

*Fifth Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
February 4, 2018*



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 3 TO FEBRUARY 11

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Saturday	Feb. 3	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm	Ubaldo Mercadante	Rosemary & Joe Furino
Sunday	Feb. 4	
9:00 am	Sybil Carrasco	Di Francesco Family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	Feb.5	
8:30 am	Nina Kojoian	Rina Reda &family
Tuesday	Feb. 6	
8:30 am	Mabel Oliveira	The Family
Wednesday	Feb. 7	
8:30 am	Erika Ratneiyya	The Ratneiyya family
Thursday	Feb. 8	
8:30 am	Gerry Poisson	Jeannette MacLachlan
Friday	Feb. 9	
8:30 am	Alfonso & Maria Reda	Rina Reda & family
Saturday	Feb.10	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm	George & Jane D'Lima	Elizabeth D'Souza & family
Sunday	Feb.11	
9:00 am	Reseda Beaulne	The Caron family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

February 4: Ernie Cassidy, requested by the Bocarro Family

February 11: Ernie Cassidy, Becket Social Club

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JAN 27/28

Offerings \$5, 383.23

Building Fund \$1, 937.00

Next special collection: **February 11** – Religious Education

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently and strength and comfort to those who mourn them:

Margaret Linton, wife of the late Frederick Linton

Mary Whyte, wife of Tom Whyte, sister of Joan Hopkirk, Kathy Heald, Christine Charron and Clare Frenette

Maria Perri Bastone, wife of Giovanni Bastone

Lorinda Thibodeau, mother-in-law of Heidi Thibodeau

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER! Join us on Tues. Feb. 13 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 pre-cook sausages & serve. Rina 514-915-7586.

FEBRUARY 11: WORLD DAY OF THE SICK



Since 1992, World Day of the Sick has been held annually on February 11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is an opportunity for the ill and those who minister to them to reflect on Christian meaning of suffering. This day also provides those involved in health care to reflect on the roots of their healing mission. May the Holy Virgin comfort those who are afflicted by illness and support those who, like the Good Samaritan, soothe their physical and spiritual wounds. "The theme for this year's Day of the Sick is provided by the words that Jesus spoke from the Cross to Mary, his Mother, and to John: "Woman, behold your son ... Behold your mother.

And from that hour the disciple took her into his home" (Jn 19:26-27). The Lord's words brilliantly illuminate the mystery of the Cross, which does not represent a hopeless tragedy, but rather the place where Jesus manifests his glory and shows his love to the end. That love in turn was to become the basis and rule for the Christian community and the life of each disciple. "To Mary, Mother of tender love, we wish to entrust all those who are ill in body and soul, that she may sustain them in hope. We ask her also to help us to be welcoming to our sick brothers and sisters. The Church knows that she requires a special grace to live up to her evangelical task of serving the sick. May our prayers to the Mother of God see us united in an incessant plea that every member of the Church may live with love the vocation to serve life and health. May the Virgin Mary intercede for this Twenty-sixth World Day of the Sick; may she help the sick to experience their suffering in communion with the Lord Jesus; and may she support all those who care for them. To all, the sick, to healthcare workers and to volunteers, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing." ~ Pope Francis

You can mark the World Day of the Sick by calling or visiting a sick person. Let us at least offer our prayers.

You are all invited to participate in a Day of Prayer with, and for, the Sick on Saturday February 10. at St. Jude Sanctuary. 10.120 d'Auteuil 514-272-4441.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK NEXT WEEKEND



"Are there any who are sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up; and if they have committed any sin, their sins will be forgiven them." (Letter of St. James) We will offer the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at all weekend

Masses on **Saturday, February 10 & Sunday, February 11**. It is only for those who are seriously ill, that is, who begin to be in danger of death due to sickness or old age, including those about to undergo surgery when a serious illness is the reason for the surgery. The anointing will follow the homily, and will take only a few minutes. Those eligible will process up (as for Holy Communion), the priest will briefly lay hands on their head, and then anoint the forehead and the hands with the Oil of the Sick, which was blessed by the Archbishop last Holy Week.

MASS INTENTIONS: We have recently seen an increase of requests for the celebration of Masses at Becket. In addition to our "announced" Masses (published in the bulletin, website, and announced at Mass), we also offer unannounced Masses. Unannounced Mass intentions are given to retired priests or to missionary priests who very much welcome these requests. Although an unannounced Mass does not include a time or date we will list the intentions in the bulletin. The stipend for an unannounced Mass is \$5, and they carry the same spiritual value as announced Masses. Unannounced Masses may be arranged by contacting the parish office.

FAITH FIRST:

Level 4, (SP4, SP5) Gathering #2 Tuesday, February 6

Level 5, (SP5, SP6) Gathering #2 Thursday, February 8

HERE'S A QUESTION



Why do Catholics always pray repeated prayers (pertaining to the Rosary), even though God is not deaf? The final section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC] carefully examines Christian prayer. As we read these pages we see that the purpose of prayer is to unite us to God, who

continually extends an invitation to enjoy his life more fully. We alone benefit from the prayers we offer. When we repeat them, as in the Rosary, we are not trying to convince God to do something by "wearing him out," but rather to remind ourselves our hearts ought to be directed toward our loving God. Praying the Rosary's Hail Mary's allows us to identify ourselves with the Mother of God, the model for the Church and the spiritual and moral model for every Christian. When we repeat entrust all our cares and petitions to her ... [and] by entrusting ourselves to her prayer, we abandon ourselves to the will of God together with her" (CCC 2677).

~ Fr. Reginald Martin

THE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE - FOR BETTER & FOREVER!

All couples considering marriage (whether currently engaged or not) are encouraged to learn how to lay the foundation for a relationship that will last a lifetime.

The key to having a great marriage is not finding the right spouse, but being the right spouse! Join us in a cozy & relaxed home setting in Kirkland, over five Thursday evenings, Feb 22, to March 22. There is no group work. All discussions remain completely private between you and your partner. \$50.00 per couple. Registration & information: Nathalie or John Bondyra at 514-695-7896, kahndyra@sympatico.ca

THE MARRIAGE COURSE: Looking for an intimate and effective way to make your marriage stronger, healthier and last a lifetime? This course is designed for any couple wanting to enrich their relationship, whether already great or perhaps struggling. Over seven weekly evenings, in a relaxing home setting in Kirkland, spend some quality time as a couple, discovering the essence of a lifelong & loving marriage! There are no group discussions. The next course will be held in Kirkland, on Thursday evenings at 7:15 p.m., Feb. 21, ending Apr. 4 Think of it as a "date night"! \$70per couple. Nathalie or John Bondyra at 514-695-7896, kahndyra@sympatico.ca

ST. THOMAS À BECKET CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE is holding a Women's Empowerment Luncheon on Sat., **February 10, 11:30 am to 2:00 pm**. Bring your girlfriends, enjoy a delicious lunch and be empowered to face your challenges. Guest speakers: Doreen Edward (founder of VOBBC) and Sonia Castiglione. Gift bag per attendee. Funds raised are for CWL sponsored charities and initiatives. Tickets \$25.00, Michelle (514) 694-8879.

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: Bars of soap, laundry detergent, toilet tissue, muffin mix, jello.

ARE SCIENCE AND RELIGION COMPATIBLE? Guest speaker Dr. Aaron Dominguez, particle physicist and Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences of the Catholic University of America will offer his reflections and insights. February 9, 6 p.m. at the Newman Centre. RSVP newmancentre@mail.mcgill.ca or 514-398-4106.

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 poison 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 suspicion ... 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 fullness 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)