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Friday 9:00-12:00

EUCHARISTIC 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, David Flood, Anthony Mancini, Scot Diamond, Winston Redman, John Sullivan.

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 January 2015

Dear Parents with young children in church,

You are doing something really, *really* important. I know it's not easy. I see you with your arms overflowing, and I know you came to church already tired. Parenting is tiring. Really tiring.

I watch you bounce and sway trying to keep the baby quiet, juggling the infant car seat and the diaper bag as you find a seat. I see you wince as your child cries. I see you anxiously pull things out of your bag of tricks to try to quiet them. And I see you with your toddler and your preschooler. I watch you cringe when your little girl asks an innocent question in a voice that might not be an inside voice let alone a church whisper. I hear the exasperation in your voice as you *beg* your child to just sit, to be quiet as you feel everyone's eyes on you. Not everyone is looking, but I know it feels that way.

I know you're wondering, is this worth it? Why do I bother? I know you often leave church more exhausted than fulfilled. But what you are doing is *so* important.

When you are here, the church is filled with a joyful noise. When you are here, the Body of Christ is more fully present. When you are here, we are reminded that this worship thing we do isn't about Bible Study or personal, quiet contemplation but coming together to worship as a community where all are welcome, where we share in the Word and Sacrament together. When you are here, I have hope that these pews won't be empty in ten years when your kids are old enough to *sit quietly and behave in worship*. I know that they are learning how and why we worship now, before it's too late. They are learning that worship is important.

I know how hard it is to do what you're doing, but I want you to know, *it matters*. It matters to me. It matters to my children to not be alone in the pew. It matters to the congregation to know that families care about faith, to see young people... and even on those weeks when you can't see the little moments, it matters to your children. It matters that they learn that worship is what we do as a community of faith, that everyone is welcome, that *their* worship matters. When we teach children that their worship matters, we teach them that they are *enough* right here and right now as members of the church community. They don't need to wait until they can believe, pray or worship a certain way to be welcome here, and I know adults who are still looking to be shown that. It matters that children learn that they are an integral part of this church, that their prayers, their songs, and even their badly (or perfectly timed depending on who you ask) cries and whines *are* a joyful noise because it means they are present.

I know it's hard, but thank you for what you do when you bring your children to church. Please know that your family – with all of its noise, struggle, commotion, and joy – are not simply tolerated, you are a vital part of the community gathered in worship."

http://iamtotallythatmom.blogspot.ca/2013/05/dear-parents-with-young-children-in.html (abridged)

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: Raymond Barakett, Michael Trihey

<u>For vocations:</u> Speak Lord, your servant is listening. Listening to the Lord requires silence. Make time each day to be quiet, so that you can hear God's call. (1 Samuel 3:3-10)

<u>"CATHOLICISM" SERIES:</u> On <u>Tuesday, January 20, 2015 from 9:15 a.m. until 12:15</u> there will be a presentation of "Catholicism" in the parish boardroom. This is the first of a 10-part documentary series on the Catholic faith by Reverend Father Robert Barron, an acclaimed author, speaker, theologian and founder of the ministry, *Word on Fire*. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Discussion will follow and coffee will be served.

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 <u>Sunday</u>, <u>January 25 at 3:30 p.m.</u> Following the celebration, attendees are invited to the basement for fellowship around a light snack.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2015: ECUMENICAL EVENING: Theme composed by Brazil: "Jesus said to her: 'Give me a drink'." (John 4:7) All are cordially invited to attend an ecumenical worship service on Sunday, January 18, 4pm at Santa Cruz Portuguese Mission (60 Rachel St. West, Montreal). This event draws some 700 people and church dignitaries from many Christian denominations who pray and sing together with the help of choirs from various churches. We look forward to seeing you there! Contact the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism at 514-937-9176 x33. Visit www.oikoumene.ca.

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.

VILLA SAINT-MARTIN: WEEKEND GUIDED RETREATS: A guided retreat is a break from everyday life; an opportunity for a period of quiet prayer and reflection. It is a time you can spend talking to God, and listening for his response. The guided component of the retreat means that there is time for you to share your story and spiritual journey with a spiritual director, who is a caring, approachable, and accepting listener. All are welcome from January 23-25 (9451 Gouin Blvd. West, Pierrefonds). Cost is \$210 for a room with private bathroom and shower; 190\$ for a room with shared bathrooms and showers on each floor. Contact the office at 514-684-2311 x0 for reception or x246 for Brother Dan Leckman, sj or yillasaintmartin@jesuites.org.

2015 MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS LECTURE: You are cordially invited to attend this annual event on <u>Tuesday, January 20, 5pm</u> 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 17 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
5:00PM	Giovanni De Stefani	The Sinnett Family
Sunday, January 18 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
10:00AM	Pro Populo	Father Robert
<u>Tuesday, January 20 – Saint Fabian</u>		
8:30AM	Jean Béliveau	A Fan
Wednesday, January 21 – Saint Agnes		
8:30AM	Coleman and McMenamin families	The Estate
Thursday, January 22 – Saint Vincent		
8:30AM	Florence Evans	The Estate
Friday, January 23		
8:30AM	Vincenzo Mattii	Andrée Mattii
Saturday, January 24 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
5:00PM	Pro Populo	Father Robert
Sunday, January 25 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
10:00AM	Margaret Farrell	The Sinnett Family

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last weekend was \$1590.00. Our second collection was \$545.00. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" – John 1:38 What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

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 Miles McElrone, requested by Mary Burke.