

January 10th 2021

Baptism of the Lord

MASSES THIS WEEK

Father MacEachen will continue to privately celebrate daily Mass , including Announced Masses for requested intentions.

Saturday, January 9th

4:30 John & Anne Blizchuk by Ron & Maureen Blizchuk

Sunday, January 10th

Baptism of the Lord

10:30 Margaret Martin, Pat Butler McKeown, Peter Darcy McKeown & Barbara Mulcair
by Kathleen McKeown

Monday, January 11th

9:00 Fr. Yves Normandin by Joseph Blain

Tuesday, January 12th

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

9:00 Souls of the Gracias-Doulton Family by Effie Cordeiro

Wednesday, January 13th

St. Hilary

9:00 Pauline and Guy Benoit by a Friend

Thursday, January 14th No Mass

Friday, January 15th

9:00 Fr. Yves Normandin by Joseph Blain

Saturday, January 16th

4:30 Pauline and Family Members by T. Doyle

REFLECTION

Our Christmas season concludes with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus was not baptized because he needed to repent — rather, He was revealing who He is and what He came to do.

It is from His mission that we can receive the sacrament of baptism — when we become adopted sons and daughters of God. From that moment, we belong to Christ — we become His stewards. Our lives should be a reflection of this relationship. The way we live should reveal Whose we are.

In our First Reading, the prophet Isaiah shares a message of hope, “Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy?” We should ask ourselves, “Who is the king of our hearts?” As Christian stewards, it should be God. We often fill our lives with things that satisfy us only for a moment. If we truly do belong to Christ, then we will make Him our top priority. What we fill our lives with should reveal that He is King.

In our Gospel, Mark reveals the intimate relationship between God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus and God the Father proclaimed, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” We, too, have access to an intimate relationship with God. But like all good relationships, it flourishes with effort. How we spend our time and share our gifts says a great deal about Whose we are.

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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.

Sunday Missals 2021

The Living with Christ Sunday Mass books are still 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.

Closure of Churches: Measures tightened to curb spread of COVID-19

The Archdiocese of Montreal has advised all Montreal parishes, missions, and religious communities to close all places of worship, suspending gatherings for the celebration of Mass effective Saturday, January 9, 2021. This follows Wednesday's announcement by the Quebec government to return to stricter province-wide conditions of confinement, beginning January 9 through to February 8, 2021. Funerals will be permitted, but limited to a maximum of 25 people in attendance. Online Masses are permitted exclusively.

For more details on how the new measures will affect other areas of parish and sacramental life, ministries and services, you may consult the diocesan website for updates via this link:

<https://diocesemontreal.org/en/covid-19>

Pope Francis opens 2021 with a call to fraternity: “See in the other a brother or sister”

The first Pope Video of 2021 is centered on human fraternity. The Holy Father calls for people of different religions, cultures, traditions and beliefs to return to the essential: love of neighbor. The message chosen is in response to all the challenges facing humanity: the Holy Father asks that we open ourselves to each other and unite, as human beings and as brothers and sisters, “with those who pray according to other cultures, other traditions and other beliefs.”

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We are brothers and sisters who pray.

Fraternity leads us to open ourselves to the Father of all and to see in the other a brother or sister, to share our lives or to support, to love, and to know each other.

The Church values God’s action in other religions, without forgetting that for us Christians, the wellspring of human dignity and fraternity, is in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We believers must return to our sources and concentrate on what is essential. What is essential to our faith is the adoration of God and love of neighbor.

Let us pray that the Lord may give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions and not fight each other, and praying for one another, open ourselves to all.”