

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, May 8th

Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine

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

Sunday, May 9th

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10:30 McCauley and O'Donnell Families by Constance O'Donnell

Monday, May 10th

9:00 Ken Verdoni by Dana Massaro

Tuesday, May 11th

9:00 Eva Dozsa by Magda Varkay

Wednesday, May 12th

St. Nereus and St. Achilleus

St. Pancras

Canada Health Day

9:00 Pauline and Guy Benoit by a Friend

Thursday, May 13th ***No Mass***

Our Lady of Fatima

Friday, May 14th

St. Matthias

9:00 Kurt and Linda Krause by the Estate

Saturday, May 15th

4:30 John Pepper by Anita Pepper

REFLECTION

The One Commandment – Only One

This gospel is like a vision statement or a mission statement from Jesus. About finding joy in listening to Jesus, how to live the good life in love one another, how to love oneself in the love of God, and in directing our lives to bear fruit that will generate love.

It is so central that it is read at many really important moments of a Christian life. It is one of the most popular readings at a wedding, linking the love of God and human love at such a special time.

Jesus' love was to lay down his life. In a specific way. Our love lays down our life often in small, unforgotten ways. Hours spent with a sick child or parent, years caring for someone ill, leaving home on missionary assignments; giving up something for children. The message is a big challenge in simple ways for most of us.

Isn't it a joy to know that the most enjoyable mystery of life – love, is the only commandment of God? This shows us that God is on our side: His commandment is to do what we want most to do and experience – to love and be loved. Even when the love costs us something.

Recall a time when you felt you were really loving someone. Become aware that you were then very near to God.

Thank you, Lord, for love given and received in my life.

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

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

Month of May Devoted to Our Heavenly Mother Mary

Pope Francis invites Catholics and Marian Shrines around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. "Devoted and with one accord to prayer, together with Mary (cf. Acts 1:14)". On this theme Pope Francis will lead the recitation of the Rosary on **Saturday 30 May**, joining the Marian Shrines of the world which, due to the health emergency, have had to interrupt their normal activities and pilgrimages. The Pope will once again be close to humanity in prayer, to ask the Virgin Mary for help amid the pandemic. The prayer will be broadcast live to the world from the Grotto of Lourdes in the Vatican Gardens at 5.30pm Rome time.