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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

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

10 May 2015

Christian Initiation and Discipleship

One of the joys of the Easter season is our parish community's celebration of the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Together with Baptism, these are known as the "Sacraments of Christian Initiation." Just as we delight in watching a baby take his first steps or a young child take the training wheels off her bike, it is heartwarming to see our parish children reach these milestones in their journey of faith. But our joy is much deeper than that, because the sacraments are not mere personal accomplishments; they are personal encounters with Jesus Christ.

What we want most for our children is for them to have an enduring friendship with Jesus and to live as His faithful disciples. It is through these sacraments, particularly through the frequent reception of the Eucharist, that we establish and maintain our relationship with Jesus Christ.

The best parenting advice I ever received is this: *You are not raising children; you are raising adults.* Whatever we do for our children should move them toward becoming competent adults. This is true for their spiritual formation as well. First Communion or Confirmation is not the goal, although the children in our parish have done very well in preparing for these special occasions. What we strive for is nothing less than lifelong Christian discipleship and ultimately, eternity with Jesus.

The sacraments of Christian initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist - lay the *foundations* of every Christian life. "The sharing in the divine nature given to men through the grace of Christ bears a certain likeness to the origin, development, and nourishing of natural life. The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life. By means of these sacraments of Christian initiation, they thus receive in increasing measure the treasures of the divine life and advance toward the perfection of charity." (CCC 1212)

As the name implies, the sacraments of *initiation* are just the beginning. According to the Great Commandment, we are meant to love God "with our whole heart, and with our whole soul, and with all our mind." Once initiated, the person is filled with divine grace, which disposes him or her to enter into relationship with God more completely. This is achieved through communication (prayer, both personal and communal), growing in knowledge (study, spiritual reading), and spiritual nourishment (sacraments.) We must continue these practices throughout our lives in order to have a healthy relationship with God. Most importantly, these practices allow us to live out the second and inseparable part of the Great Commandment, love of neighbor. Once fed by God we are called by Him to feed others, so that we may encounter Him in our neighbor.

As the children are completing their preparations to receive the sacraments, they feel very close to Jesus. Let us pray that we may be renewed in our fervor as we pray also for our little ones that they may live in friendship with Christ forever.

Regina Farrell
Director of Religious Education

PRAYERS:

For the sick: Jean-Pierre Belair, André and Marie Coupal, Patricia Lemieux, Estella Lim, Maria da Luz Madeira, Miguel Madeira, Lolita Matheson, Sammy Sinnett, Trudi Stanley, Father Joseph P. Sullivan, Jacques Viau.

For those who have died: Diethild Tiengo

For those about to be married: Ying Chao Li and Janice Ong (May 16); Philip Chandra and Melissa Coussa-Charley (May 30).

For vocations: *As the Father has loved me so I have loved you. Live on in my love.* Bask in the love of God; ask how to respond. (John 15:9-17)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please keep Alejandra Barona, Alessandru Caciula, Elliott DeBargis, Ryan Flood, Lorenza Fumai, Adriano Moruzzi and Noah Sylvere-Mahmet in your prayers this week as they make their final preparations for their First Holy Communion which will take place next Sunday.



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. Please deposit items in the boxes placed at the main entrance to the church and by the parish hall entrance at 71 Roosevelt Avenue. If you have larger items to donate, please call the parish office first. All items will be donated to an organization which assists women in crisis pregnancies.

DISASTER IN NEPAL: Development and Peace is collecting donations from the public to meet the needs of victims of last week's devastating earthquake in Nepal. **The Canadian government will match, dollar for dollar, all of the donations made by Canadians until May 25 to support the victims of the earthquake.** Thank you for your generosity and prayers for the people of Nepal. Please see the link at the [parish website](#) or go to www.devp.org.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI 2015 - SHINE FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST: All are welcome on Thursday, June 4 beginning with Mass at a new time this year of 7pm at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral (1085 rue de la Cathédrale, Montreal) followed by a Eucharistic procession through the streets of downtown Montreal to St. Patrick's Basilica (460 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, Montreal) for benediction. Contact Sr. Pamela Buchner, FMJ at 514-931-7311 x349 or <mailto:pbuchner@diocesemontreal.org>.

WEEKEND FOR YOUNG ADULTS AT GRAND SÉMINAIRE DE MONTRÉAL -175TH ANNIVERSARY: *"You shall remember...that He loves you"* - Dt 5:15 is the chosen theme by the Grand Séminaire for its 175th anniversary being celebrated throughout 2015 until November 17. As part of the year's festivities, the GSM will be hosting a gathering for young adults (18-35 yrs) from Friday, June 5 at 5pm to Sunday, June 7 at 2pm (2065 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal). It will be a time for young adults to celebrate their faith through testimonies, sharing, music, prayer, adoration and so much more. Cost is \$55 without accommodations or \$80 with accommodations. Simultaneous translation will be available throughout the event (French and English). Visit www.gsm175.org for more details. Contact 514-935-1169 x230 or gsm175@gsdm.qc.ca.

WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT: On Wednesday, May 20 at Villa Saint-Martin (9451 Gouin Blvd. West, Pierrefonds). Registration begins at 9:15am. Presentations by Sr. Pat O'Neill, SNJM. The day will include music, quiet time for personal reflection and prayer, Eucharistic celebration, sharing for those who wish to participate. We are pleased to announce that Theologia will be present to offer a wonderful opportunity for those who would like to browse and buy from a wide selection of spiritual books! This is a perfect time to prepare for summer reading. Samia will also have DVDs available for movie fans. ALL women welcome. Please bring a lunch. Coffee and tea provided. Suggested donation \$15. Contact 514-684-1290.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 9– Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00PM Pro Populo Father Robert

Sunday, May 10 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00AM Raphael Harb and Harb family Jeanette Harb

Tuesday, May 12

8:30AM Felipe Pasco Sr. Aquino/Gobeil Family

Wednesday, May 13

8:30AM Marie Howard Farrell Family

Thursday, May 14 – St. Matthias

8:30AM Sofia Reig Adolfo Perez de Leon

Friday, May 15

8:30AM Evelyn McMenamin Estate

Saturday, May 16– Ascension of the Lord

5:00PM Pro Populo Father Robert

Sunday, May 17– Ascension of the Lord

10:00AM Joaquin Aquino Mila Aquino

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last weekend was \$1650.00. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends"* - John 15:12-13 Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we should be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him.

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, as requested by a parishioner.