



February

18 & 19 Fundscrip orders are in.

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

21 Last **Children's Faith Education** class before Ash Wednesday and March Break.

26 **Knowing Jesus** – see inside for details.

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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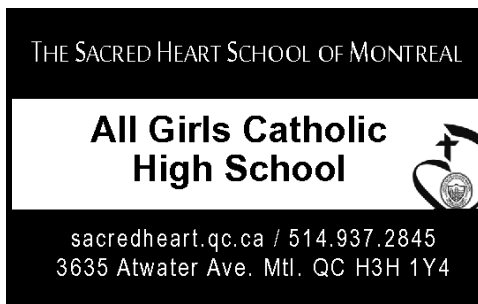


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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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 three activities:

1

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

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 pray and reflect, be it 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.



Knowing Jesus

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD: Join us next **Sunday February 26** 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!



Theme: God’s Commandments are a way of life.
Breaking Open the Word Suggested text for faith sharing: Today’s Gospel Reading Matthew 5: 38-48
Step One: Listen to the Word When you hear the word commandment, what do you feel? What did Jesus mean when he said he did not come to *abolish* but to *fulfill* the law of the prophets?
Step Two: Look into your Life
Question for Children: Which rules cause you the most difficulty? Why?
Question for Youth: In your own words, describe what the spirit of God’s law is.
Question for Adults: Have you considered that laws are made with love? Do you accept God’s love through his laws?

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

ASH WEDNESDAY
March 1
8:30 am & 7 pm

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:
The World Day of Prayer for the Sick was February 11th. Our parish will honor this day by offering the Sacrament of the Sick this 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.

Mass Intentions

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

Tuesday February 21, 2017 – St. Peter Damian
7:00 pm Gaetano Martinez
Requested by Giovanna Martinez

Wednesday February 22, 2017 – The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
7:00 pm Coleman & McMenamin
Requested by the Estate

Thursday February 23, 2017 – Saint Polycarp
8:30 am Evelyn McMenamin
Requested by the Estate

Friday February 24, 2017
8:30 am Coleman & McMenamin
Requested by the Estate

Saturday February 25, 2017 – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday February 26, 2017 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 am Patricia Lemieux
Requested by Virginia and Gilles St-Cyr

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 repose of the soul of Debbie Groves.

A Call to Care for the Sick

Pope Francis' message for the World Day of the Sick 2017 (Feb. 11) reminds us to remember in a special way the sick and dying. The following is an excerpt from his message:

Like St. Bernadette, we stand beneath the watchful gaze of Mary the humble maiden of Lourdes tells us that the Virgin, whom she called "the Lovely Lady," looked at her as one person looks at another. Those simple words describe the fullness of a relationship. Bernadette, poor, illiterate and ill, felt that Mary was looking at her as a person. The Lovely Lady spoke to her with great respect and without condescension. This reminds us that every person is, and always remains, a human being, and is to be treated as such. The sick and those who are disabled, even severely, have their own inalienable dignity and mission in life they never become simply objects. If at times they appear merely passive, in reality that is never the case...

PRAYERS:

For the sick: Jean-Pierre Belair, Michael Coady, André and Marie Coupal, Patricia Paul, Nevine, Jacques Viau, Judith and Marina Zogalis.

For the recently baptized: Emilia Elaine Ryan.

For vocations: The law of universal love in today’s scripture is a difficult but compelling call. Answer the call for today, and try again tomorrow, and every day, for the rest of your life. This is the path of joy and peace! (Matthew 5: 38-48)



STEWARDSHIP:

Our collection last week was for \$1,357. Our second collection was for \$750. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...”
Matthew 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for “our enemy”. When we pray for others, even “our enemies”, maybe it softens their hearts as well.