Sunday, January 3rd            10:30 am

***Please note that all above listed Masses require reservations via our website (www.ascensionofourlord.ca) and are limited to 25 persons per Mass.***

***Reservations for the Christmas Masses open December 14<sup>th</sup>.***

### **Weekly Donation Envelope Boxes**

Parishioners who use the envelope system for their parish contribution will find the 2021 boxes available at the main entrance of the church. Please be sure to pick up only the box that has your name and number on it. Boxes are in alphabetical order. If you are currently not able to attend Mass in person or if you don't have a donation envelope box—but would like to make your weekly donations to the parish using this method, or if you have any questions please contact the parish office. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

### **Election of Wardens**

On **Sunday, December 13th** immediately following the 10:30 Mass, a meeting of parishioners will be held in church for the purpose of electing two church Wardens to replace the two who are completing their term of office on December 31, 2020.

To be eligible to be nominated as a Warden, a person must be 18 years or older and a Roman Catholic who resides within the boundaries of the parish. Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, will be accepted at the meeting. The Wardens term of office is three years, renewable once. Please contact Father MacEachen for more information, or to propose a nominee.

### **Christmas Flowers to Decorate the Church**

You are invited to make a donation toward the purchase of flowers to decorate the church and altar for the Christmas season. If you wish your donation to be made in memory of a loved one please include the names with your donation. Donations should be received at the latest by December 20th in order to allow us to plan the decor of the church during this holy season.

### **Sunday Missals 2021**

The Living with Christ Sunday Mass books are available for sale at the back of the church. The cost is \$5 each. The supply is limited so you are encouraged to purchase your copy as soon as possible & write your name in your book.

If you are currently not able to attend Mass in person, but would like a Missal, please contact the parish to make arrangements to obtain one.

### **Resources for Advent Reflection and Prayer**

1. The “Praying Advent” website offers many helpful resources for individuals and families who want some help to begin the season of Advent and move through it well. There are a great variety of pages which will address the issues almost anyone is facing. In addition, there is a Daily Prayer for each day of Advent. Just Google “Praying Advent” or go directly to: [onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent](https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent)

2. Loyola Press Advent Resources [www.loyolapress.com/liturgical-year/advent](http://www.loyolapress.com/liturgical-year/advent)  
Includes interactive Advent calendars for adults, children and families, Advent activities for children and inspirational articles for all.

3. Ignatian contemplation and reflective prayer encourage us in the season of Advent. Resources include: Advent Weekly Prayer reflections, Video Reflections & Podcasts  
<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent/>

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***From the Diocese: An Advent microsite, just for you!***

The Diocese of Montreal has prepared a special microsite dedicated to Waiting in Joyful Hope and Welcoming Hope and Joy to help you and your families prepare for Advent and Christmas from your own home and at your own pace. Through a series of playlists, we invite you to dive deeper into the meaning of Advent and Christmas celebration in your own "home church."

These playlists contain suggestions of things to do, watching, listening and praying as we prepare our hearts for God's coming as a little child and are divided into 4 categories: children/families, teens, young adults and adults. We encourage you to visit:

<https://microsites.diocesemontreal.org/microsites/avent/en/home/>

***Mary Queen of the World Basilica: Sunday & Daily televised Mass in English***

Salt + Light will be broadcasting the English Mass celebrated at Mary Queen of the World across Canada. Mass will run daily at 8:30am and Sunday at 8:00am. Bishop Thomas Dowd has called on Catholic Action to reach out to our English-Speaking Catholic community to participate in this new and exciting project. They need English lectors, one reader per service as is the current protocol. Contact Judy Wong at [jwong@catholicaction.ca](mailto:jwong@catholicaction.ca)