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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.

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Third Sunday of Easter

19 April 2015

MISERICORDIAE VULTUS

Last Sunday, Pope Francis promulgated a "Bull of Indiction," announcing a Jubilee Year of Mercy. The following is a small excerpt. The full text is available on the [Vatican website](http://www.vatican.va) and is highly recommended reading.

In this Holy Year, we look forward to the experience of opening our hearts to those living on the outermost fringes of society: fringes modern society itself creates. How many uncertain and painful situations there are in the world today! How many are the wounds borne by the flesh of those who have no voice because their cry is muffled and drowned out by the indifference of the rich! During this Jubilee, the Church will be called even more to heal these wounds, to assuage them with the oil of consolation, to bind them with mercy and cure them with solidarity and vigilant care. Let us not fall into humiliating indifference or a monotonous routine that prevents us from discovering what is new! Let us ward off destructive cynicism! Let us open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help! May we reach out to them and support them so they can feel the warmth of our presence, our friendship, and our fraternity! May their cry become our own, and together may we break down the barriers of indifference that too often reign supreme and mask our hypocrisy and egoism!

It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the *corporal and spiritual works of mercy*. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty. And let us enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy. Jesus introduces us to these works of mercy in his preaching so that we can know whether or not we are living as his disciples. Let us rediscover these *corporal works of mercy*: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. And let us not forget the *spiritual works of mercy*: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead.

We cannot escape the Lord's words to us, and they will serve as the criteria upon which we will be judged: whether we have fed the hungry and given drink to the thirsty, welcomed the stranger and clothed the naked, or spent time with the sick and those in prison (cf. *Mt 25:31-45*). Moreover, we will be asked if we have helped others to escape the doubt that causes them to fall into despair and which is often a source of loneliness; if we have helped to overcome the ignorance in which millions of people live, especially children deprived of the necessary means to free them from the bonds of poverty; if we have been close to the lonely and afflicted; if we have forgiven those who have offended us and have rejected all forms of anger and hate that lead to violence; if we have had the kind of patience God shows, who is so patient with us; and if we have commended our brothers and sisters to the Lord in prayer. In each of these "little ones," Christ himself is present. His flesh becomes visible in the flesh of the tortured, the crushed, the scourged, the malnourished, and the exiled ... to be acknowledged, touched, and cared for by us. Let us not forget the words of Saint John of the Cross: "as we prepare to leave this life, we will be judged on the basis of love."

PRAYERS:

For the sick: Jean-Pierre Belair, André and Marie Coupal, Patricia Lemieux, Estella Lim, Maria da Luz Madeira, Miguel Madeira, Lolita Matheson, Sammy Sinnett, Trudi Stanley, Father Joseph P. Sullivan, Jacques Viau.

For those who have died: His Eminence Jean-Claude Cardinal Turcotte, Archbishop Emeritus of Montreal

For vocations: *Peace be with you.* The Lord gives us his Easter peace. Share that peace with someone who needs it. (Luke 24:35-48)

TUESDAY STUDY AND DISCUSSION GROUP: On Tuesday, April 21st from 9:15 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. in the boardroom, all are welcome to join the study and discussion group. It is not necessary to have attended the previous sessions. We continue our look at a documentary series “Catholicism” by Father Robert Barron. This session we will view: *Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven – The Church as Sacrament and Worship.* Discussion will follow and coffee will be served.

GOD’S COVENANTAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS PEOPLE: Father Robert is leading a study and discussion group, looking at the meaning of Covenant and how it pertains to our relationship with God. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m in the boardroom. Everyone is welcome; it is not necessary to have attended previously.

BABY SHOWER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: From now through the end of May, in honour of Mother’s Day, we are asking for donations of new or gently used baby clothes and layettes as well as baby products such as soaps, wipes, diapers and so forth. If you have larger items to donate, please call the parish office first. Boxes will be placed at the main entrance to the church and by the parish hall entrance at 71 Roosevelt Avenue. All items will be donated to an organization which assists women in crisis pregnancies.

WHEN HELPING YOU IS HURTING ME: ESCAPING THE MESSIAH TRAP with Cathie Macaulay on Saturday, May 2 from 9 am - 3 pm at the Ignatian Centre (4567 West Broadway, Montreal). This workshop explores seven common styles of being a “Messiah” and some of the ways in which we can become aware of unhealthy patterns in our helping relationships. The course also looks at healthy models of Christian service and leadership. In an interactive way, students will explore their own lives of service, and increase awareness of how to make decisions and find balance in their busy lives. Cost is \$60. For more information or to register, please contact the Centre at 514-481-1064 or centre@ignatiancentremtl.ca.

FAITH AND LIGHT: DINNER AND DANCE FUNDRAISER: *Faith and Light*, a movement in support of families with members having intellectual disabilities, will host this special event on Saturday, April 25 from 5:30pm-11pm at St. John Fisher Parish (120 Summerhill Ave., Pointe-Claire). Everyone is welcome to enjoy a fun-filled evening! Cost is \$20 and includes dinner, dance shows, DJ and dancing. Advance tickets only. Contact Emilia at 514-693-0044 or holyfamily.foietlumiere@gmail.com.

LA FONDATION HUMANITAS: We will be offering daily Latin and Ancient Greek courses from June 30 to July 17 at Loyola High School (7272 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal). Cost is \$120. For more information and registration contact Denis at 450-445-8897 or at braultd@loyola.ca.

MASS INTENTIONS		
<u>Saturday, April 18– Third Sunday of Easter</u>		
5:00PM	Pro Populo	Father Robert
<u>Sunday, April 19 – Third Sunday of Easter</u>		
10:00AM	Juan G. Bondoc	Raquel Bondoc
<u>Tuesday, April 21</u>		
8:30AM	Evelyn McMenamin	Estate
<u>Wednesday, April 22</u>		
8:30AM	Steven Grant	Farrell Family
<u>Thursday, April 23</u>		
8:30AM	Coleman and McMenamin families	Estate
<u>Friday, April 24</u>		
8:30AM	Florence Evans	Estate
<u>Saturday, April 25– Fourth Sunday of Easter</u>		
5:00PM	Hagop Ohanessian	Katherine Ohanessian
<u>Sunday, April 26 – Fourth Sunday of Easter</u>		
10:00AM	Pro Populo	Father Robert

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last weekend was \$1725.00. Our second collection was \$640.00. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: “*Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace to you.’ But they were startled and frightened.*” - Luke 24:36-37 Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and provide some “peace” in their lives. Just because the person is a stranger, maybe looks different than us or is someone we don’t particularly care for doesn’t let us off the hook.

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.

This week the sanctuary lamp burns for the repose of the soul of His Eminence Jean-Claude Cardinal Turcotte, Archbishop Emeritus of Montreal.