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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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Third Sunday of Advent

14 December 2014



In his Angelus message on the Third Sunday of Advent last year, Pope Francis reminded pilgrims that the day is also called 'Gaudete Sunday'- 'Rejoice Sunday'. The Liturgy, he said, is filled with calls to rejoice, to be joyful, in order to prepare us to celebrate the feast of Christmas with renewed exultation.

"The Christian message is called the 'Gospel,' that is, 'the good news,' an announcement of joy for all people; the Church is not a refuge for sad people, the Church is a house of joy."

PRAYERS:

For the sick: Jean-Pierre Belair, Madeleine Coté, Madeline Cummings, Gino De Iure, 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: Aurora Guzman Navarro, John James “Jim” Locke

For vocations: *Rejoice; never cease praying.* Let us never cease praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24)

THANK YOU! Thank you to the many parishioners who contributed to the success of our parish Advent/Christmas Supper. To those who baked hams and scalloped potatoes – delicious! Thank you. Desserts – awesome! We are also very grateful for donations of wine, salad, raffle prizes and more. Thank you to those who helped serve the dinner. Thanks to those who helped set up and later clean up, and thank you also to those who worked behind the scenes organizing this beloved event. Thank you also for your gifts for children and elderly people. And a special shout out to Santa for taking time to visit us during this busy time of year.

ADVENT ANGEL TREE: The response to our Advent Angel Tree has been very encouraging! Thank you for your generosity. It is a sad reality that very many of the elderly residents will not receive any gifts nor even visitors, even during the Christmas season. Your small gesture will mean the world to them. Please return your gift in a gift bag with the Angel Tree tag attached. All gifts must be received by Wednesday, December 17th. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: Our second collection this week will go toward our parish’s Helping Others Fund. All money collected goes to support Christmas Baskets for our neighbors in Côte des Neiges, Parc Extension, and other underprivileged areas of Montreal.

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION: For those unable to attend our Parish’s Advent Reconciliation Service, Father Robert is available before all weekend Masses. If he is not in the confessional, please indicate to him or Emilio that you would like him to hear your confession and he will happily comply. In addition, nearby parishes will hold Advent Reconciliation services. Saint Ignatius of Loyola will have confessions on Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. Saint Kevin’s will have several visiting priests assist on Friday, December 19th at 7:00 pm; and Saint Malachy’s will have their service the following day, December 20th at 11:00 am. Don’t forget Saint Joseph’s Oratory has an extensive schedule for confessions: Monday through Saturday (usually in the Crypt Church) 7:00 am to 12:45 pm, 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm; Sunday (usually in the Crypt Church) 6:45 am to 5:30 pm, and 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm.

WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPES: Regular users of weekly donation envelopes will find their boxes of envelopes for 2015 at the main entrance of the church. All parishioners are encouraged to use envelopes and may obtain a box of envelopes by contacting the parish office. All donations are completely confidential and tax receipts are issued early in the New Year.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent

5:00PM Pro Populo Father Robert

Sunday, December 14 – Third Sunday of Advent

10:00AM Sofia Reig Adolfo Perez de Leon

Tuesday, December 16

8:30AM Vincenzo Mattii Andrée Mattii

Wednesday, December 17

8:30AM Miles McElrone Mary Burke

Thursday, December 18

8:30AM Aniceta Bondoc Raquel Bondoc

Friday, December 19

8:30AM Miles McElrone Mary Burke

Saturday, December 20 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00PM Debbie Neemeh Her Family

Sunday, December 21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00AM Pro Populo Father Robert

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last weekend was \$1,637.00. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

A MESSAGE FROM THE WARDENS: As of November 30, the Parish **Collection** is **\$18,000 less** than the same time **last year**. Please make a **special effort** with your **Christmas Offering** to eliminate this shortfall. *The Wardens*

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” – 1Thessalonians 5:16 - 18* This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

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, requested by Mila Aquino.