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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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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 September 2014

Dear families,

With this letter, I wish, as it were, to come into your homes to speak about an event which will take place at the Vatican this coming October. It is the Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which is being convened to discuss the theme of "pastoral challenges to the family in the context of evangelization". Indeed, in our day the Church is called to proclaim the Gospel by confronting the new and urgent pastoral needs facing the family.

This important meeting will involve all the People of God – bishops, priests, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful of the particular Churches of the entire world – all of whom are actively participating in preparations for the meeting through practical suggestions and the crucial support of prayer. Such support on your part, dear families, is especially significant and more necessary than ever. This Synodal Assembly is dedicated in a special way to you, to your vocation and mission in the Church and in society; to the challenges of marriage, of family life, of the education of children; and the role of the family in the life of the Church. I ask you, therefore, to pray intensely to the Holy Spirit, so that the Spirit may illumine the Synodal Fathers and guide them in their important task. As you know, this Extraordinary Synodal Assembly will be followed a year later by the Ordinary Assembly, which will also have the family as its theme. In that context, there will also be the World Meeting of Families due to take place in Philadelphia in September 2015. May we all, then, pray together so that through these events the Church will undertake a true journey of discernment and adopt the necessary pastoral means to help families face their present challenges with the light and strength that comes from the Gospel.

I am writing this letter to you on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. The evangelist Luke tells us that the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, in keeping with the Law of Moses, took the Baby Jesus to the temple to offer him to the Lord, and that an elderly man and woman, Simeon and Anna, moved by the Holy Spirit, went to meet them and acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah (cf. *Lk* 2:22-38). Simeon took him in his arms and thanked God that he had finally "seen" salvation. Anna, despite her advanced age, found new vigour and began to speak to everyone about the Baby. It is a beautiful image: two young parents and two elderly people, brought together by Jesus. He is the one who brings together and unites generations! He is the inexhaustible font of that love which overcomes every occasion of self-absorption, solitude, and sadness. In your journey as a family, you share so many beautiful moments: meals, rest, housework, leisure, prayer, trips and pilgrimages, and times of mutual support... Nevertheless, if there is no love then there is no joy, and authentic love comes to us from Jesus. He offers us his word, which illuminates our path; he gives us the Bread of life which sustains us on our journey.

Dear families, your prayer for the Synod of Bishops will be a precious treasure which enriches the Church. I thank you, and I ask you to pray also for me, so that I may serve the People of God in truth and in love. May the protection of the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph always accompany all of you and help you to walk united in love and in caring for one another. I willingly invoke on every family the blessing of the Lord.

Pope Francis, 2 February 2014



PRAYERS:

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

For the recently deceased: Francesca Skoda, Giovanni Moruzzi, Aida Wichterle, Deacon Allan McAuliffe

For vocations: Jesus emptied himself in the form of a slave. Am I willing to empty myself to follow the Lord? Consider a call to priesthood or religious life. (Philippians 2:1-11)

PARENTS MEETING: A meeting for all parents of children in the *Fides Quaerens Intellectum* program will take place on Wednesday, October 1st at 7:15 p.m. This brief but important meeting will be an opportunity for parents to become familiar with this year’s program and to receive the materials their children will need for the upcoming year.

INSTALLATION MASS: Bishop Thomas Dowd will preside at the Mass on Sunday, October 5th at 10:00 a.m., installing Father Robert Clark as our new Pastor. Mass will be followed by a barbecue lunch on the church grounds (weather permitting) or in the parish hall.

CHILDREN’S CATECHISM CLASSES: Our *Fides Quaerens Intellectum* classes will begin on Tuesday, October 7th at 4:15 p.m. All children in the parish should be registered, beginning in Grade 1. Preparation for the sacraments (First Penance, First Communion, Confirmation) takes place within this program. To register, or for more information, please contact Regina at the parish office.

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI FEAST DAY MASS: All are welcome to a Franciscan Feast Day Mass followed by a festive meal on Saturday, October 4 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 7755A Outremont Avenue, in Parc Extension. Contact Father Pierre at 514-933-4243.

ALPHA PARENTING COURSE: Facilitated by Lorne Flavelle, this course is designed to equip expecting parents and parents of young children (up to 10 years old) with long-term strategies and practical tools to build a healthy family life. Parents will learn how to invest in their children’s future, model the values they want to pass on, set healthy boundaries and keep love at the centre of their family life. Ten sessions will be offered on Thursdays, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm from October 2 – November 27 at St. Thomas à Becket Parish in Pierrefonds. Please call 514-626-4111 ext. 222 for more information.

PARENTING TEENAGERS: The Parenting Teenagers Course aims to equip parents of teenagers aged 11 to 18 year old with strategies to build a healthy relationship while guiding them into adulthood. Five consecutive sessions will be offered on Tuesday evenings beginning October 7 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish, in the parish lounge. cost is \$25.00. Contact Carol Eaton-Jensen at 514-48/1-9124 or ff_st.ignatius@videotron.ca.



BEFORE YOUR FALL AGENDA FILLS UP... Consider registering for the Parish Vitality Conference, to be held at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral, Nov. 13, and Le Nouvel Hotel, Nov. 14-15. Headlining the conference are authors Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran, who, in their 2013 book *Rebuilt*, describe how their Baltimore parish was thoroughly transformed. The conference schedule, list of workshops and registration information are in a brochure available here in our parish or online at: www.parityvitality.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 28, 2014 – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Pro Populo Father Robert
10:00AM Michael, Fouad and Milad Hodhod Laurice Hodhod

Tuesday, September 30, 2014 - Saint Jerome

8:30AM Evelyn McMenamin The Estate

Wednesday, October 1, 2014 – Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

8:30AM Florence Evans The Estate

Thursday, October 2, 2014 – The Holy Guardian Angels

8:30AM Regina Racine The Farrell Family

Friday, October 3, 2014

8:30AM Coleman & McMenamin families The Estate

Sunday, October 5, 2014 – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Pro Populo Father Robert
10:00AM Giovanni de Stefani Anastasia de Stefani

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last weekend was \$1506.00. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: “*Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.*” - *Matthew 21:28*
Christian discipleship is not easy, God never promised it would be. But, what He did promise is that if we put Him first in all things, He will provide all that we need. Through our daily decisions we have the opportunity to generously share our gifts and help those who may not be in position to help themselves.

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 intention of Father Brian’s successful studies, requested by a parishioner.