

*The Sixth Sunday  
in  
Ordinary Time  
February 12, 2017*



Do not think that I came  
to destroy the Law  
or the Prophets.

I did not come  
to destroy  
But to fulfill.

Matthew 5:17-19



**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: FEB. 11 TO FEB. 19**

(L) indicates a living intention

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 11</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:30 pm	Emilia Reda	Assunta Iuele
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 12</b>	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Ellerton Lyle & Euford Sawyers	Jasmine Eames
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 13</b>	
8:30 am	Emma Reda & family	Rina Reda & family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb. 14</b>	
8:30 am	Maurice Guenette	his daughter
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb. 15</b>	
8:30 am	Giuseppina Di Michele	her family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb. 16</b>	
8:30 am	Jack Scimone	Mary Scimone
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb. 17</b>	
8:30 am	Dominic Mancini	Nicole & family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb. 18</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:30 pm	Celia Palma	Leonora & Agustin Caroline
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb. 19</b>	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Domenico Mancini	Monique Lemieux Mancini

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

**Week of:**

Feb. 12: Frederick Kray, requested by family.

Feb. 19: Domenico Mancini, requested by family.

**FAITH FIRST NEWS**

Eucharist gathering #5: **Tuesday, Feb 14**

Eucharist Reconciliation Celebration: **Saturday, Feb. 18 10am-noon**  
(bring a rock)

**Level 3 (SP3, SP4) Gathering #2: Tuesday Feb. 21**

**Level 4 (SP4, SP5) Gathering #2: Thursday Feb. 23**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEB. 04/05**

Offerings: \$ 5, 741.00

Next Second Collection: **February 26**, for the Building Fund.

## A QUICK ST. VALENTINE'S QUIZ

St. Valentine was:

- a) a priest in the Roman Empire who helped persecuted Christians during the reign of Claudius II, was thrown in jail and later beheaded on Feb. 14.
- b) a Catholic bishop of Terni who was beheaded, also during the reign of Claudius II.
- c) someone who secretly married couples when marriage was forbidden, or suffered in Africa, or wrote letters to his jailer's daughter, and was probably beheaded.
- d) all, some, or possibly none of the above.



If you guessed (d), give yourself a box of chocolates. Although the mid-February holiday celebrating love and lovers remains wildly popular, the confusion over its origins led the Catholic Church, in 1969, to drop St. Valentine's Day from the Roman calendar of official, worldwide Catholic feasts. (Those highly sought-after days are reserved for saints with more clear historical record. After all, the saints are real individuals for us to imitate.) There were several St. Valentines, all of them martyrs, but the feast commemorates St. Valentine of Rome, but very little historical record remains. The roots of St. Valentine's Day lie in the ancient Roman festival of Lupercalia, which was celebrated on February 15. For 800 years the Romans had dedicated this day to the god Lupercus. On Lupercalia, a young man would draw the name of a young woman in a lottery and would then keep the woman as a com-panion for the year.

Pope Gelasius I was, understandably, less than thrilled with this custom. So he changed the lottery to have both young men and women draw the names of saints whom they would then emulate for the year. Instead of Lupercus, the patron of the feast became Valentine. For Roman men, the day continued to be an occasion to seek the affections of women, and it became a tradition to give out handwritten messages of admiration that included Valentine's name.

There was also a conventional belief in Europe during the Middle Ages that birds chose their partners in the middle of February. Thus the day was dedicated to love, and people observed it by writing love letters and sending small gifts to their beloved. Legend has it that Charles, duke of Orleans, sent the first real Valentine card to his wife in 1415, when he was imprisoned in the Tower of London: "Right reverent and worshipful and my right well-beloved valentine, I recommend me unto you full heartedly, desiring to hear of your welfare, which I beseech Almighty God to preserve unto his pleasure and your hearts desire."

*Saint Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate the happy bonds of Christian love and service to the Lord. Take a moment to thank the Lord for the love in your life, or to ask Him to show you the direction towards that love—be it married, single, priest or consecrated religious, and to do it like St. Valentine did—in steadfast fidelity to Jesus Christ.*

## WHAT'S ORIGINAL SIN GOT TO DO WITH IT? Sin in the strict sense



implies guilt for which one is personally responsible. Therefore the term 'Original Sin' refers, not to a personal sin, but rather to the disastrous, fallen state of mankind into which the individual is born, even before he himself sins by a free decision. In talking about Original Sin, Pope Benedict XVI says that we must understand "that we all carry within us a drop of the poi-son of that way of thinking, illustrated by the images in the Book of Genesis ... The human being does not trust God. Tempted by the serpent, he harbors the sus-picion ... that God is a rival who curtails our freedom and that we will be fully human only when we have cast him aside... Man does not want to receive his existence and the full-ness of his life from God ... And in doing so, he trusts in deceit rather than in truth and thereby sinks with his life into emptiness, into death"

~ **YOUCAT Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church**

**NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT:** Join thousands of Catholics across North America who have come to be inspired and connected in their faith! The line-up of high-calibre speakers will include: renowned co-authors of *Rebuilt*, Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran, Bishop Robert Barron from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and TV-radio host and Director of Missions for Renewal Ministries, Peter Herbeck. Live-streaming from Ottawa on **May 12 and 13**, will be available in LaSalle and East-End Montreal. Online ticket sales open February 1 at [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca)

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER!** Join us on **Tues. Feb. 28** for food and fun at our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras celebration. 5:30 - 7 pm. \$5.00 per person. Children 3 and under free. We need more volunteers to make pancakes or sausages & serve. Rina 514-915-7586.

**THE MARRIAGE COURSE** is designed for any couple who wants to invest in their relationship, whether they have been together for 1 or 61 years, and whether they feel they have a strong marriage or are struggling. Over the course of seven evenings, in a welcoming and relaxing home setting, spend some quality time together discovering the essence of a healthy marriage. Conversations are strictly private between each couple; there are absolutely no group discussions. The next course will be held in the West Island, on **Wednesday nights at 7:15 pm, starting on March 1 and ending April 12.** \$70 per couple, including materials. Information and registration: Nathalie or John Bondyra at 514-695-7896, or [kahndyra@sympatico.ca](mailto:kahndyra@sympatico.ca)

**LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who have died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Shirley Adams*, sister-in-law of Diane Beaulieu; *Flora de Souza*, wife of the late Joseph de Souza.

**ST. THOMAS À BECKET WOODWORKERS GROUP** is seeking additional members. Should you be interested in learning more about working with wood and on a work-together-basis to perhaps make something that you would like for yourself, we would be pleased to hear from you. Please do not hesitate to contact one of the group members for additional details: Bob Cussen: 514-626-3822, Walter O'Grady: 514-694-2610, Mike Callard: 514 695-6995.

**BECKET PANTRY NEEDS:** a strong, large-wheel stroller.

**BECKETMAIL e-NEWSLETTER** Many of you have subscribed to our parish e-newsletter. Our newsletter contains a copy of the current parish bulletin, information about upcoming events and activities in and around our parish, and links to various articles of interest to Catholics. If you have not yet subscribed please visit our parish website at [www.becket.ca](http://www.becket.ca) and click on the link to add your name to the list, or send your email address to [webmaster@becket.ca](mailto:webmaster@becket.ca) If you are a subscriber, let us know what you think of the e-newsletter. Please send comments to [psabbath@gmail.com](mailto:psabbath@gmail.com)

#### **POPE FRANCIS' 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.