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Friday 9:00-12:00

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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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 September 2014

It Is Never too Late

We humans are peculiar, are we not? No matter how well things are going, we are always on the lookout for someone who might be getting a better deal. And, life being what it is, it probably doesn't take long to find. So it is with the laborers in today's Gospel. Each is paid a fair wage, and is glad to have the work, but seeing others get paid as well for less work causes them consternation. Through our baptism, we are perhaps most like the first hires in the parable, but we risk falling into believing that because we are Christian we *deserve* to go to heaven.

It is Jesus alone who offers us the reward of heaven, not through our merits, but through His Sacrifice on the Cross. That He does so, especially in spite of our failings, is completely unmerited, and yet such is His boundless love for us.

I recall the story of a woman who converted to Catholicism from atheism. As she prepared to be received into the Church, she wrote about anticipating her first confession. She was not especially worried about it, figuring that was then and this was now. It was only when she was actually in the confessional that she confronted her earlier sinfulness in a flood of unexpected tears. She experienced profound regret for all the time lost without Jesus, for all her foolish decisions, for allowing herself to reject Him, even when she didn't really know Him.

In a homily last week, Pope Francis said,

"...the ability to acknowledge our own sins, to acknowledge our misery, to acknowledge what we are and what we are capable of doing or have done is the very door that opens us to the Lord's caress, His forgiveness."

When we think about it, perhaps we are less like the workers who labored all day and more like the ones who arrived mid-day or at the end of the day. Even among Christians, we do not always live as we should and can probably recall some time lost without Jesus in our lives. Our conversion may not be a dramatic one, only gradual, but every day we are faced with the choice to "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel."

The parable today teaches us that it is never too late. Jesus invites us to come to Him throughout our lives, just as the landowner calls out to the laborers throughout the day. Whether we answer His call at dawn or at dusk, may we always be truly grateful for Jesus' promise of our eternal reward with Him in heaven.

Regina Farrell
Director of Religious Education

PRAYERS:

For the sick: Jean-Pierre Belair, Madeleine Coté, Madeline Cummings, Patricia Lemieux, Maria da Luz Madeira, Carmel MacDonald, Miguel Madeira, Lolita Matheson, Sammy Sinnett, Trudi Stanley, Father Joseph P. Sullivan, His Eminence Jean-Claude Cardinal Turcotte, Jacques Viau

For the recently deceased: Francesca Skoda, Giovanni Moruzzi, Aida Wichterle, Deacon Allan McAuliffe

For vocations: Life in service of the Lord is never dull, and often challenging. Consider life as a priest, brother, or sister. (Mark 9:30-37)

PARENTS MEETING: A meeting for all parents of children in the *Fides Quaerens Intellectum* program will take place on Wednesday, October 1st at 7:15 p.m. This brief but important meeting will be an opportunity for parents to become familiar with this year's program and to receive the materials their children will need for the upcoming year.

INSTALLATION MASS: Bishop Thomas Dowd will preside at the Mass on Sunday, October 5th at 10:00 a.m., installing Father Robert Clark as our new Pastor. Mass will be followed by a barbecue lunch on the church grounds (indoors if rain.) This will also mark the launch of our pastoral year.

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM CLASSES: Our *Fides Quaerens Intellectum* classes will begin on Tuesday, October 7th at 4:15 p.m. All children in the parish should be registered, beginning in Grade 1. Preparation for the sacraments (First Penance, First Communion, Confirmation) takes place within this program. To register, or for more information, please contact Regina at the parish office.

SACRED SILENCE: A little chilly weather and we have fallen into our bad habits! Out of respect for the Presence of our Lord and those who wish to remain and pray, please refrain from conducting extended conversations inside the church after Mass. Thanks!

DUC IN ALTUM – A YEAR FOR YOUR FUTURE: Duc In Altum is a discernment itinerary for young adults who wish to discern God's call in their lives, and to experience a Christian formation enabling them to better conduct their lives. Participants meet for six day-long sessions and two retreat weekends. Topics include: identity, prayer with Scripture, marriage and Theology of the Body, reconciliation, vocation and mission. Want to know more about the Duc In Altum experience? Come to one of our information sessions: Sunday, September 21, 6:30 pm at the Newman Centre (3484 Peel St., Montreal) or Thursday, October 9, 7:00 pm at the Archdiocese of Montreal (2000 Sherbrooke St. West). Contact the Youth Ministry Office at ducinaltummtl@gmail.com or call 514-925-4300: Isabel Correa x273 or Holly Eugenio x216.

ALPHA PARENTING COURSE: Facilitated by Lorne Flavelle, this course is designed to equip expecting parents and parents of young children (up to 10 years old) with long-term strategies and practical tools to build a healthy family life. Parents will learn how to invest in their children's future, model the values they want to pass on, set healthy boundaries and keep love at the centre of their family life. Ten sessions will be offered on Thursdays, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm from October 2 – November 27 at St. Thomas à Becket Parish in Pierrefonds. Please call 514-626-4111 ext. 222 for more information.

BEFORE YOUR FALL AGENDA FILLS UP... Consider registering for the Parish Vitality Conference, to be held at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral, Nov. 13, and Le Nouvel Hotel, Nov. 14-15. Headlining the conference are authors Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran, who, in their 2013 book *Rebuilt*, describe how their Baltimore parish was thoroughly transformed. The conference schedule, list of workshops and registration information are in a brochure available here in our parish or online at: www.parishvitality.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 21, 2014 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Pro Populo

10:00AM Julian Vaupshas

Father Robert

The Vaupshas Family

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 - Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

8:30AM Maria Amelia Alvarez Santullano

Adolfo Perez de Leon

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

8:30AM Florence Evans

The Estate

Thursday, September 25, 2014

8:30AM Coleman and McMenamin Families

The Estate

Friday, September 26, 2014 – Sts. Jean de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, & Companions

8:30AM Evelyn McMenamin

The Estate

Sunday, September 28, 2014 – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Pro Populo

Father Robert

10:00AM Michael, Fouad and Milad Hodhod

Laurice Hodhod

STEWARSHIP: Our collection last weekend was \$1743.00. Our second collection was \$595.00. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

STEWARSHIP REFLECTION: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16 God gave us the gift of His son so we can enjoy eternal salvation. Of all our gifts, our life, is the most precious. We belong to God. This is why we must take time every day to ask Him how He wants us to use the life He has given us.

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 Debbie Groves requested by Father Robert.