



February

11 & 12 Fundscrip forms due.

12 Knowing Jesus – see inside for details.

18 Vocation and Virtue series continues with **Sacrifice, Making the Other Holy**, 10:30 am in the parish hall.

18 & 19 Sacrament of the sick – for those who need it – following Mass.

28 Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Supper, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Details to follow.

March

1 Ash Wednesday Mass schedule – 8:30 am & 7 pm.

Parish Retreat begins – see inside for details.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February

Comfort for the Afflicted:

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.



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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass:

Saturday (vigil) 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday – Wednesday 7:00 pm
Thursday – Friday 8:30 am

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-4:45 pm;
Sunday 9:30-9:45 am, or anytime on request.

BAPTISM

It is necessary to arrange an appointment with Fr. Robert for preparation. Baptisms are scheduled on the third Sunday of the month at noon.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish before setting the wedding date.

VISITING THE SICK

Please contact Fr. Robert if you or a family member is homebound or in the hospital. He will gladly visit.

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2017: Winston Redman, John T. Sullivan;
2018: Emidio De Carolis, Scot Diamond;
2019: Anthony Mancini, Lori-Ann Zemanovich.

PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK: Lent is just around the corner (Ash Wednesday is March 1st)! Why make more time for Jesus by joining us for one or more of these four activities:

1 TAKE ST JOSEPH HOME! As part of this year’s vocation theme, we invite parishioners to pray for vocations in their home with a small statue of St. Joseph, provided by the parish. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church. **Please begin praying today:**

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH TO KNOW ONE’S VOCATION

O Great Saint Joseph, you were completely obedient to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Obtain for me the grace to know the state of life that God in His providence has chosen for me. Since my happiness on earth, and perhaps even my final happiness in heaven, depends on this choice, let me not be deceived in making it. Obtain for me the light to know God’s Will, to carry it out faithfully, and to choose the vocation which will lead me to a happy eternity.

2 VOCATION AND VIRTUE SERIES CONTINUES: During our last workshop, Father Robert described **sacrifice as making the other holy**. Join us **Saturday February 18 at 10:30 am** as we discuss how this positive twist on sacrifice can change the way we live the upcoming season of Lent. We have been receiving a lot of positive feedback with regards these sessions. No sharing required – listeners welcome! Sessions last about 45 minutes.

3 Wouldn’t it be great if you could attend a retreat for a few minutes a day in the comfort of your own home? The **Parish Lenten Retreat** is exactly that: a retreat that takes place mostly at your own home. Over the six weeks of Lent, participants will be paired up with a trained prayer companion. At a time that fits your busy schedule, you will meet once a week. What you two talk about is entirely up to you. The point of the conversations is to bring you into a conversation with God, to invite you to on an important decision, or personal suffering, or relationships, etc. For more information, please contact Mary. To register, please sign-up at the back of the church or contact the office.



4 BREAKING OPEN THE WORD: Join us this **Sunday February 12 at 11:15 am** in the boardroom as we discuss the following Sunday’s Gospel reading. Attendance at previous sessions is not required. All are welcome, adults, youth and children. Sharing is not required!



SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: The World Day of Prayer for the Sick is February 11th. Our parish will honor this day by offering the Sacrament of the Sick next weekend, February 18 & 19, following Mass.

If you are in need of this sacrament, please line up at the front of the church. Father Robert may ask the nature of your ailment before administering the sacrament.

THIS WEEK’S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday
9 am to 12 pm

Friday
9 am to 4 pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mondays - No Mass
Tuesdays – 7 pm
Wednesdays – 7 pm
Thursdays – 8:30 am
Fridays - 8:30 am



Saturday February 11, 2017 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm Pro Populo
Sunday February 12, 2017 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 am Thérèse Maroun & Souad Azar
Requested by Jeanette Harb
Tuesday February 14, 2017 – Saint Cyril
7:00 pm Coleman & McMenamin
Requested by the Estate
Wednesday February 15, 2017
7:00 pm Roseline Stavro
Requested by Ed Muszynski and family
Thursday February 16, 2017
8:30 am Gaetano Martinez
Requested by Giovanna Martinez
Friday February 17, 2017
8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin
Requested by the Estate
Saturday February 18, 2017 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm Pro Populo
Sunday February 19, 2017 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 am Emidio Farias
Requested by the Farias family



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 donation of \$20.00. Please contact the office to arrange a memorial for the Sanctuary Lamp. **This week** the Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Holy Father’s prayer intention for February – please see back cover.

The Righteousness that Surpasses: Humanity is nothing without God. Sometimes we are tempted to declare that humanity is nothing at all. But this is because comparatively few people have the good fortune to meet a real human being. After all, no one is above the law of transgression—without your grace. We have all taken the wrong road, and our empirical experience of humanity has demonstrated little but weakness, incapacity, and extreme helplessness. Our yearning to excel, our desire to achieve and accomplish things indicate that our shortcomings are not Fundamental but are a superficial effect. Our dissatisfaction with the conditions of our earthly existence is deep-seated and constantly impels us to venture to try to improve our way of life. We have it in us to conceive high ideals and work for their realization, but if we are honest we will recognize the fact that we can do nothing on our own. Left to ourselves we are incomplete, not quite human. God is part of the definition of a human; inner unity with God is the primary condition for a fulfilled and successful life. The decision to recognize this is the greatest that we can make and the only one that will rescue us from the chaos in which we are involved. About turn—back to the beginning—that is the only solution and the way to achieve fife's fulfillment.

FATHER ALFRED DELP, SJ. was a German Jesuit priest condemned to death by the Nazis.

PRAYERS:

For the sick: Jean-Pierre Belair, André and Marie Coupal, Patricia Paul, Nevine, Jacques Viau, Judith and Marina Zogalis.
For those who have died: Gaetano Martinez, Noé Miranda.

For vocations: The Lord has a plan for each one of us; we have the ability to say yes or no. Don’t be afraid to say yes if the Lord is calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Speak with Father Robert about it or call the Vocations office at 514-925-4300, ext. 632. (1 Cor. 2:6-10)



STEWARDSHIP:

Our collection last week was for \$1,485. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”
Matthew 5:20

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it’s the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.