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### EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

**Saturday Vigil:** 17:00  
**Sunday:** 10:00  
**Monday:** No Mass  
**Tuesday to Friday:** 8:30

### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS:** It is necessary to arrange an appointment with Fr. Robert for preparation. Baptisms are scheduled on an individual basis.  
**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 16:15-16:45; Sunday 9:15-9:45, or anytime on request.  
**MARRIAGE:** Contact the office before setting the wedding date. Marriage preparation course and meetings with Fr. Robert are required.  
**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please contact Fr. Robert if you or a family member is ill at home or in the hospital. He will gladly visit.

### WARDENS

Emidio De Carolis, Scot Diamond, David Flood, Anthony Mancini, Winston Redman, John T. Sullivan.

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### Fifth Sunday of Lent

22 March 2015

### THE POWER TO SHAPE THE FUTURE IS WITHIN YOU

The power to shape the future is within you. It is within you, but how? Just as life exists within a seed. That is how Jesus explained it at a critical juncture in his ministry. The beginning of his ministry was accompanied by great enthusiasm. People saw the sick healed, demons cast out, the Gospel proclaimed, but otherwise the world had not changed: the Romans remained in power and everyday life continued to be hard, despite those miracles and those beautiful words... Everyone was asking: deep down, what value does this message have? What has this prophet of God brought us? It was then that Jesus spoke about the sower who sows in the field of the world, and he explained that the seed is his word (Mk 4:3-20) and his miracles of healing. These are so few in comparison to the immense needs and demands of everyday life. And yet, deep within the seed, the future is already present, since the seed contains tomorrow's bread, tomorrow's life. The seed seems almost nothing. But it is the presence of the future, the promise already present. When it falls on good soil, it produces fruit, thirty, sixty and even a hundredfold.

My dear friends, you are a seed which God has sown in the world, a seed that contains power from on high, the power of the Holy Spirit. And yet, the only way to pass from the promise of life to actually bearing fruit is to give your lives in love, to die for love. Jesus himself said: "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life" (Jn 12:24-25). This is what Jesus said, and this is how he acted. His crucifixion seems like complete failure, but it is not! Jesus, in the power of "the eternal Spirit, offered himself without blemish to God" (Heb 9:14). Thus, once he fell to the earth, he could bear fruit in every time and place. In your midst you have the new Bread, the Bread of future life, the Most Holy Eucharist, which nourishes us and pours out the life of the Trinity into the hearts of all people.

Dear young people, as seeds filled with the power of the same eternal Spirit, sprout up before the warmth of the Eucharist, in which the Lord's testament is fulfilled: he gives himself to us and we respond by giving ourselves to others, for love of him. This is the way that leads to life; it can be followed only by maintaining a constant dialogue with the Lord and among yourselves. The dominant societal culture is not helping you to live by Jesus' word or to practise the self-giving to which he calls you in accordance with the Father's plan. Yet, dear friends, you have the power within you, just as it was in Jesus when he said: "the Father who dwells in me does his works... he who believes in me, will also do the works that I do; and he will do greater works than these, because I go to the Father" (Jn 14:10,12). So do not be afraid...

I say to you: Take courage! Dare to make definitive decisions, because in reality these are the only decisions which do not destroy your freedom, but guide it in the right direction, enabling you to move forward and attain something worthwhile in life. There is no doubt about it: life is worthwhile only if you take courage and are ready for adventure, if you trust in the Lord who will never abandon you. ... This is the life worthy of being lived, and I commend it to you from my heart.

*Pope Benedict XVI; Address to Youth in Angola March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009*

## PRAYERS:

**For the sick:** Jean-Pierre Belair, Madeleine Coté, André and Marie Coupal, Patricia Lemieux, Estella Lim, Maria da Luz Madeira, Carmel MacDonald, Miguel Madeira, Lolita Matheson, Gaston Schwarz, Sammy Sinnett, Trudi Stanley, Father Joseph P. Sullivan, His Eminence Jean-Claude Cardinal Turcotte, Jacques Viau.

**For vocations:** *We should like to see Jesus.* Where and how do we see Jesus? Pray for a clear vision of Jesus in the Body of Christ that surrounds us: in the poor, the outcast, and the suffering. Pray for the grace to stand with them. (John 12:20-33)

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** The Stations of the Cross is a devotion following the events leading to Jesus' crucifixion. Prayers accompanying it allow time to reflect on the mystery of His Death. During Lent, you are invited to join us on Fridays at 8:00 am for the Stations of the Cross, followed as usual by Mass at 8:30 am.

**TUESDAY STUDY AND DISCUSSION GROUP:** On Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. in the boardroom. We continue our look at a documentary series "Catholicism" by Reverend Father Robert Barron, an acclaimed author, speaker, theologian and founder of the ministry, *Word on Fire*. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. It is not necessary to have attended the previous sessions. Discussion will follow and coffee will be served.

**MARRIAGE JUBILEE:** *Tables for Two* is a night to rekindle, enliven, and celebrate each other! We invite married couples celebrating multiples of 5-year anniversaries for a candlelit, intimate and reflective evening of good food and wine. If you were married in a year ending in 5 or 0, please save the date, Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning with Mass at 5:00 pm. Cost to be determined. To reserve your place, please use the signup sheet in the main entrance of the church. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

**LIVING CHANGE - A SPIRITUALITY OF TRANSITION:** Join us with guest speaker Cathie Macaulay on Wednesday, March 25, 7 pm at St. Veronica Parish (1300 Carson Ave., Dorval). Marriage, family, grief, illness, career, retirement and seniority: our lives are filled with transitions. How are we called to live these transitions as people of faith? Do difficult times have anything to teach us? This workshop will explore how our faith tradition offers us help along the path of change. Cathie Macaulay is the coordinator of Pastoral Home Care Services at the Archdiocese of Montreal. She is also a spiritual director and teacher with the Ignatian Spirituality Centre. Contact Wendy at 514-931-7311 x249 or [wdesouza@diocesemontreal.org](mailto:wdesouza@diocesemontreal.org).

**THE NEWMAN CENTRE OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY:** The Virgin Mary plays a huge role in the life of the Catholics. The great 19<sup>th</sup> century English theologian and Anglican convert, John Henry Newman, who initially struggled with the role and importance accorded to Mary in the Catholic tradition, became one of her greatest proponents, integrating patterns from her life into his own thought and vocation. On the Solemnity of the Annunciation, Wednesday, March 25 at 5:30 pm, Msgr. Frank Leo Jr. will deliver a public lecture (one hour) on "The Marian Paradigm in the Life and Writings of John Henry Newman" at the centre (3484 Peel St., Montreal). A reception will follow. All are invited to attend. For more info, visit their [website](http://www.newman.org) or contact the office at 514-398-4106.

**MISSION REDEEMER: HOW CAN I SHARE MY FAITH WITH OTHERS?** With guest speaker Michael Dopp, co-founder of Mission of the Redeemer Ministries. To hear Michael Dopp and learn more about his ministry visit their [website](http://www.missionoftheredeemer.org). All are welcome on Thursday, March 26 from 10:00 am-11:30 am followed by Mass at the Catholic Centre (1857 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West, Montreal) OR on Friday, March 27 from 1:00 pm-3:30 pm at St. John Brébeuf Parish (7777 George St., LaSalle). There is no cost but registration is necessary. Contact Cynthia at 514-931-7311 x229 or [cpaginado@diocesemontreal.org](mailto:cpaginado@diocesemontreal.org).

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 21 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00PM Pro Populo Father Robert

### Sunday, March 22– Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:00AM Miles McElrone Mary Burke

### Tuesday, March 24

8:30AM Special Intention Regina Farrell

### Wednesday, March 25

8:30AM Evelyn McMenamin The Estate

### Thursday, March 26

8:30AM Florence Evans The Estate

### Friday, March 27

8:30AM Coleman & McMenamin families The Estate

### Saturday, March 28 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00PM Pro Populo Father Robert

### Sunday, March 29– Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

10:00AM Marc Chassé The Chassé Family

**STEWARDSHIP:** Our collection last weekend was \$1132.00. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:** "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." – *John 3:16* Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we be generous in making some sacrifices for Him.

## SANCTUARY LAMP:



The sanctuary lamp signals the Presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days. We invite you to have the sanctuary lamp memorialized in the name of a sick person, a deceased loved one, or a special intention, for a weekly donation of \$20.00. Please call the office to arrange a memorial for the sanctuary lamp.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for a Special Intention, requested by the Sinnett Family.