

February 7 2021

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, February 6th

St. Paul Miki and Companions

4:30 Erlinda Gagarin by Mrs. Danilo Corpus

Sunday, February 7th

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10:30 The McCauley and O'Donnell Families by Constance O'Donnell

Monday, February 8th

St. Josephine Bakhita; St. Jerome Emiliani

9:00 Claude and Jean Normandeau by Verna Cuthbert-Normandeau

Tuesday, February 9th

9:00 Pauline and Guy Benoit by a Friend

Wednesday, February 10th

St. Scholastica

9:00 Lucia de Verteuil by Frances de Verteuil

Thursday, February 11th No Mass

Our Lady of Lourdes

World Day of the Sick

Friday, February 12th

9:00 Kurt and Linda Krause by the Estate

Saturday, February 13th

4:30 Lucille Rochon by Teresa Rochon

REFLECTION

Our readings today remind us that Christ came to serve. Jesus' entire life was focused on others. He came to fulfill His Father's mission — the salvation of mankind. He labored for this mission by becoming the humblest of servants.

In today's Gospel, Simon says to Jesus, "Everyone is looking for you." Jesus did not seek after the praise. Rather, He responded by saying, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also." Jesus was already looking to whom He could serve next.

As Christian stewards, we are also called to be humble servants who labor for our Father's mission. We should strive to imitate the Perfect Steward, who was constantly aware of the needs of those around Him and put His gifts to good use. For us, this begins right here in our homes, parish and community. We are called to live each moment in awareness of our Father's mission and in gratitude for all He has given us.

Jesus tells us that the way to be attentive is through prayer. Before Jesus made the decision to go to the nearby villages to preach, He first went off to pray. It is through prayer that Jesus could hear what His Father was asking of Him. We, too, are called to spend time in daily prayer — we will then become aware of the opportunities to serve the Lord.

Let us commit to finding some quiet time this week to pray. Let us ask the Lord — how can I serve You better throughout my days? And let us pray, "Make me humble, Lord."

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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.

World Day of the Sick

Thursday February 11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. This year's World Day of the Sick will have as its theme the verse: "You have only one master and you are all brothers (Mt 23:8)"

In his letter for this Day, Pope Francis emphasizes the following needs:

"To stop, to listen, to establish a real, personal relationship with the other who suffers".

This trust is a real balm:

"Confidence is the basis of the care to be lavished on every suffering person".

Archbishop Christian Lépine will preside at a Mass to celebrate the World Day of the Sick on Thursday, February 11, at 7:30 a.m. (EST) televised on Salt and Light TV and available throughout the day on the diocesan YouTube channel.

Although this year's activities for World Day of the Sick will look different, there are ways you can participate:

You can pray each day of the month for the specific needs of sick persons by using the WDS calendar found online at:

<https://microsites.diocesemontreal.org/microsites/sasmad/wp-content/uploads/sites/27/2021/01/WDS-Calendar-2021-Final.pdf>

You can send your personal and community prayer intentions to the Friends of Mercy: misericorde.mercysasmad@gmail.com

World Marriage Day 2021

Through the highs and lows of the pandemic, it is vital to take the time to strengthen the love that unites couples and families. Celebrate your love or the love of a couple dear to you on **Sunday, February 14th**, World Marriage Day! There will be a live-streamed Mass at 5p.m. Saturday, February 13th celebrated by Archbishop Christian Lépine at Mary Queen of the World on the Diocese of Montreal YouTube channel: renew your wedding vows, receive a special blessing and pray for couples and families! Persons who are separated/divorced and wish to renew their fidelity to their vows are also invited to do so.

2021 World Marriage Day Resources for couples:

1. Why you should celebrate your wedding anniversary

(<https://aleteia.org/cp1/2020/07/24/why-you-should-celebrate-your-wedding-anniversary/> click here for the article)

2. 10 Ideas to Celebrate Valentine's Day at Home

<https://www.townandcountrymag.com/style/home-decor/g35031389/quarantine-valentines-day-ideas-at-home/>

3. 10 Ways to Celebrate Valentine's Day as a Family

<https://www.weewatch.com/10-ways-celebrate-valentines-day-family/>

4. A video presenting St. Louis & Zélie Martin (St. Therese of Lisieux's parents), first to be canonized as a couple <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4SZdX-d97aw>