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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.

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 February 2015



On this, the twenty-third World Day of the Sick, begun by Saint John Paul II, I turn to all of you who are burdened by illness and are united in various ways to the flesh of the suffering Christ, as well as to you, professionals and volunteers in the field of health care.

This year's theme invites us to reflect on a phrase from the Book of Job: "I was eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame" (*Job 29:15*).

How many Christians show, not by their words but by lives rooted in a genuine faith, that they are "eyes to the blind" and "feet to the lame"! They are close to the sick in need of constant care and help in washing, dressing and eating. This service, especially when it is protracted, can become tiring and burdensome. It is relatively easy to help someone for a few days but it is difficult to look after a person for months or even years, in some cases when he or she is no longer capable of expressing gratitude. And yet, what a great path of sanctification this is! In those difficult moments we can rely in a special way on the closeness of the Lord, and we become a special means of support for the Church's mission.

Time spent with the sick is holy time. It is a way of praising God who conforms us to the image of his Son, who "came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (*Mt 20:28*). Jesus himself said: "I am among you as one who serves" (*Lk 22:27*).

With lively faith let us ask the Holy Spirit to grant us the grace to appreciate the value of our often unspoken willingness to spend time with these sisters and brothers who, thanks to our closeness and affection, feel more loved and comforted.

Message of his Holiness Pope Francis for the 23rd World Day of the Sick 2015 (excerpt)

PRAYERS:

For the sick: Jean-Pierre Belair, Madeleine Coté, André and Marie Coupal, 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: Sarah Ratchford

For vocations: *If you live in me and my words stay part of you, you may ask what you will and it will be done for you.* Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. (John 15:1-8)

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK: Our second collection this week will go to our parish’s Helping Others Fund.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: In recognition of World Day of the Sick, Father Robert will offer the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick following Mass next week, February 14th and 15th. If you are facing serious illness such as diabetes or cancer, or if you are experiencing the frailty of old age, you are encouraged to receive this sacrament of healing.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: Lent is just around the corner and we will be sharing in our traditional Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 17th from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. There are many variants of this tradition, which is the last fling before the austerity of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, but basically, we are gobbling up our meats and sweets before the season of fast and abstinence. As in previous years, the whole family is invited, older siblings, grandparents etc... and arrival time is flexible. REMINDER: Please bring a non-perishable food item which will be donated to MultiCaf, a food bank and soup kitchen servicing the Côte-des-Neiges area. Items may be left in the boxes as you enter the Parish Hall.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday, February 18th marks the beginning of Lent. In addition to the Mass at 8:30AM, there will be a Mass at 7:00PM. There will be distribution of ashes at both Masses. On Ash Wednesday, Catholics over 14 years of age are expected to abstain from eating meat. Catholics 18 years of age and up to the beginning of their 60th year (not including pregnant or nursing mothers) are expected to fast: taking only one full meal and two other light meals, eating nothing between meals. We are also to abstain from meat on Fridays throughout Lent.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS: At the initiative of a couple of Loyola High School students, a new collection for the homeless is now taking place. We have set up a donation box at the main entrance of the church to gather items of clothing that many people without shelter need. Many homeless people especially need clothes like socks and mittens, hats and even boots (these expensive items are hard to come by for the homeless) and not so much big jackets. The items that we will be donating will change each season as needs arise. This box will be emptied every two weeks and sent to the Salvation Army. We appreciate all your support on this new project for our church. Thank you.

A SYMPOSIUM WITH DR. RALPH MARTIN: Dr. Ralph Martin of *Renewal Ministries*, and prominent leader in renewal movements in the Catholic Church for many years, will be in Montreal on February 13, 2015 for a FREE event! *Salvation and the Scope of Divine Mercy*, will take place from 7pm-8:30 pm at the John Molson School of Business, (1450 Guy St., corner de Maisonneuve) in room MB 1.210

THE NEWMAN CENTRE: CLAUDE RYAN LECTURE: This year’s Claude Ryan Lecture on Catholic Social Thought is *Breaking the silence of child sexual abuse: how to promote safer places for children* by Delphine Collin-Vézina. Join us on Thursday, February 12 at 5:30pm. A clinical psychologist and leading expert in cases of child sexual abuse, Dr. Collin-Vézina is one of a handful of scholars who has helped to deepen the Catholic Church’s understanding of trends in child maltreatment. Her Claude Ryan Lecture will explore the problem of silence in the area of child sexual abuse and comment on the role adults can play in reversing this trend by creating safer environments into which our children may grow. Visit www.newmancentre.org. Contact the office at 514-398-4106.

MASS INTENTIONS		
<u>Saturday, February 7 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>		
5:00PM	Emilio Lim	Estella Lim
<u>Sunday, February 8 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>		
10:00AM	Pro Populo	Father Robert
<u>Tuesday, February 10 – Saint Scholastica</u>		
8:30AM	Special Intention	Emilio Fontanilla
<u>Wednesday, February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes</u>		
8:30AM	Florence Evans	The Estate
<u>Thursday, February 12</u>		
8:30AM	Coleman and McMenamin families	The Estate
<u>Friday, February 13</u>		
8:30AM	Giovanni de Stefani	Anastasia de Stefani
<u>Saturday, February 14 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>		
5:00PM	Pro Populo	Father Robert
<u>Sunday, February 15 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>		
10:00AM	Aida Wichterle	The Sinnett Family

STEWARDSHIP: Our collection last weekend was \$1284.00. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *“Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.” – 1 Corinthians 7:32* How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won’t necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word “pray” instead of the word “worry” in the future.

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 Emilio Fontanilla.