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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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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

31 May 2015

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

During the mid-twentieth century, the genre of dystopian literature and film became popular, notably with writers such as Aldous Huxley and H. G. Wells. Lesser known, perhaps, is Myles Connolly, whose 1928 novel, *Mr. Blue*, includes a very Catholic take on totalitarianism and the end of the world.

Like Huxley and Wells, Connolly's character Mr. Blue tells the story of a world controlled by a great power, the IGW, the International Government of the World. It is as bleak as can be imagined: people living as slaves, numbered, not named, in steel towers bereft of sunlight or human interaction. In this world there is no cause for joy, except once when it is announced that the last Christian has been found and killed. On that occasion, a half-day holiday is given to all and there is much celebration. All hope would be lost were it not for a priest, one of the nameless, faceless slaves, who secretly prepares to celebrate his last Mass. "I shall bring God back to earth," he says.

When the time comes, the priest begins his Mass in the heart of the soulless city, and as he utters the words of Consecration, the forces of evil are set to destroy him.

There was a moment of awful silence. Then, a burst of light beside which day itself is dusk. Then, a trumpet peal, a single trumpet peal that shook the universe. Then, the sun blew up like a bubble. The stars and planets vanished like sparks. The earth burst asunder... And through this unspeakably luminous new day, through the vault of the sky ribbed with lightning came Christ as He had come after the Resurrection. It was the end of the world!

Hopefully, we will never see a world like the one described in *Mr. Blue*, but it does serve to illustrate what Jesus is saying in today's Gospel. "Remember, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Christ is with us today through His Church, which Connolly strips down to its very essence: one priest offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. As long as we have the Eucharist, we have Jesus with us, truly and substantially. Without that, the world could not continue to exist.

On Thursday evening, hundreds of Montreal's faithful will join our archbishop, Christian Lépine, in the celebration of the Eucharist, followed by a procession through the downtown core and Benediction. It is an opportunity to express our gratitude to our Lord for His eternal gift of Himself and to bring Him to those who may not yet know Him. Along the route will be people who are perplexed, angry, indifferent, lost, lonely, and hurt. Others will be joyful, reverent and full of awe. All of them – all of us – are people who need Jesus. Why not consider participating in this year's Corpus Christi Mass and Procession?

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, , Sammy Sinnett, Trudi Stanley, Father Joseph P. Sullivan, Jacques Viau.

For those who have died: Diethild Tiengo, Lolita Matheson.

For those recently married: Janice Ong and Bobby Li; Melissa Coussa-Charley and Philip Chandra.

For vocations: Through baptism we become beloved children of the Father of Jesus. Pray for the grace to humbly accept that gift. Listen for what it means in your life (Romans 8: 14-17).

TUESDAY STUDY AND DISCUSSION GROUP: On Tuesday, June 2nd from 9:15 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. in the boardroom, all are welcome to join the study and discussion group. It is not necessary to have attended previous sessions. We will look at the last part of the documentary series “Catholicism” by Father Robert Barron. This session we will view: *World Without End: The Four Last Things*. “The four last things to be remembered are Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell.” Discussion will follow and coffee will be served.

GOD’S COVENANTAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS PEOPLE: Father Robert is leading a study and discussion group, looking at the meaning of Covenant and how it pertains to our relationship with God. Our last meeting for the season will take place on Wednesday, June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom. Everyone is welcome; it is not necessary to have attended previously.



MARRIAGE JUBILEE: Please pray for Gilles and Virginia St-Cyr (60 years), Pius and Eva Kaufman (55 years), Frank and Doris Rooney (50 years), and Werner and Hannelore Sieweke (50 years), who will be renewing their marriage vows on Saturday June 6 at the 5:00 pm Mass.

ANNUAL CLERGY JUBILEE: Please remember in your prayers Father Jack Kennedy (50 years), Father Lawrence MacEachen (30 years), Father Sunny Abraham (25 years), and the other priests in our diocese who are celebrating jubilee anniversaries of their ordination. *Ad multos annos!*

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: All the faithful of Montreal are cordially invited to a special Mass presided by Archbishop Christian Lépine, on Thursday evening, June 4. Mass will be held at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral at 7:00 pm, followed by a Eucharistic Procession in the streets of downtown Montreal, and benediction at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. For more information please call 514-866-1661.

PARISH FAMILY BARBECUE: Please join us on Sunday, June 14th, following the 10:00 am Mass as we close our pastoral year with a Parish Family Barbecue which will be held on the parish grounds. Hot dogs, chips and soft drinks will be served. We welcome donations of salads and desserts.

BLESSING OF THE PETS: On Sunday June 21st, at 1:30 pm, you are invited to bring your pets to the parish for a blessing by Father Robert. Save the date. Details to follow.

CAMP CARITAS: Applications are now being accepted for Camp Caritas, a dynamic sports camp located in the Laurentians at Lac Labelle. From Tuesday, July 29 to Tuesday, August 12, it includes a complete sports program and many outward-bound activities supervised by a qualified staff. Boys between 12 and 17 years are welcome. Cost is \$500 for two weeks. Visit www.campcaritas.ca or call Father Baxter at 514-272-1056.

ORDINATION OF THREE NEW DEACONS: Mr. Frank Scalia, Mr. Christophe Guillet and Mr. Claude Ngodji will be ordained deacons with the intention of becoming priests, on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at 11:00 am at The Grand Seminary of Montreal’s Chapel (2065 Sherbrooke Street West, H3B 2V4). Thanks to all of you for praying for each of these three future deacons and for everyone who is journeying towards the priesthood.

MASS INTENTIONS		
<u>Saturday May 30 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</u>		
5:00PM	Pro Populo	Father Robert
<u>Sunday May 31 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</u>		
10:00AM	Ernestina Aquino	Mila Aquino
<u>Tuesday, June 2</u>		
8:30AM	Lolita Matheson	Gobeil Family
<u>Wednesday, June 3 - St Charles Lwanga and Companions</u>		
8:30AM	Coleman & McMenammin Families	The Estate
<u>Thursday, June 4</u>		
8:30AM	Florence Evans	The Estate
<u>Friday, June 5 – St Boniface</u>		
8:30AM	Evelyn McMenammin	The Estate
<u>Saturday June 6 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</u>		
5:00PM	Pro Populo	Father Robert
<u>Sunday June 7 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</u>		
10:00AM	Edmundo Aguzzi	Aguzzi Family

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last weekend was \$2120.00. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: “*The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...*” - Romans 8:16-17 If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn’t we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn’t we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time, talent and treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

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 recovery of Lucy Aquino, requested by the Aquino/Gobeil family.