



January

15 Gospel Sharing. following Mass in the boardroom.

19 Adult Faith Education resumes in the boardroom at **9:15 am, following weekday Mass.** We will look at chapter 6.

26 Responsible Pastoral Ministry Meeting – see inside for details.

27 Youth Group Meeting: see inside for details.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January

For Christian Unity:

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.



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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass:

Saturday (vigil) 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday – Wednesday 8:30 am
Thursday – Friday 7:00 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-4:45 pm;
Sunday 9:30-9:45 am, or anytime on request.

BAPTISM

It is necessary to arrange an appointment with Fr. Robert for preparation. Baptisms are scheduled on the third Sunday of the month at noon.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish before setting the wedding date.

VISITING THE SICK

Please contact Fr. Robert if you or a family member is homebound or in the hospital. He will gladly visit.

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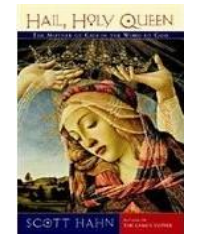
BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

Jesus celebrated the Passover without a lamb and without a temple; yet, not without a lamb and not without a temple. He himself was the awaited Lamb, the true Lamb, just as John the Baptist had foretold at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry: Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (Jn 1:29). And he himself was the true Temple, the living Temple where God dwells and where we can encounter God and worship him. His Blood, the love of the One who is both Son of God and true man, one of us, is the Blood that can save. His love, that love in which he gave himself freely for us, is what saves us. The nostalgic, in a certain sense, ineffectual gesture which was the sacrifice of an innocent and perfect Lamb, found a response in the One who for our sake became at the same time Lamb and Temple. Thus, the cross was at the center of the new Passover of Jesus. From it came the new gift brought by him, and so it lives on forever in the Blessed Eucharist in which, down the ages, we can celebrate the new Passover with the Apostles. From Christ's cross comes the gift. *No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.* He now offers it to us.... Let us pray to the Lord that he will help us to understand this marvelous mystery ever more profoundly, to love it more and more, and in it, to love the Lord himself ever more.

POPE BENEDICT XVI

ADULT FAITH EDUCATION

sessions resume in the boardroom on **Thursday January 19 at 9:15 am**, following weekday Mass. We will look at chapter 6 of *Hail, Holy Queen*.



GOSPEL SHARING RESUMES

This Sunday following Mass, please join us in the boardroom as we discuss the following week's Gospel reading. Attendance at previous sessions is not required. All are welcome.



TAKE ST JOSEPH HOME!

As part of this year's vocation theme, we invite parishioners to pray for vocations in their home with a small statue of St. Joseph, provided by the parish. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church. Why not begin now, with this prayer:

**PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH
TO KNOW ONE'S VOCATION**

O Great Saint Joseph, you were completely obedient to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Obtain for me the grace to know the state of life that God in His providence has chosen for me. Since my happiness on earth, and perhaps even my final happiness in heaven, depends on this choice, let me not be deceived in making it. Obtain for me the light to know God's Will, to carry it out faithfully, and to choose the vocation which will lead me to a happy eternity.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

**RESPONSIBLE PASTORAL
MINISTRY MEETING:**

Our Catholic Church of Montreal has adopted a specific policy to integrate prevention of any type of abuse against minors and vulnerable adults in the promotion of pastoral action conducted in a safe, open and responsible manner. As you know, we are one of the test parishes for this new policy. A representative from the Diocese will visit us on Thursday January 26 at 7:30 pm to explain the program, its effects, and to answer any questions you may have. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

N.B. Our *Vocation and Virtues* workshop has been postponed due to this meeting. A new date will be set shortly.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

RECONCILIATION:

THE LOVE OF CHRIST COMPELS US

Please join parishioners from the various parishes in Mount Royal for our annual ecumenical service, taking place this Sunday January 15 at 3 pm at St. Joseph Parish. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Saturday January 14, 2017 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday January 15, 2017 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Ciro Martoni

Requested by the Vaupshas family

Tuesday January 17, 2017 – Saint Anthony

7:00 pm Evelyn McMenamin

Requested by the Estate

Wednesday January 18, 2017

7:00 pm Coleman and McMenamin families

Requested by the Estate

Thursday January 19, 2017

8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin

Requested by the Estate

Friday January 20, 2017 – Saint Fabian/ St. Sebastian

8:30 am Coleman and McMenamin families

Requested by the Estate

Saturday January 21, 2017 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday January 22, 2017 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Vincenzo Mattei

Requested by Andrée Mattei



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 donation of \$20.00. Please contact the office to arrange a memorial for the Sanctuary Lamp.

This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January – see back cover.

PLEASE NOTE
Weekday Mass
Schedule

Mondays - No Mass

Tuesdays - 7 pm

Wednesdays – 7 pm

Thursdays - 8:30 am

Fridays - 8:30 am



meets Friday January 27 at 6 pm. We will also discuss sacrifice, eat pizza and begin planning for our first parish talent show! Cost is 5\$.

PRAYERS:

For the sick: Jean-Pierre Belair, André and Marie Coupal, Patricia Paul, Nevine, Jacques Viau, Judith and Marina Zogalis.

For those who have died: George Geertsens.

For vocations: From our birth, God calls us to be whole, holy people. How are you growing in wholeness and holiness? For some, the path is through service as a sister, brother, deacon or priest. Think about it! (1 Cor 1:1-3)

**THIS WEEK'S
OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday, 9 am to 12 pm
Friday, 9 am to 4 pm

STEWARDSHIP:

Our collection last week was for \$2,295. Our second collection was for \$645. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

“Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb...” Isaiah 49:5

You have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. Guess what, each of us has been given a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.