

*Behold,  
the Lamb  
of God*

*The Second Sunday  
in  
Ordinary Time  
January 15, 2017*

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**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: JAN. 07 TO JAN. 15**

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 14</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
4:30 pm		Our Parishioners	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 15</b>		
9:00 am		Mrs. Palmira D'Silva	Atwell D'Souza & family
			Rina Della Rocca
11:00 am		Dorotea, Joseph & Vito Marcario	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan. 16</b>		
8:30 am		Glenn Doyle	Becket Seniors
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan. 17</b>		
8:30 am		Jean Mack	Becket CWL
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan. 18</b>		
8:30 am		Jack Scimone	Mary Scimone
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan. 19</b>		
8:30 am		Chris Kolodnicki	Mike & Rina Callard
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan. 20</b>		
8:30 am		Joe Ortuso (L)	The Donaghy family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 21</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
4:30 pm		Frank McDonnell	Pat & Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan. 22</b>		
9:00 am		Stanley Szuszkowski	Linda & family
11:00 am		Our Parishioners	

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

**Week of:**

Jan. 15: Chris Kolodnicki, requested by Willy & Alf Kolodnicki

Jan. 22: Billy Tilli, requested by his niece Mary

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A SPOUSE**

Drawing on our Catholic tradition, this group will offer a chance to reflect, share and connect with others who have experienced similar loss. Our next gathering will be held on Monday, January 9, 9:30am at St. Edmund of Canterbury Parish (105 Beaconsfield Blvd., Beaconsfield). Our group meets every first Monday of the month. For more information, please contact Cathie Macaulay at 514-925-4354 or [cmacaulay@diocesemontreal.org](mailto:cmacaulay@diocesemontreal.org).

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JAN. 07/08!**

Offerings: \$ 5, 755.00 Helping Others: \$ 1, 932.00

Next Second Collection: January 29, for the Building Fund.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Knights of Columbus are hosting a steak dinner on **Saturday, March 25**. Tickets will be available mid-February. Details to follow

## **THE ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

will begin in a few days, January 18-25, 2017, on the theme Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us (2 Corinthians 5:14-20). The theme and biblical text for the 2017 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are chosen by an international joint committee of the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity gives Christians an annual opportunity to continue their quest for the unity they already share in Christ. It is also a time to gather in praise of the Triune God and to deepen the understanding of the ecumenical movement. By joining in this annual celebration Christians raise their voices, hands and hearts to God seeking the fulfillment of the prayer of Jesus, the Son of God, “that they all may be one.”



The Week of Prayer also invites those who participate to use it as an opportunity to examine the effectiveness of the ecumenical movement in seeking to end the divisions among Christians. From the smallest to the largest communities, from all cultures, races and language groups, from all the baptized to all those in ordained ministry, the Week of Prayer is also an opportunity to ask examine the level of support they have given to this important movement in the life of the Church. An accounting of each Christian’s discipleship and faithfulness to the proclamation of the Gospel—the good news of reconciliation—can be taken every year during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

## **FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL: JANUARY 25**



St. Paul, named Saul at his birth, a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin, was born at Tarsus, the capitol of Cilicia. He was a Roman citizen. He was brought up as a strict Jew, and later became a violent persecutor of the Christians. While on his way to Damascus to make new arrests of Christians, he was suddenly converted by a miraculous apparition of Our Lord. From a fierce persecutor he became the great Apostle of the Gentiles. He made three missionary journeys which brought him to the great centres of Asia Minor and southern Europe, and made many converts. Fourteen of his Epistles are found in the New Testament. He was beheaded in Rome in 66, and his body is kept in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls near the Ostian Way.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity concludes with the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25.

**STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** We are in need of occasional greeters and door-openers especially for the 4:30 pm and 9:00 am Masses. A great opportunity to do an activity as a family – just be in attendance 20 minutes prior to the Mass. Our parishioners with young children, the disabled and elderly greatly appreciate this assistance. Call Norma Cook - 514-620-2019

**ST. THOMAS A BECKET CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** invites you to Zumba Gold - EVERY SATURDAY FROM 10 – 11am in the Parish Hall.

Next class: Jan 21. Cost: \$4.00 per class.

Gina Robertson 514-626-3648 or Esther Refugia 514-626-8938

Come join us to nourish your mind, body & soul!

#### **FAITH FIRST NEWS**

##### **Upcoming gatherings & meetings**

Level 5 (SP5, SP6) gathering #2: **Thursday, Jan 19**

First Communion Parent meeting **MANDATORY:**

**Wednesday, Jan 25 at 7pm** in the church

Confirmation Parent meeting **MANDATORY:**

**Wednesday, Jan 25 at 8pm** in the church

**THE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE** is for any engaged couple or for couples who are seriously committed to each other, and who would like to explore the idea of getting married. Learn important skills to help make your relationship thrive. Each evening includes a talk, and private discussion between individual couples.

The course will be held in a relaxing home setting, on Wednesday evenings in Kirkland, **from January 25 to February 22 at 7:15 p.m.** The deadline to register for the course is January 20. Info: Nathalie and John Bondyra, The Marriage Course and The Marriage Preparation Course Quebec Coaches. [kahndyra@sympatico.ca](mailto:kahndyra@sympatico.ca) 514-695-7896.

#### **A PRAYER FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is far spent.

Just as the two disciples prayed on that evening in Emmaus, help us to be focussed and centred on you, our Lord, our hope and our life.

When doubt and despair fill our lives, stay with us, Lord. When sadness and emptiness tempt us to believe that you are absent, fill us with your consoling presence.

When selfishness prevents us from reaching out to others, teach us your art of selflessness.

Stay with us, Lord, and help us to remember that the royal road of the cross is the only way for us and for the Church.

Stay with us, Lord, along the journey, and help us to discover you each day in the breaking of the Word and the Bread.

Stay with us, Lord, as we journey to the New Jerusalem where you are light, peace and endless home. Amen.

*~ Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB, Salt & Light TV*