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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.

WARDENS

Emidio De Carolis, David Flood, Anthony Mancini, Scot Diamond, Winston Redman.

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

23 November 2014



“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.”

In today's gospel, Jesus makes very clear our responsibility to care for “the least” of our brothers and sisters. With Advent and Christmas approaching, the pastoral staff has been considering ways in which Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish can respond to those in need in our community. Through our “Helping Others” collections, we contribute to parishes and organizations that prepare Christmas baskets for families and individuals in impoverished areas of the city. Those who attend the Advent/Christmas Supper also donate gifts that are distributed by the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Still, within our own community, there are those who are in need and we wanted to reach out to them in a special way.

This year, we have undertaken to bring a little Christmas to the vulnerable, frail and often lonely people who reside at Vigi Mont-Royal, a long-term care residence on Brittany Avenue. Beginning next Sunday, we will place an Advent Angel Tree in the sanctuary, and of course, we are counting on the generosity of our parishioners to make this project a success.

The Advent Angel Tree is an opportunity to bring the love of Christ to these “least” of our community during the Christmas season. The tree is decorated with cards, each with a suggested gift item for a resident. Parishioners are invited to take as many cards as they would like from the tree and to purchase the suggested gifts. Gifts should be returned in a gift bag with the card from the tree attached as a gift tag and placed under the tree. We ask that all gifts be dropped off no later than the Third Sunday of Advent, December 14th.

If you are unable to shop but would like to support this project, cash donations will also be accepted, and our parish elves will do the rest. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

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 the recently baptized: Noah Vincent Mastroberardino, son of Benoit Mastroberardino and Careen Hannouche

For vocations: What we've done to the least of our brothers and sisters we've done to Christ. Choose to serve in every instance; listen for a call to service as a priest, brother, or sister. (Matthew 25:31-46)

PARISH ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SUPPER: The Parish Advent/Christmas Supper will take place in the Social Hall on Saturday, December 6th, following the 5:00PM Mass. Tickets are \$10.00 per adult and children 12 years and older and \$5.00 for children from 5 to 11 years of age. Children under 5 will need a ticket but there will be no charge. Tickets will be sold after all weekend masses. Table reservations can be made at the time of purchase by one person representing the group. This traditional community event would not be possible without the efforts of hard-working volunteers. Sign-up sheets for volunteers are available after weekend masses. On the evening of the supper, please do not forget to bring a gift for the young or the elderly.

GENERAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS TO ELECT WARDENS: A General Meeting of Parishioners for the Purpose of Electing New Wardens will be held in the parish hall on Sunday, December 14th at 11:00 a.m. Two wardens will be elected to serve a three-year term, beginning January 1, 2015. Nominations, duly proposed and seconded, will be accepted at the meeting. For information on the role of the warden or to propose a nominee, please contact the parish office.

2015 WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPES: Boxes of envelopes for 2015 are currently being prepared. Using envelopes for your donations allows us to provide you with a tax receipt at the end of the year. Donation records are confidential. If you are not currently an envelope user, please call the parish office. We would be happy to provide you with envelopes.

MULTICAF'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE: MultiCaf needs drivers to accompany and supervise high school students as they go door to door in TMR to pick up non-perishable food donations for the local food bank. The food drive will take place on Saturday, December 6th from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are interested but want to know more or if you want to confirm your participation, please contact Katy at MultiCaf at 514.733.0554 (ext. 206) or by e-mail at info@multicaf.org

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 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) Envelopes for this purpose are available at the entrances to the church.

BUY A POINSETTIA AND HELP ST. RAFAEL'S PALLIATIVE CARE RESIDENCE AND DAY CENTRE: When you buy a poinsettia, you are helping transform St. Raphael the Archangel Church into a humane setting where people at the end of life can receive the care they need **for free** and with dignity, just as their lives are waning. **You must reserve your poinsettia** by calling 514 736-2001 or visiting the website at www.maisonstaphael.org. Poinsettias cost \$20 each and will be available for pick-up at St. Rafael's, Saturday December 6, from 10 am to 4 pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 22 – Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

5:00PM Patsy Rochon Teresa Rochon & family

Sunday, November 23 – Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

10:00AM Pro Populo Father Robert

Tuesday, November 25 – Saint Catherine of Alexandria

8:30AM Sofia Reig Adolfo Perez de Leon

Wednesday, November 26

8:30AM Florence Evans The Estate

Thursday, November 27

8:30AM Patricia Brown (Fagan) Rita and Gaston Beauregard

Friday, November 28

8:30AM Julia Alfano Brenda Brazier

Saturday, November 29 – First Sunday of Advent

5:00PM Pro Populo Father Robert

Sunday, November 30 – First Sunday of Advent

10:00AM Samia Saba and Joe Melki Katherine Ohanessian

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last weekend was \$1530.00. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *"...as you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me"* – Matthew 25:40 Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness, mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

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 recovery of Joanne Frazer, requested by Lorna MacLeod.