

March 14 2021 Fourth Sunday of Lent

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, March 13th

4:30 Deceased Members of the Blizchuk Family by Ron and Maureen Blizchuk

Sunday, March 14th

Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:30 Germaine and Leonard Mallette by Ann and Louis Mallette

Monday, March 15th

9:00 Annette de Verteuil by Frances de Verteuil

Tuesday, March 16th

9:00 Special Intention of Theresa Doyle

Wednesday, March 17th

St. Patrick

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Thursday, March 18th No Mass

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Friday, March 19th

St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Principal Patron of Canada

9:00 Pauline Doyle by Theresa Doyle

Saturday, March 20th

4:30 Lucille Rochon by Teresa Rochon

*This week the Sanctuary lamp
will burn in memory of*

Leonardo Umale

by the Family

REFLECTION

A new Colour

Why rose vestments today? It is the hope of Easter just around the corner. We are on the way, but not there yet. So we wear the colours of joy. Our joy is from the love which has brought us here and made us the work of art we are. Jesus is lifted up on the cross so we may have life. In all our thoughts on Lent and the death of Jesus, we are people of the resurrection.

We have many identities in our lives, but our prime belonging is to God, brothers and sisters of Jesus. This is the life of faith, the life of faith in the heart.

We can often think of God and faith as deadening. Our faith is that he sent his son from love. Jesus is the one who went through all we go through and rose from death. As our faith in this becomes strong, then we find love active from God in our lives. At times when there is little else there, we unite ourselves with the sufferings of Jesus and rise with him. God, being love, promises not an easy life nor magical solutions, but love always.

We live on amazing grace, and the graced light is Christ. Easter is around the corner, if we take a corner too quickly we crash. In life there is often a call to patience. We live in the light of Easter.

Look on the world – its business, goodness and evil, and let God's love for the world become your love.

Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free; you are the Saviour of the world.

Donal Neary S.J., www.messenger.ie

2020 Tax Receipts

Your 2020 Donation Tax Receipts have been prepared and were mailed out to you. For any queries email: 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.

A SELECTION OF ONLINE LENT RESOURCES

1. <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>
Everyday Lent Resources including a Lenten Online Retreat.
Eight Weeks of Retreat -From Ash Wednesday Week to the Second Week of Easter
2. IgnatianSpirituality.com <http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent/>
Online Retreats and Prayers includes:

An Ignatian Prayer Adventure Join in an adapted version of the Spiritual Exercises, perfectly timed as a Lent and Easter retreat. Materials are based on The Ignatian Adventure, and Loyola Press bloggers will offer weekly reflections during the season. Use as much or as little of the material as helps you in your Ignatian adventure

3. Living Lent Daily <http://www.loyolapress.com/living-lent-daily.htm>

Living Lent Daily features prayers, thoughts and more each day to inspire you throughout your Lenten journey. A new article will become available daily throughout Lent.

4. <http://www.loyolapress.com/liturgical-year-lent.htm>

Take advantage of Lent as a wonderful time for spiritual renewal. You will find a variety of articles, activities, and other resources that will aid you in this special time of prayer and preparation .

5. **From the Archdiocese: New Resource Page dedicated to the Season of Lent**

To help you prepare for Easter, different liturgical and community resources will be made available on this page, including Gospel reflections for each Sunday during Lent, online retreats, and more to come.

<https://diocesemontreal.org/en/lent-season>

Week 4: Share Love, Share Lent~ Raise a toast to yourself!

Did you know that over 10,000 Canadian Catholics like you are members of Development and Peace? The Share Love, Share Lent campaign invites you to pray for them and to honour their solidarity towards our sisters and brothers in the Global South.

Show your support by donating generously this coming Solidarity Sunday. You can also become a monthly donor and have your year-long contribution matched, thanks to the support of religious communities across Canada. Not only will you double your impact, but you will also automatically become a member of Development and Peace! For inspiration, information, to follow our solidarity calendar and to donate, visit devp.org/lent.

Feast of St. Joseph March 19th

Following Pope Francis's announcement declaring 2021 a special year dedicated to St. Joseph, Christians around the world are rejoicing in celebration of the man who was foster father to Jesus. The archdiocese has set up a page on the website where you can find some projects and activities developed in conjunction with St. Joseph's Oratory to help you live and celebrate this special year dedicated to the Patron Saint of Workers:

<https://diocesemontreal.org/en/saint-joseph>

In preparation for the Feast of Saint Joseph on March 19th, the Oratory invites all to pray this prayer daily:

*God our Father, you entrusted Joseph with the mission
of being the foster father of Jesus, your Beloved Son.*

*Faithful to this call, he remained strong in trials, full of tenderness and attentiveness,
by taking care of the Child of the Promise and his mother Mary.*

*You call us to be like Saint Joseph,
strong and courageous in difficult times,
attentive to the needs of the people around us,*

and tender to those who suffer.

Following the example of his friend, Saint Brother André, help us listen to others.

Inspire us with words of hope, which through your Father's heart reveal full love and mercy.

Keep us strong in faith, faithful in our commitments,

confident in the face of the unknown, and joyful in welcoming life Amen