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EUCHARISTIC 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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Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

2 November 2014

Communicating with the Dead 101

There is a popular reality television show which features a “medium,” a woman who claims to have a psychic connection with deceased people. She runs into people at the grocery store or hairdresser, as well as at organized events, and in no time she is talking it up with their departed loved ones. It’s always good news. No matter the circumstances of their life and death, no matter the kind of relationship they had with the people who remain, it’s always good. They are happy and at peace. They want their families to relax and be happy and not to worry about them. It’s all good.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says we must reject all forms of divination, including "recourse to mediums" (CCC, 2116), which are psychics who channel spirits of the dead in order to get information. This is extremely dangerous. Channelling is when the medium invokes spirits and allows them to use their body and voice to speak. These spirits may appear to be of God but they are not.

We might ask, what harm does it do, if it makes someone feel better? Many, perhaps most, psychics are simply frauds. They will fleece their clients for large sums of money and offer them nothing but a show. But beyond the financial harm they do, they cause great spiritual harm because of their false assurances. Our loved ones need our prayers and it is our duty to pray for them and to have Masses offered for them. So, at the least, if we are convinced that our loved one is “at peace,” in heaven, then we are not likely to pray for them. It is a disservice to our loved ones and it contributes to our own alienation from our loving God.

Even more disturbing are those mediums who actually do channel spirits. Good spirits – the saints in heaven – are reached through prayers of intercession. We are part of the Communion of Saints and we share our love for Christ and each other. We are connected in a special way, forming the Mystical Body of Christ. We do not have a connection to bad spirits, unless we invite them. That is the role of the medium. They channel spirits that say positive things, reassuring things – how else would people be drawn in? But these are lies that encourage people to put their trust and confidence where it does not belong; they gradually draw them away from their faith and trust in God.

Today, as we celebrate All Souls Day, let us pray for our loved ones and for all the souls in purgatory. They are counting on us – as we will count on those who follow us. Those who are already at peace in heaven will join us in these prayers. They are never wasted and always needed.

Regina Farrell
Director of Religious Education



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 those who have died: Bino Giambattistini, Paul Waters

For vocations: *In you, Lord, I have found my peace.* Is the Lord calling me to be a peacemaker? (Psalm 131)

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: Our second collection next week is for our parish's Helping Others Fund and money collected will go toward Christmas baskets for needy families in the Montreal area.

ADVENT CHOIR: The Choir would like to invite you to join us temporarily during masses in Advent. The attendance of temporary members is required for rehearsals on Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. as of November 6th until December 18th (7 in total), and as of 9:20 a.m. on Sundays in Advent, November 30th to December 21st. For more information, please speak with Sandra D'Angelo after mass or email her at sandra.dangelo@hec.ca.

THE PILLARS TRUST FUND: Through the generosity of our English-speaking Catholics, the Pillars Trust Fund provides financial support for over twenty organizations and projects that benefit and provide service to all members of our English-speaking Catholic community. Pillars is fortunate to have had a great legacy of donors who have been consistently supporting us with time, talent and treasure since Pillars was founded over forty-two years ago. Our ability to maintain support for our beneficiaries is dependent on the continued revitalization of our donor group. We rejoice and embrace the message Pope Francis expressed as he began his papacy, *"Now we take up this journey... a journey of fraternity, of love and of trust among us."* We are most grateful to have you with us on this journey of helping others. *"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."* (Joshua 24:15)

ENGLISH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RALLY: Over forty community organizations will be participating in this event. Archbishop Christian Lépine will be in attendance. Admission to the Rally is free. The Rally takes place on Friday, November 14th beginning at 7:00 p.m. The hotel is near the Guy Metro station and parking is also available.

PARISH VITALITY CONFERENCE: Everyone is cordially invited on Thursday, November 13, 7:00 p.m. at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral (1085 de la Cathédrale St., Montreal) to hear the keynote address given by Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran, the pastoral team from the Church of the Nativity in North Baltimore. The co-authors of *Rebuilt: The Story of a Catholic Parish* will describe how their parish made a critical, timely shift that transformed members into disciples and created a healthier community. Titled *Make Church Matter*, the keynote is open to the public with simultaneous French translation provided. Admission is free. PLUS! 17 "How-to Workshops" offered Friday, November 14 and Saturday, November 15 at Le Nouvel Hotel (1740 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, Montreal). Participants can register for up to five workshops. Last chance to sign up! The conference is open to everyone involved or interested in parish life. For up-to-date information and online registration, go to www.parishvitality.com

JINGLE BELL FAIR: The Auxiliary of St. Mary's Hospital Center is holding its annual Fall Fair on Thursday, November 6, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. Start your shopping early... there is something for everyone on your list! Lunch will be served in the Tea Room beginning at 11:00 a.m. Funds raised go to enhance patient care and to purchase specialized medical equipment. For more information please call 514-345-3411, ext. 3247.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 1 - Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

5:00PM Pro Populo Father Robert

Sunday, November 2 – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

10:00AM Pro Populo Father Robert

Tuesday, November 4 - Saint Charles Borromeo

8:30AM Maria Amelia Alvarez Santullano Adolfo Perez de Leon

Wednesday, November 5

8:30AM Florence Evans The Estate

Thursday, November 6

8:30AM Coleman & McMenamin families The Estate

Friday, November 7

8:30AM Evelyn McMenamin The Estate

Saturday, November 8 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

5:00PM Pro Populo Father Robert

Sunday, November 9 – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

10:00AM Raphael Harb Jeannette Harb

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last weekend was \$1395.00. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *"Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his elect, and he watches over his holy ones."* - *Wisdom of Solomon 3:9* Here's the ironic thing about people who are generous. Those that give freely and cheerfully do not do it to be rewarded. They do it to show their love for God and their neighbors. Yet, because of their generosity, they typically are given more than they gave away!

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 healing of Joanna Frazer, requested by Lorna MacLeod.