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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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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 February 2015

World Day for Consecrated Life

Monday is World Day for Consecrated Life. In addition, Pope Francis has named this a special Year for Consecrated Life and the following is an excerpt from the Holy Father's Message for that occasion.

In this letter, I wish to speak not only to consecrated persons, but also to the laity, who share with them the same ideals, spirit and mission. Some Religious Institutes have a long tradition in this regard, while the experience of others is more recent. Indeed, around each religious family, every Society of Apostolic Life and every Secular Institute, there is a larger family, a "charismatic family", which includes a number of Institutes which identify with the same charism, and especially lay faithful who feel called, precisely as lay persons, to share in the same charismatic reality.

I urge you, as laity, to live this Year for Consecrated Life as a grace which can make you more aware of the gift you yourselves have received. Celebrate it with your entire "family", so that you can grow and respond together to the promptings of the Spirit in society today. On some occasions when consecrated men and women from different Institutes come together, arrange to be present yourselves so as to give expression to the one gift of God. In this way you will come to know the experiences of other charismatic families and other lay groups, and thus have an opportunity for mutual enrichment and support.

The Year for Consecrated Life concerns not only consecrated persons, but the entire Church. Consequently, I ask the whole Christian people to be increasingly aware of the gift which is the presence of our many consecrated men and women, heirs of the great saints who have written the history of Christianity. What would the Church be without Saint Benedict and Saint Basil, without Saint Augustine and Saint Bernard, without Saint Francis and Saint Dominic, Saint Ignatius of Loyola and Saint Teresa of Avila, Saint Angelica Merici and Saint Vincent de Paul. The list could go on and on, up to Saint John Bosco and Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. As Blessed Paul VI pointed out: "Without this concrete sign there would be a danger that the charity which animates the entire Church would grow cold, that the salvific paradox of the Gospel would be blunted, and that the "salt" of faith would lose its savour in a world undergoing secularization" (Evangelica Testificatio, 3).

So I invite every Christian community to experience this Year above all as a moment of thanksgiving to the Lord and grateful remembrance for all the gifts we continue to receive, thanks to the sanctity of founders and foundresses, and from the fidelity to their charism shown by so many consecrated men and women. I ask all of you to draw close to these men and women, to rejoice with them, to share their difficulties and to assist them, to whatever degree possible, in their ministries and works, for the latter are, in the end, those of the entire Church. Let them know the affection and the warmth which the entire Christian people feels for them.

From the Vatican, 21 November 2014, Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAYERS:

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

For those who have died: Raymond Barakett, Michael Trihey, Sarah Ratchford

For vocations: People were spellbound by the teachings of Jesus. The church needs bold teachers and preachers. Consider a vocation to priesthood or religious life. (Mark 1:21-28)

BLESSING OF THROATS: Tuesday, February 3rd is the Feast of Saint Blaise and in keeping with Catholic tradition, there will be a blessing of throats following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

TUESDAY STUDY AND DISCUSSION GROUP: On Tuesday, February 3rd from 9:15 a.m. until 12:15 the presentation of “Catholicism” continues in the parish boardroom. This is the second 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. It is not necessary to have attended the previous session. Discussion will follow and coffee will be served.

GOD’S COVENANTAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS PEOPLE: Father Robert will lead a study and discussion group, looking at the meaning of Covenant and how it pertains to our relationship with Him. Recommended reading: Jesus the Bridegroom – the Greatest Love Story Ever Told by Brant Pitre, however, there is plenty of time to read as we will not be discussing the book until after several sessions. The first meeting will take place in the boardroom on Wednesday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m., at which time the schedule for future meetings will be determined. Everyone is welcome.

VERA DANYLUK PASTORAL LIBRARY: We are grateful to parishioners who have donated books to the library recently, however, please do not shelve donated books, but leave them on the table so that they can be catalogued first. We also have updated our Amazon.ca Wish List (search Our Lady of the Annunciation) for those who might wish to donate new books. Our collection continues to grow and we have a wide variety of books for adults and children, including classic titles and recent publications. All parishioners are welcome to browse and borrow. Simply sign out your selection on the form provided in the library.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS: At the initiative of a couple of Loyola High School students, a new collection for the homeless will be taking place. We will be setting up a donation box at the main entrance of the church to gather items of clothing that many people without shelter need. Many homeless people especially need clothes like socks and mittens, hats and even boots (these expensive items are hard to come by for the homeless) and not so much big jackets. The items that we will be donating will change each season as needs arise. This box will be emptied every two weeks and sent to the Salvation Army. We appreciate all your support on this new project for our church. Thank you.

SALVATION AND THE SCOPE OF DIVINE MERCY: Dr. Ralph Martin of Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and *Renewal Ministries*, and a prominent leader in renewal movements in the Catholic Church for many years, will present a lecture at the John Molson School of Business, 1450 Guy St., corner De Maisonneuve, on Friday February 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. There is no charge and all are welcome.

FAITH AND LIGHT: *Faith and Light* is a Church movement founded by Jean Vanier to develop friendships for persons with intellectual disabilities and provide support for their families. All are welcome to our next monthly community gathering on Saturday, February 14 from 5:30pm-8:30pm at Saint Veronica Parish (1300 Carson Ave., Dorval). The evening will begin with a pot-luck supper. People will then be buddied with persons having intellectual disabilities during games and craft time while parents gather to share their experiences and challenges. The evening will end with prayer. Contact Donald at 514-631-3427.

MASS INTENTIONS		
<u>Saturday, January 31 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>		
5:00PM	Pro Populo	Father Robert
<u>Sunday, February 1 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>		
10:00AM	Raphael Harb and Harb family	Jeannette Harb
<u>Tuesday, February 3 – Saint Blaise</u>		
8:30AM	Josephine Aucoin	Mila Aquino
<u>Wednesday, February 4</u>		
8:30AM	Coleman and McMenamin families	The Estate
<u>Thursday, February 5 – Saint Agatha</u>		
8:30AM	Evelyn McMenamin	The Estate
<u>Friday, February 6 – Saint Paul Miki and Companions</u>		
8:30AM	Florence Evans	The Estate
<u>Saturday, February 7 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>		
5:00PM	Emilio Lim	Estella Lim
<u>Sunday, February 8 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>		
10:00AM	Pro Populo	Father Robert

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last weekend was \$1585.00. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *“Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.” – 1 Corinthians 7:32* How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won’t necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word “pray” instead of the word “worry” in the future.

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 Mila Aquino.