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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.

### WARDENS

Emidio De Carolis, Scot Diamond, David Flood, Anthony Mancini, Winston Redman, John T. Sullivan.

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### Second Sunday of Easter

12 April 2015

### ~My Lord and my God~

Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. He was the only disciple absent; on his return he heard what had happened but refused to believe it. The Lord came a second time; he offered his side for the disbelieving disciple to touch, held out his hands, and showing the scars of his wounds, healed the wound of his disbelief.



Dearly beloved, what do you see in these events? Do you really believe that it was by chance that this chosen disciple was absent, then came and heard, heard and doubted, doubted and touched, touched and believed? It was not by chance but in God's providence. In a marvelous way God's mercy arranged that the disbelieving disciple, in touching the wounds of his master's body, should heal our wounds of disbelief.

The disbelief of Thomas has done more for our faith than the faith of the other disciples. As he touches Christ and is won over to belief, every doubt is cast aside and our faith is strengthened. So the disciple who doubted, then felt Christ's wounds, becomes a witness to the reality of the resurrection.

Touching Christ, he cried out: My Lord and my God. Jesus said to him: Because you have seen me, Thomas, you have believed. Paul said: Faith is the guarantee of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen. It is clear, then, that faith is the proof of what can not be seen. What is seen gives knowledge, not faith.

When Thomas saw and touched, why was he told: You have believed because you have seen me? Because what he saw and what he believed were different things. God cannot be seen by mortal man. Thomas saw a human being, whom he acknowledged to be God, and said: My Lord and my God. Seeing, he believed; looking at one who was true man, he cried out that this was God, the God he could not see.

What follows is reason for great joy: Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. There is here a particular reference to ourselves; we hold in our hearts one we have not seen in the flesh. We are included in these words, but only if we follow up our faith with good works. The true believer practices what he believes. But of those who pay only lip service to faith, Paul has this to say: They profess to know God, but they deny him in their works. Therefore James says: Faith without works is dead.

From a homily on the Gospels by Saint Gregory the Great (Pope Gregory I) 540 - 604 AD

## PRAYERS:

**For the sick:** Jean-Pierre Belair, Madeleine Coté, André and Marie Coupal, Patricia Lemieux, Estella Lim, Maria da Luz Madeira, Carmel MacDonald, Miguel Madeira, Lolita Matheson, Gaston Schwarz, Sammy Sennett, Trudi Stanley, Father Joseph P. Sullivan, Jacques Viau.

**For those who have died:** His Eminence Jean-Claude Cardinal Turcotte, Archbishop Emeritus of Montreal

**For vocations:** Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for me to respond to God's call? (John 20:19-31)

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**THANK YOU:** The beautiful Holy Week liturgies are made all the more special by the personal contributions of many. Thank you to the Readers of the Word, the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the Altar Servers and our Sacristan for ensuring that all the liturgies ran smoothly. We are also grateful to John Lewis of McKenna Town Florist for his artistic touch in arranging the flowers in the sanctuary. Thank you also to the office and maintenance staff for behind-the-scenes preparation and assistance. Finally, thank you to our parishioners for their faithful witness through active participation throughout Holy Week.

**COUNCIL ON PALLIATIVE CARE:** All are welcome to the following free workshops:

- Monday, April 13 from 6pm-8pm: *What You Wanted to Know About Hospitals and Were Too Afraid to Ask* with Dr. Eugene Bereza, MD
- Monday, April 20 from 6pm-8pm: *Being Mortal-Medicine and What Matters in the End* with author Atul Gawande
- Monday, April 27 from 6pm-8pm: *Advocating for Excellent Care* with Joan Foster, BN

Join us for one, two, or all three evenings. No registration required. All three talks will be held at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom (4100 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal). For more info visit [the Council on Palliative Care](http://the Council on Palliative Care). Contact the Event Registrar at [fmpa202@aol.com](mailto:fmpa202@aol.com)

**IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY CENTRE: HEARING GOD IN OTHERS - A LISTENING SKILLS COURSE:** A six-session course designed to develop a spirituality of listening. Ideal for those involved in the pastoral care of the elderly, the sick and young adults. Basic skills for fostering communication in family relationships will be developed. The course uses a highly interactive, hands-on approach, with theoretical concepts applied through role-play, prayerful reflection and other exercises. With Cathie Macaulay and Elizabeth Koessler on Tuesdays, April 14, 21, 28 and May 12, 19, 26 at 7 pm (4567 West Broadway, Montreal). Cost: \$120. For more information or to register, please contact the Ignatian Centre at 514-481-1064 or [centre@ignatiancentremtl.ca](mailto:centre@ignatiancentremtl.ca).

**ST. KEVIN PARISH: ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA:** The novena will be held Tuesdays from April 14 to June 9 at 7pm (5600 Côte-des-Neiges Rd., Montreal). This year's theme is *Living the Joy of the Gospel*. Several Franciscan friars and nuns will be preaching on the theme. Feast day celebration will be held on Saturday, June 13, 11 am at the parish. All are invited. For more details contact Mila at 514-683-5989.

**LOYOLA PAST AND PRESENT MOTHERS' GUILD MEMBERS TEA:** Loyola has a rich tradition of graduating Men for Others. Consistent with that tradition, many Women for Others have given of their time and talents over the last 45 years by serving on The Loyola Mothers' Guild. We are inviting all women who have served on The Loyola Mothers' Guild to join us for an afternoon of fellowship and sharing. Sunday, April 19, 2015 1:00-3:00pm in the Casey Lounge. Please RSVP by April 17<sup>th</sup>. Email: [mothersguild@loyola.ca](mailto:mothersguild@loyola.ca)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 11 – Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy

5:00PM Pro Populo Father Robert

### Sunday, April 12 – Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy

10:00AM Deceased Members of Vaupshas Family Vaupshas Family

### Tuesday, April 14

8:30AM Evelyn McMenamin Estate

### Wednesday, April 15

8:30AM Arzt Family and Victims of Germanwings Crash Hannelore Sieweke

### Thursday, April 16

8:30AM Coleman and McMenamin families Estate

### Friday, April 17 – Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

8:30AM George Gharib Leila Gharib

### Saturday, April 18– Third Sunday of Easter

5:00PM Pro Populo Father Robert

### Sunday, April 19 – Third Sunday of Easter

10:00AM Juan G. Bondoc Raquel Bondoc

**STEWARDSHIP:** Our collection last weekend was \$6942.00. Our collection for the Holy Land was \$1,146.00. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:** *“The community of believers was of one heart and mind and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own.” - Acts 4:32* All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents and abilities – these are all gifts from God. We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with.

## 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 His Eminence Jean-Claude Cardinal Turcotte, Archbishop Emeritus of Montreal, whose funeral will be celebrated this Friday, April 17, at 2 pm, at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral.