

## **March 21 2021 Fifth Sunday of Lent**

### **MASSES THIS WEEK**

#### ***Saturday, March 20th***

4:30 Lucille Rochon by Teresa Rochon

#### ***Sunday, March 21st***

Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:30 Simonne Clarke by Fr. MacEachen

#### ***Monday, March 22nd***

9:00 Deceased members of the Doyle Family by Theresa Doyle

#### ***Tuesday, March 23rd***

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

9:00 Kurt and Linda Krause by the Estate

#### ***Wednesday, March 24th***

9:00 Special Intention of Theresa Doyle

#### ***Thursday, March 25th No Mass***

The Annunciation of the Lord

#### ***Friday, March 26th***

9:00 Deceased members of the Doyle Family by Theresa Doyle

#### ***Saturday, March 27th***

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

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

***Uy Kin***  
*by the Family*

## REFLECTION

As we are nearing the end of our Lenten journey, our readings today remind us of the goodness that our God has to offer us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus announces that the "hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." All that He came to do on this earth was soon to be fulfilled. When we reflect on what Jesus says in this passage, He tells us a great deal about how we should be living as disciples of Christ. He clearly states, "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

We are called to detach from our own desires and entrust our lives to all that God has in store for us. Without self-denial, we might miss occasions God has given us to produce good fruit. We have been practicing this throughout our Lenten season through fasting. One way to continue this effort after Lent is by taking advantage of the countless opportunities God presents to us to sacrifice our desires for something much greater — whether waking earlier to spend time in prayer, fasting from a favorite comfort on a weekly basis or taking the time to check in on a friend or family member instead of turning on the TV, just to name a few. It is important that we continue to make room for God and the good things He wants to produce in us all year long.

As our Lenten journey soon concludes, may we consider the ways in which we might continue the practice of self-denial by offering small, daily sacrifices to the Lord.

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## ***Schedule of Services for Paschal Triduum & Easter 2021***

***Thursday, April 1st          Holy Thursday***  
*7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper*

***Friday, April 2nd          Good Friday***  
*3:00 pm The Passion of the Lord*

***Saturday, April 3rd          Holy Saturday***  
*7:00 pm Easter Vigil*

***Sunday April 4th          Easter Sunday***  
*10:30 am The Resurrection of the Lord*

***Please note that all above listed Services require reservations via our website (www.ascensionofourlord.ca) and are limited to 25 persons per Service. Reservations open Monday March 29<sup>th</sup>.***

### **Flowers for Easter**

You are invited to make a donation toward the purchase of flowers to decorate the church and altar for the Easter season. If you wish your donation to be made in memory of a loved one please include the names with your donation. Envelopes are available at the back of the church and should be received by March 28th in order to allow us time to organize the decor of our beautiful church during this most holy and joyous season.

### **2020 Tax Receipts**

Your 2020 Donation Tax Receipts have been prepared and were mailed out to you. 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.

### **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.  
**<http://diocesemontreal.org/en/lent-season>**

***Week 5: Share Love, Share Lent  
Solidarity Sunday: Keeping Canadians committed.***

We raise funds every Lent to put an end to the extreme inequity, exclusion and violence that our partners are tackling, and to give energy to our cross-cutting education and advocacy work here in Canada.

Did you know that advocacy by Development and Peace members resulted in several schools, parishes and municipal offices across Canada giving up bottled water? Join our Share Love, Share Lent campaign to celebrate the many ways in which Canadian Catholics show that they care for social, economic and environmental justice. To help make a difference, get your MP to commit to building back better from the pandemic.

Donate online at <https://www.devp.org/en/campaign/sharelove> , by calling 1 888 234-8533 or sending a cheque to: Development and Peace, 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd West, 3rd Floor, Montreal, Quebec H3G 1T7.

***Traditional Good Friday Blood Drive***

It's possible to plan a donation now for the Good Friday blood drive, to be held under the honorary chairmanship of Archbishop of Montreal Christian Lépine. It will take place by appointment only on Friday, April 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral, 1110 Mansfield St., Montreal. The members of the Héma-Québec team and the organizers hope to welcome 50 donors. To make an appointment contact Héma-Québec at 1-800-343-7264 or by email: [igive@hema-quebec.qc.ca](mailto:igive@hema-quebec.qc.ca). We hope many of you will make an appointment!