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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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Baptism of the Lord

11 January 2015

Jean Béliveau and the Lay Vocation

God calls each of us to follow Him in a particular way. Some are called to religious or priestly vocations; others to marriage; others to the single life. Those of us who are laypeople sometimes don't realize that this is also a vocation and not just what's left over if you don't have "a calling." In fact, the role of the laity is fundamental to the life of the Church.

An excellent example of the role of laypeople in the Church is Jean Béliveau, who passed away last month. Archbishop Christian Lépine captured some of this in his homily at Mr. Béliveau's funeral:

For several days we have been remembering Jean Béliveau, his passion and integrity, his dignity and humanity, which he displayed on as well as off the ice. We recall how, year after year, he personified consideration for others in his relationships: with his friends, his teammates, Canadiens supporters, hockey fans, and the general public. We remember the foundation that he established after his retirement to benefit children, more specifically, those with disabilities. We are reminded that faith was of great importance to him and that he prioritized family life in his decision making.

Mr. Béliveau lived a balanced life that included family, friends, and outstanding personal achievements. Because of his fame, he became somewhat of an icon. Yet much of what he achieved can be accomplished by those who never laced up a pair of skates. Here are some ways we can learn from Jean Béliveau how to live the lay vocation well:

1. Maintain your relationship with God. Pray. Go to Mass. Everything else follows.
2. Be faithful – to your marriage, your friends, your team, and your business commitments. Jean Béliveau personified integrity.
3. Identify your talents and interests and develop them. These are gifts from God that point towards His unique plan for you.
4. Be kind. Be the person who makes time for others but has no time for gossip or meanness.
5. Be attentive. God calls us in various ways over time. Retirement was just the beginning for Jean Béliveau!

Rick Sarkisian, author of *Lifework: Finding Your Purpose in Life*, sums it up, "We are also called to play a unique role in the story of salvation; we each have a special mission in life. This is our life's work – the specific use of God-given skills, talents, and virtues in serving Him within the home, the Church, and the world."

May we be attentive to God's call and live our vocations faithfully.

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 those who have died: John James “Jim” Locke, Gino De Iure, Raymond Barakett

For vocations: This is National Vocation Awareness Week. Revel in the gift of your baptism; pray for and with those who are called to fulfill their baptismal promises as priests, sisters, and brothers. Encourage someone you know to consider a life of service in the church. (Acts 10:34-38)

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK: Our second collection this week will go to support the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception.

2015 CALENDARS: We are happy to offer our parishioners a beautiful religious wall calendar for 2015, our Christmas gift to you. They are available near the entrances of the church. Because of limited availability, one per family please.

ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN UNITY: The theme this year is: Jesus said to her, “Give me to drink.” (John 4:7) This year’s service will take place at Notre-Dame-des-Neiges church, 5366 Côte-des-Neiges Road on Sunday, January 25 at 3:30 p.m. Following the celebration, attendees are invited to the basement for fellowship around a light snack.

ST. THOMAS À BECKET PARISH: PARENTING TEENAGERS COURSE: An eight-session course on Thursdays from January 8-February 26, 7pm (4320 Ste-Anne St., Pierrefonds). For any parents, step-parents or guardians of children aged 11-18 years. Facilitated by Steve Barillaro, Lorne Flavelle and team. No role we undertake in life is more important than parenting and parenting teenagers is harder than ever for most parents today. Discovering that we are not alone in the challenges we face and picking up ideas from other parents can make a huge difference. Learn how to meet your teenagers’ deepest needs, set healthy boundaries, and help to develop their emotional health. Teaching them how to make good choices takes skill and dedication. Taking time to reflect on our end goal can help us build our relationship with our teenagers now. Visit our website to view the trailer of the presentation at <http://www.becket.ca/>. Contact the Adult Faith Enrichment Office at 514-626-4111 x222.

ST. EDMUND OF CANTERBURY PARISH - THE SANDWICH YEARS: Caring for the needs of aging parents and relatives can be difficult. Juggling this with the care of our own children, marriage and work can cause stress to mount quickly. Come join for this CAFE where we will explore the challenges and blessings (yes, blessings!) of living in the *Sandwich Years*. All are welcome on Monday, January 19 at 7:30pm (105 Beaconsfield Blvd., Beaconsfield). Contact the office at 514-695-7100.

ST. MONICA PARISH: VIDEO DIVINA: Join Fr. Raymond on Friday, January 16 at 7pm (6405 de Terrebonne St., Montreal) for *Shadowlands*, the fourth film of this year’s “Looking at Life through the Lens of the Sacraments” series. Free admission and popcorn and stimulating discussion to follow! Contact the office at 514-481-0267.

2015 MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS LECTURE: You are cordially invited to attend this annual event on Tuesday, January 20, 5pm at the Newman Centre (3484 Peel St., Montreal). With speaker John Haldane, professor at St. Andrew’s University (Scotland) on “Making Meaning Visible—Catholic Education, Human Nature and Contemporary Culture”. This lecture will also address themes of the recent synod on the family. Suggested donation of \$5. Open to the public. Contact the centre at 514-398-4106 or visit www.newmancentre.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 10 – Baptism of the Lord

5:00PM Pro Populo Father Robert

Sunday, January 11 – Baptism of the Lord

10:00AM Primitiva Fontanilla The Sinnett Family

Tuesday, January 13

8:30AM Amelia Guido Aquino Mila Aquino

Wednesday, January 14

8:30AM Giovanni De Stefani Anastasia De Stefani

Thursday, January 15

8:30AM Evelyn McMenamin The Estate

Friday, January 16

8:30AM Florence Evans The Estate

Saturday, January 17 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Giovanni de Stefani The Sinnett Family

Sunday, January 17 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM Pro Populo Father Robert

STEWARDSHIP: Our collections from Christmas through New Year’s totalled \$16,300.00. Our collection last weekend was \$1,180.00. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: “*After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.*” – Mark 1:7 We are put on this earth to love God, love our neighbor and make disciples. How many times does our own pride and ego get in the way on fulfilling God’s plan for us? Humbling ourselves before God and putting Him first in all things should be our top priority.

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 a special intention, requested by the Raquel Bondoc.