

January 24th 2021

Third Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Saturday, January 23rd

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

Sunday, January 24th

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday of the Word of God

10:30 George Frédéric Rochon by Joseph Blain

Monday, January 25th

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

9:00 Barbara Hamel Smith by Frances DeVerteuil

Tuesday, January 26th

St. Timothy and St. Titus

9:00 Monique Cliche St. Laurent by Mr. & Mrs. Don Taddeo

Wednesday, January 27th

St. Angela Merici

9:00 Marion Gale by Frances DeVerteuil

Thursday, January 28th No Mass

St. Thomas Aquinas

Friday, January 29th

9:00 Mr. & Mrs. Kurt and Linda Krause by the Estate

Saturday, January 30th

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

REFLECTION

Today's readings call us to be decisive in our faith.

Simon, Andrew, James and John demonstrate this decision for us in their response to Christ's calling, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." In both instances, the men immediately abandoned what was before them and followed Christ.

Imagine if Simon and Andrew looked at their Savior and said, "Thanks for the offer, but we will finish up fishing and meet you later." That is no way a disciple should respond to Christ's call. Yet, that is how we often respond to Jesus' offer to us, "Come after me." We can easily fall into the misconception that we have plenty of time to live active discipleship. But as faithful stewards of our time, we must change our ways and immediately follow Christ more intentionally, because Christ is calling us to act now.

These men became members of Jesus' twelve apostles. They surrendered their entire lives to follow Christ. We, too, are called to surrender our lives to the Lord so that He may work through us. We might think, "God isn't calling me." But indeed, He is. Just as He called four ordinary fishermen, He is calling each one of us. Renewing and reevaluating what God might be asking of us throughout our lives is a key component of our stewardship journey.

As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder the ways we can renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves: what are we casting our nets for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much greater? And if not now, when?

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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 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>

Celebrating 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Canada

Every year, Christians around the world are invited to celebrate a Week of Prayer for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship. The international resources for 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland, a group of religious sisters from different church traditions brought together by a common vocation of prayer, community life and hospitality and by their commitment to Christian unity.

The 2021 theme – Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit (John 15:5-9) – calls us to pray and to work for reconciliation and unity in the church, with our human family, and with all of creation. Drawing on the Gospel image of vine and branches, it invites us to nourish unity with God and with one another through contemplative silence, prayer, and common action.

Sunday, January 24, 2021, 3:00 p.m. the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism calls for a moment of prayer to be held on Zoom or YouTube. In order to participate, kindly register here to get the link: <http://www.oikoumene.ca/events/prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

Sunday of the Word of God. January 24, 2021

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Motu proprio "Aperuit Illis", published on September 30, 2019 established that, "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God". To access online resources designed for and individuals, religious communities, discussion groups and families desiring to meditate and understand, to celebrate and bear witness to the mercy of God, visit the websites of the Canadian Bible Society: <https://biblesociety.ca/sunday-word-of-god/>

Presentation: Pope Francis' Encyclical on fraternity and social friendship, Fratelli tutti

Sunday, January 31, 2021, 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Event organized by the Office of Cultural and Ritual Communities and Youth Ministry. In this virtual conference, Father Fabio Baggio, undersecretary of the Vatican's Migrants and Refugees Section, will offer a presentation on Pope Francis's Encyclical on fraternity and social friendship, Fratelli tutti. The conference will be held in English with simultaneous translation in French. Registration: <http://bit.ly/FratelliTutti2021>