

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, April 24th

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

4:30 Mary and Edward Cross by Maureen and Ron Blizchuk

Sunday, April 25th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

10:30 Fernand de Verteuil by Frances de Verteuil

Monday, April 26th

Our Lady of Good Counsel

9:00 Rachel Laplante by Louise Laplante

Tuesday, April 27th

9:00 Jim Mack by Angela Sacconaghi

Wednesday, April 28th

St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

9:00 Pauline and Guy Benoit by a Friend

Thursday, April 29th ***No Mass***

St. Catherine of Siena

Friday, April 30th

St. Marie de L'Incarnation

9:00 Vivian Montebello by Karen Montebello

Saturday, May 1st

St. Joseph the Worker

International Workers day

St. Pius V, pope

4:30 Maud, Fred & Roy Lacasse by Maureen and Ron Blizchuk

REFLECTION

Called at Baptism

Following one's vocation is a response from within to the needs outside us. A decision to work for the poor or assist people in need is not necessarily a vocation. A vocation meets the human needs of the world but with a motivation from within. We care for our children and grandchildren not just because they are sick or insecure, but because we love them. this love will move us out to help them in various situations.

We find a call to be ‘people for others’ because our heart teaches us that with Jesus we are all brothers and sisters, and that God wants to save the world, and needs our help to do so.

This is the Sunday we all pray that our particular vocation in life may become clear and may become stronger.

God calls each of us to love God and love our neighbour. This is the first Christian calling at our Baptism; we then find the best way for each of us with our own particular set of gifts, talents and even weaknesses to live out that call to love.

We think especially today of religious life and priesthood. There are needs for priests, sisters and brothers in most parts of the world. As a community in families and parishes we thank those who have given their lives in these vocations and pray they may increase.

Remember with thanks those whose lives have given you your faith in God.

Lord, thanks for what I can do in your service. May your kingdom come!

Donal Neary, SJ. <https://www.catholicireland.net/sunday-homily/>

Earth Week 2021: Restore Our Earth

The theme of Earth Day (**Thursday April 22nd**) this year is **Restore Our Earth**. The COVID-19 pandemic and climate change have painfully reminded us about the impacts of human behaviour that break down natural systems and threaten the lives of so many species, including humans. Restore Our Earth reminds us of the opportunity we have to restore relationships, to reconnect with Creation, and learn to live in right relationship with people and the earth. According to earthday.org, “We must Restore Our Earth not just because we care about the natural world, but because we live on it. Every one of us needs a healthy Earth to support our jobs, livelihoods, health & survival, and happiness. A healthy planet is not an option – it is a necessity.” For more information on Earth Week visit

<https://www.kairoscanada.org/earth-week-2021>

Earth Day 2021 also marks the first anniversary of **For the Love of Creation**. Since April 2020, this faith-based collaboration for climate justice has grown from an idea to a network that has engaged the hearts and minds of over 2500 Canadians, reached into the House of Commons, across border and time zones, and across faith traditions. For the Love of Creation is currently building momentum for climate action in Canada through its Faith-in-Action campaign. Join the campaign! For the Love of Creation will host two events during Earth Week and several others are planned by ecumenical partners. We hope you will join us in marking this week by spending time together in community online and finding ways to connect with Creation. Visit <https://fortheloveofcreation.ca/>

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.

Catholic Church of Montreal 2021 Annual Campaign

"On a mission: Growing. Stronger. Together."

The 2021 Annual Campaign, starting this weekend, features four people from our diocese on a mission with the worthy task of promoting and serving spiritual life and love in the various spheres of family, work, society and Church. And in spite of the current challenging circumstances, these individuals have made and continue to make a difference in their communities. They have found new ways to be present and supportive in the mission, bringing new hope through their involvement during these times of crisis.

Witnessing the love of God also means contributing to the joy, the love, the well-being and the dignity of individuals, families, youth and humanity as a whole. Let's support the Catholic Church of Montreal in its mission to serve and respond to the needs of our community.

Together, with the grace of God, we can meet these challenges. To contribute to the campaign online visit:

<https://microsites.diocesemontreal.org/microsites/campagne-annuelle-2021/en/home/>

Board of Directors Pillars Trust Fund

Pillars Trust Fund is now accepting applications from women and men who would like to join our volunteer Board of Directors. Pillars is a fundraising organization with a 50-year history of promoting its mission to support the English-Speaking Catholic Community of Montreal. If you are interested and have expertise in fundraising, marketing, public relations, previous board experience or other relevant competencies, see below for details on how to apply.

This past year Pillars has helped 15 parishes acquire equipment for live streaming or move forward with parish renewal projects. We continue to support many Catholic organizations through our dynamic board and have exciting new goals for expanding support to our community.

Please send your c.v. to: Carol McCormick, Executive Director

Email: carol.mccormick@pillarstrust.org or mail to: Pillars Trust Fund Inc. 2005 St. Marc St. Montreal QC H3H 9Z9

Villa Saint Martin: Spring & Summer Retreats

"Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while" (Mark 6:31) The Villa Saint Martin invites you to come and rest a while with God during one of their individually accompanied retreats taking place from May to August 2021. Retreats vary from 3 to 30 days long. Retreats take place in a peaceful and quiet environment respecting all Covid-19 guidelines and help you to deepen your relationship with God For information and registration, please visit www.villasaintmartin.org or contact the registrar by phone (514-684-2311 ext.227) or email registraire@villasaintmartin.org

