

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

Sunday, May 2nd

Fifth Sunday of Easter
10:30 Kate and Ed Sampson by Ann & Louis Mallette

Monday, May 3rd

St. Philip and St. James, apostles
9:00 Liam Gunnip by Kathleen Toomey

Tuesday, May 4th

Blessed Marie-Léonie Paradis
9:00 Pauline and Guy Benoit by a Friend

Wednesday, May 5th

9:00 Kurt and Linda Krause by the Estate

Thursday, May 6th No Mass

St. François de Laval

Friday, May 7th

9:00 Edgar McDougall by Caroline Emblem

Saturday, May 8th

Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine
4:30 Maud, Fred and Roy Lacasse by Maureen & Ron Blizchuk

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

Alex Ang

by the Family

REFLECTION

Our readings today teach us what it means to bear fruit as disciples of Christ. We hear in each of our readings that it is from the Lord that good effects will be produced in our lives.

In our first reading, we hear about disciples that were preaching the Good News and defending the faith. The work they were doing was “with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.” It was not their work alone, but the work of God.

We must ask ourselves, ‘how is God bearing fruit in my life?’ and ‘have I invited the Holy Spirit to work in me?’ The more we try to produce good effects in our lives, the more we will become disappointed if all we are relying on is our own efforts. It is only by inviting the Holy Spirit into our everyday moments that we will see goodness poured out.

Jesus clearly tells us how to do this in our Gospel. He says, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.” We can remain in Christ by staying faithful to His commandments and frequently receiving the sacraments. And our day-to-day moments should be a reflection of those commitments.

That could mean opening our day with a prayer of thanksgiving, smiling at those we see on the street, asking God for help as we begin our workday, praising God in moments of trial, taking time to listen to our spouse after a long day. To remain in Christ means, in all that we do, we do it with the Lord.

When we live a life like that — as a branch never separated from its vine — God will produce bountiful fruit in our lives.

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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 Retreat ~Living with Hope: Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement

Join

us **Saturday and Sunday, May 22-23**, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. EDT both days, via the cloud platform, Zoom for a retreat are based on the book *Overcoming Spiritual Discouragement: The Wisdom and Spiritual Power of Venerable Bruno Lanteri* by Timothy Gallagher, OMV. He is an Oblate priest, a world renowned Ignatian scholar, and the author of many books on the spiritual life. His ministry is internationally sought after, and we are delighted he will be offering this retreat for us this spring. Training sessions will be offered to those new to this program. This retreat will be helpful whether you have been on a spiritual journey for many years or are newly exploring your faith. Retreat cost: \$40.00 (total) For more info, or to register contact Villa Saint-Martin at 514-684-2311 ext. 227 or registraire@villasaintmartin.org

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