



Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DEC. 16 TO DEC. 25

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Saturday	Dec. 16	Third Sunday of Advent	
4:30 pm	William Marsden		Edward & Connie Villeneuve
Sunday	Dec. 17		
9:00 am	Carole Fitzpatrick		Atwell D'Souza & family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
Monday	Dec. 18		
8:30 am	Conjetta Tilli		Estate
Tuesday	Dec. 19		
8:30 am	Gerry Poisson		Shirley Legath
Wednesday	Dec. 20		
8:30 am	Gerry Poisson		Gloria & Mark Brennan
Thursday	Dec. 21		
8:30 am	Nina Kojoian		Joan Hopkirk
Friday	Dec. 22		
8:30 am	Marie Nef		Kathleen Rush & Tom Heald
Saturday	Dec. 23	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
4:30 pm	Mark Julius Coelho		Pat & Donny
Sunday	Dec. 24		
9:00	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Maria Rosario Soler & Maria Aurora		The Robertson family
Sunday	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve	
4:00 pm	The Albanese Family		
4:00 pm (Hall)	Kathleen & John Ray		The ray Sisters
6:00 pm	Crissanato, Gary & Nenita Buan		Rita Buan
8:00 pm	Terry Hayes		Claire & family
10:00 pm	Sean Richardson		The Richardson family
Monday	Dec. 25	Christmas Day	
10:00 am	Our Parishioners		

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

December 17: Maria & Ernovino Di Pietro

December 24: Maria Nef, requested by Anna Donald

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Dec. 2/3 Offerings: \$ 5, 587.00

Dec. 9/10 Offerings: \$ 4, 631.00 Religious Education: \$1, 377.00

Upcoming special collection: **December 24 – Building Fund**



Daily social media, advertisements, and entertainment present us with countless images of sex unhindered by any limits and rules promising happiness and freedom. However, we seem to be more confused about sexuality and the relationship between men and women than ever before. Is there anyone who can help us navigate this constant bombardment of ideas and images to develop a mature and free sexuality? Is it possible to be happy today? Is it possible that our desires for love and intimacy are not only good and holy but actually designed by God?

In his teaching on the Theology of the Body, Saint Pope John Paul II spoke to the heart of our desire to be happy and free. This message invites us to discover and embrace God's call to greatness in our lives.

From January 18-20 2018, we have gathered Jason Evert and Christopher West, two of the world's foremost Theology of the Body experts and enthusiasts, to give 7 sessions in Montreal.

The Decoding Love Conference offers other sessions for teens, young adults, couples, parents, family members, those preparing for the sacraments (RCIA) youth ministers, and those who accompany the sick and the ageing. Learn more here: <http://tinyurl.com/y9asftnl>

WORDS TO PONDER

But Divinity came to earthly life in the form of a helpless Babe and left it in the form of a helpless Man. If God, therefore, is to be found by us, He must be sought in weakness and defeat, but a weakness under which there is power, and a defeat after which there is victory.

~ Archbishop Fulton Sheen

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

If we look at all our MONEY and POSSESSIONS as God's, then we will look to use them for the Lord's work. Someone has said that when the person comes down the aisle with the collection basket, we should imagine that it is Christ holding the basket and ask ourselves whether He would think we're being generous. The more we think that our money and possessions are ours, the less the odds that we will produce the fruit which is the only currency we can transfer to the next world. The key with all of this is that if we realize everything we have is a gift, then we will try to be as generous as possible in return; if, on the other hand, we think everything is ours, we will often try to do the minimum.

~ Fr. Roger J. Landry

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND HEALING PRAYER SERVICE We invite you to join us on **Mon., Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m.** The evening begins with Eucharistic Adoration followed by a Healing Prayer Service. *Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.* Mt. 11:28

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL: Help us make our sanctuary beautiful for Christmas. We invite you to make a donation towards our Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one. Include your donation in an envelope that is clearly marked "Christmas flower donations". Write on the envelope: name of your loved one (memorial) along with your name (donor). Please include your parish envelope number if applicable. Drop your envelope in the Christmas flower donation box at the church doors. Names of loved ones will be included in the bulletin of January 14, 2018.

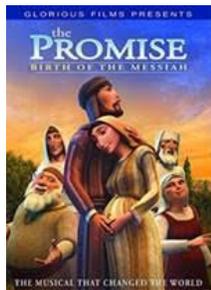
THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH sends us the following message: Your donation of \$4,778.05 (World Mission Sunday collection) is a sign of the goodness and mercy of the Lord! You join with so many other missionaries, in witnessing the faith and charity of Christ, and help us to share the most beautiful and greatest gift given to us: the love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

FR. TIJO'S HOMILIES are available in print for anyone interested. Please contact Fr. Tijo and he will put you on his mailing list: tijomcbs@gmail.com

FR. SÉBASTIEN VILLENEUVE visited us last summer to speak about his missionary work in Peru. He recently wrote us:

"Dear friends of the Pucallpa Mission, First and foremost I would like to thank you for your generous contribution to the Mission in Peru. Specifically you donated \$ 2,860.00. For those of you who would like to continue to support us, here are the specifics: Oeuvres de Jean-Sébastien Villeneuve, a/s Société des Missions-Étrangères, 160 place Juge-Desnoyers, Laval (QC) H7E 2G3. Please make cheques and money orders payable to "Société des Missions-Étrangères" and add a note stating that the funds should be directed to me at the Pucallpa Mission. Be assured of my continued prayer for your parish and each and every one of you and your families.

May the Lord bless you all, *Padre Sebastián*



Sunday, December 17 at 7 p.m. come to Mary Queen of Peace Church (11075 Gouin Blvd. West, Pierrefonds, H8Y 1X6) to see "**The Promise**" being performed by the TLT Educational Co-op. It is a beautiful, inspiring Nativity Play/Musical. The Musical was adapted for stage by Mark Cerisano based on the popular animated movie "The Promise" (The movie will be available for purchase the evening of the play, it will be a Christmas family favourite guaranteed!). After the performance the TLT Christmas Choir will be performing and then there will be a Christmas Carol sing-along. Voluntary contributions are greatly appreciated. Contact the office at 514-683-6810.

~ Christmas at Becket ~

Christmas is on Monday this year, which means that Sunday, December 24 is the 4th Sunday of Advent, and the Sunday Mass obligation remains. Masses will be at 9:00 & 11:00 as usual.

Sun.	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve - Sunday December 24 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm, & 10:00 pm	
Mon.	Dec. 25	Christmas Morning Mass	10:00 am
Fri.	Dec. 29	Feast of St. Thomas à Becket	8:30 am

New Years is on Monday this year, which means that Sunday, December 31 is the Feast of the Holy Family, and the Sunday Mass obligation remains. Masses will be at 9:00 & 11:00 as usual.

Sun.	Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Holy Hour of Prayer for God's Peace in the World	3:15 pm
Sun.	Dec. 31	Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God	4:30 pm
Mon.	Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God	10:00 am
Sat.	Jan. 6	Epiphany of the Lord	4:30 pm
Sun.	Jan. 7	Epiphany of the Lord	9 & 11 am
Mon.	Jan. 8	Baptism of the Lord	8:30 am