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Wednesday and Thursday 9:00-16:00,
Friday 9:00-12:00

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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26 April 2015

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Christian Vocation

In his Message for today, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis writes:

The Fourth Sunday of Easter offers us the figure of the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep: he calls them, he feeds them and he guides them. For over fifty years the universal Church has celebrated this Sunday as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In this way she reminds us of our need to pray, as Jesus himself told his disciples, so that “the Lord of the harvest may send out labourers into his harvest” (*Lk 10:2*). Jesus’ command came in the context of his sending out missionaries. He called not only the twelve Apostles, but another seventy-two disciples whom he then sent out, two by two, for the mission (cf. *Lk 10:1-6*). Since the Church “is by her very nature missionary” (*Ad Gentes*, 2), the Christian vocation is necessarily born of the experience of mission. Hearing and following the voice of Christ the Good Shepherd, means letting ourselves be attracted and guided by him, in consecration to him; it means allowing the Holy Spirit to draw us into this missionary dynamism, awakening within us the desire, the joy and the courage to offer our own lives in the service of the Kingdom of God...



To hear and answer the Lord’s call is not a private and completely personal matter fraught with momentary emotion. Rather, it is a specific, real and total commitment which embraces the whole of our existence and sets it at the service of the growth of God’s Kingdom on earth. The Christian vocation, rooted in the contemplation of the Father’s heart, thus inspires us to solidarity in bringing liberation to our brothers and sisters, especially the poorest. A disciple of Jesus has a heart open to his unlimited horizons, and friendship with the Lord never means flight from this life or from the world. On the contrary, it involves a profound interplay between communion and mission.

This weekend, we have had the privilege of accompanying our young candidates on retreat, as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next month. They are inspirational, as they eagerly look forward to committing themselves to living as faithful Catholic Christians. Next weekend, it will be the turn of the young ones preparing for their First Holy Communion to spend a day growing closer to our Lord on retreat. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us pray for all the children in our parish, that they continue to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd and follow where He leads.

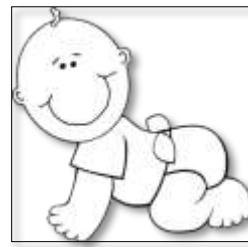
Regina Farrell
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PRAYERS:

For the sick: Jean-Pierre Belair, André and Marie Coupal, Patricia Lemieux, Estella Lim, Maria da Luz Madeira, Miguel Madeira, Lolita Matheson, Sammy Sinnott, 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: On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. May God raise up good shepherds in our midst. (1 John 3: 1-2)



BABY SHOWER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: From now through the end of May, in honour of Mother's Day, we are asking for donations of new or gently used baby clothes and layettes as well as baby products such as soaps, wipes, diapers and so forth. If you have larger items to donate, please call the parish office first. Boxes will be placed at the main entrance to the church and by the parish hall entrance at 71 Roosevelt Avenue. All items will be donated to an organization which assists women in crisis pregnancies.

REDISCOVERING THE ROSARY - A PRAYER FOR ALL TIMES: St. Thomas à Becket Parish is offering three enriching evenings exploring the beauty and power of what Saint Pope John Paul II called "among the finest and most praiseworthy traditions of Christian contemplation". All are welcome on May 4-6 from 7pm-8:30pm. Presented by Bernard Ratneiya. Contact the Adult Faith Enrichment Office at 514-626-4111 x222 or AdultEd@becket.ca.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE – OTTAWA: All are welcome to join us for the National March for Life, Thursday, May 14, 2015. This is a yearly gathering on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Last year 23 000 attended, to demand protection for children before and after birth. Two chartered buses will depart Montreal at 7am: from downtown (895 de la Gauchetière) and Laval (Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 899 Chomedey Blvd.). The day's schedule includes Mass, picnic, and march through the streets of Ottawa. Pick-ups at Fairview Shopping Center (The Bay). Round-trip fare \$40. Please call for reservations before Thursday, May 7, at 438-930-8643 or 514-344-2686.

INTERNATIONAL WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016: REGISTRATIONS: The Youth Ministry team is happy to offer online registration at <http://www.diocesemontreal.org/blogues/wyd/> for WYD Krakow (Poland) 2016. Here you will find complete WYD details, registration, pricing packages, testimonials and much more! Contact jeunesse@diocesemontreal.org or the office at 514-925-4300 x256 or 258.

COMIC OPERETTA: Sandra D'Angelo, our music director, is singing in a bilingual production of the popular and comic operetta La Chauve-Souris (Die Fledermaus) by J. Strauss II, conducted by Chad Heltzel, one of our organists. They invite you to come see the show, either at Wagar in Côte-Saint-Luc or at Victoria Hall in Westmount. Dates: April 30, May 3 and 30. Alternate cast on May 1, 27 and 31. Some shows are with orchestra and the rest with piano. Note that May 3 is a family-friendly matinee, where children 12 and under accompanied by an adult will be admitted for free! For more details and tickets, see mwos.org.

ST. JOSEPH'S ORATORY: TAIZÉ PRAYER: All are welcome on Saturday, May 9 from 7pm-8pm (3800 Queen Mary Rd., Montreal). Join us for prayer in the style of the monastery of Taizé: simple bilingual prayer featuring song, silence and the Word of God. Contact the office at 514-733-8211 x2801 or pastorale@osj.qc.ca.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 25– Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00PM Hagop Ohanessian

Katherine Ohanessian

Sunday, April 26 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:00AM Pro Populo

Father Robert

Tuesday, April 28 – Saint Peter Chanel

8:30AM Evelyn McMenamin

Estate

Wednesday, April 29 – Saint Catherine of Siena

8:30AM Katherine Richardson

Farrell Family

Thursday, April 30 – Saint Marie de l'Incarnation

8:30AM Florence Evans

Estate

Friday, May 1 – Saint Joseph the Worker

8:30AM Debbie Neemeh

Her Family

Saturday, May 2 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00PM Pro Populo

Father Robert

Sunday, May 3 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00AM Rzemien Family

Vaupshas Family

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last weekend was \$1507.00. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."* - John 10:14-16 When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants you to do? How do you listen for the response? The answer is usually in "quiet whispers". Take time in silent, daily prayer to hear His answer.

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 His Eminence Jean-Claude Cardinal Turcotte, Archbishop Emeritus of Montreal.