

**February 14 2021**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

***Saturday, February 13th***

4:30 Lucille Rochon by Teresa Rochon

***Sunday, February 14th***

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10:30 Kate and Ed Sampson by Ann & Louis Mallette

***Monday, February 15th***

9:00 Manuela Nunes by Frances de Verteuil

***Tuesday, February 16th***

9:00 Pauline and Guy Benoit by a Friend

***Wednesday, February 17th***

Ash Wednesday

9:00 John Pepper by the Family

***Thursday, February 18th No Mass***

***Friday, February 19th***

9:00 Pam Chiricosta by Hélène & Patricia McCormack

***Saturday, February 20th***

4:30 Catherine and Nicholas Myronick by Maureen and Ron Blizchuk

**REFLECTION**

Today's readings prepare us for the penitential season of Lent.

In our Gospel, a leper knelt before Jesus and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus reached out and touched this diseased man and healed him. He then encouraged the man to show himself to the priest and offer himself a cleansing, referencing what was commanded in the Law of Moses. By completing these rituals, this man might be reinstated into the community.

Let us approach this holy season of Lent like the leper. By our faults, we have distanced ourselves from God and His community. The leper reminds us Who to go to so that we might be healed. Let us approach the Lord this season on our knees asking for forgiveness and healing from our offenses, saying, "If you wish, you can make me clean." There is no doubt that, if we

have a contrite heart, Jesus will stretch out His hand in forgiveness and His mercy will touch our lives.

And like the leper, we too should go forth from being healed with a commitment to cleanse ourselves from the lasting effects of sin. Lent is a time to offer acts of reparation through Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving so that we might be purified in all areas of our life and walk with the Gracious Healer, Who sacrificed His life for our sake.

This holy season of Lent is an opportunity to be healed and cleansed on our journey as disciples of Christ. Let us consider what we can do to offer acts of reparation so that we might be purified and one day partake in the resurrection of Christ.

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### **Season of Lent 2021**

This Wednesday, **February 17th**, is **Ash Wednesday** and the beginning of Lent. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This season offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

This year, due to pandemic restrictions, there will be only one Mass at 9:00am, limited to 10 persons during which ashes will be distributed. Father will remain available immediately after Mass to distribute ashes to any parishioners who wish to be so blessed.

We would also remind you that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are universal days of fast and abstinence from meat. All who are between the age of 18-59, and in good health are required to fast. Fasting means we can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, but combined they should be less than a full meal.

### **2020 Tax Receipts**

Your 2020 Donation Tax Receipts have been prepared and are being mailed out to you this weekend. For any queries email: [ascensionparish375@gmail.com](mailto:ascensionparish375@gmail.com) or contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

### **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. 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.

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### **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 14<sup>th</sup>**, World Marriage Day! There will be a live-streamed Mass at 5p.m. Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 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>