

The Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: JANUARY 12 TO JANUARY 20

Saturday	Jan. 12	The Baptism of the Lord
4:30 pm	Gregorina Martins	The D'Cruz family
Sunday	Jan. 13	
9:00 am	Christopher Sebastian	Suzanna, Tobias & Family
11:00am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	Jan. 14	
8:30 am	Dorotea, Giuseppe & Vito Marcario	Rina Della Rocca
Tuesday	Jan. 15	
8:30	Olga Picard	Julia Principe
Wednesday	Jan. 16	
8:30 am	Jenny Gallo	Christine & Pierre
Thursday	Jan. 17	
8:30 am	Filippa Randisi	Rose & Julia
Friday	Jan. 18	
8:30 am	Maria Gnassi	Anna Donald
Saturday	Jan. 19	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm	Chris Kolodnicki	Mike & Rina Callard
Sunday	Jan. 20	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Maria Bastone	Concetta Vocino

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

January 13: Chris Kolodnicki, requested by Alf and Willy Kolodnicki

January 20: Antonio & Alberta Fiori, requested by their family.

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

Ellen Hnatyshin, mother of Bruce; *Margarita Ramos*, mother of Hector Andreu; *John Riga*, father of Maria (Joe Ojeda).

FAITH FIRST

Level 4 (SP4, SP5) gathering #2 Thursday, Jan 17

First Communion Parent Info Meeting Wednesday, Jan 23 at 7pm in the church

Confirmation Parent Info Meeting Wednesday, Jan 23 at 8pm in the church

TUESDAY MORNING MEET AND GREET resumes February 5 after morning Mass. All welcome.

JESUS, THE HEART OF (MY) SALVATION HISTORY English Retreat – February 1-3, Join Jesuit Fathers Sylvester Tan and John Meehan at Villa Saint-Martin as they guide a weekend encounter with the living God. Discover the riveting romance at the heart of all history, even yours! For prices and information please contact retreat captain Deacon Brian Cordeiro at brian.cordeiro89@gmail.com. Spaces are limited so register soon.

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 7:30 P.M.

Eucharistic Adoration, prayerful music, scripture, and reflection. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered and Prayer Teams are happy to meet with you.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – January 13



Today's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord concludes the Christmas Season and invites us to think about our baptism. Jesus wished to receive the baptism that John the Baptist preached and administered in the Jordan. It was a baptism of repentance: those who approached expressed the wish to be purified of sins and, with the help of God, they committed to begin a new life.

Thus we understand the great humility of Jesus, the One who had no sin, in joining the queue of the penitents, mingling among them to be baptized in the waters of the river. How humble Jesus is! And in so doing, he manifested what we celebrated at Christmas: Jesus' willingness to

immerse himself in the river of humanity, to take upon himself the failings and weaknesses of men and women, to share their wish for liberation and the triumph over all that distances one from God and renders one a stranger to brothers and sisters. As in Bethlehem, even along the banks of the Jordan, God keeps his promise to take upon himself the destiny of the human being, and Jesus is the tangible and definitive sign of it. He took all of us upon his shoulders; he carries all of us, in life, in our days.

The celebration of Jesus' baptism invites every Christian to remember his or her own baptism. I cannot ask you whether you remember the day of your baptism, because most of you were infants, like me; we were baptized as infants. But I ask you another question: do you know the date of your baptism? Do you know what day you were baptized? Each one think about it. And if you do not know the date or have forgotten it, upon returning home, ask your mom, grandma, uncle, aunt, grandpa, godfather, godmother: what is the date? We must always keep that date in our memory, because it is a date of celebration; it is the date of our initial sanctification; it is the date on which the Father gave us the Holy Spirit who encourages us to walk; it is the date of the great forgiveness. Do not forget: what is the date of my baptism? Let us invoke the maternal protection of Mary Most Holy, that all Christians can understand ever better the gift of baptism and commit to living it with coherence, witnessing to the love of the Father and of the Son and of the Spirit.

~ **By Pope Francis**

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEBRUARY 2, Mass at 11:00 am. Bring your candles and Father will bless them during the Mass.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE: Blessing of Throats

This popular feast is not observed liturgically this year as it falls a Sunday, however, our priests will carry out the blessing of throats after the Saturday and Sunday Masses, February 2 & 3.

FOR BETTER & FOREVER! AN INVITATION TO: "THE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE" 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 Marriage Preparation Course is ideal for couples who wish to discover more about themselves, and married life, before the day they say "I do!" The key to having a great marriage is not finding the right spouse, but being the right spouse! You are invited to join us over 5 weekly sessions, in a relaxed home setting in Kirkland, on Tuesday evenings at 7:15 pm, starting Jan 29, ending Feb 26. There is absolutely no group work and all discussions remain completely private between you and your partner. The fee is \$50.00 per couple. To register, or for more information, please contact Nathalie or John Bondyra at 514-695-7896, or at kahndyra@sympatico.ca.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

Dec. 15/16: \$ 7, 375.35

Dec. 22/23: \$ 6, 197.00

Dec. 24/25: \$15, 645.56

Dec. 29/30: \$ 5, 860.00

Jan. 1: \$ 3, 572.00

Jan. 6/7: \$ 5, 267.75

Building Fund: \$ 2, 932.15

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL: Thank you to all who helped us to



cover the cost of our beautiful Christmas flowers and plants. Dear Lord, grant your abundant blessing on all those on whose behalf these offerings were made: Graciana & Maximo Carandang, Cizaltina P. Cabral & Antonio Cabral, Dave & Fraser, Lorne, Betty & Betty, Fr. Aloysius Graham, Gabrielle & Maddelena Scartozzi, Frank & Frances Corace, Agnes O'Donell, Babs, Peter & Jane Holloran, Anne Marie Watkinson, Mary Montgomery, Gerry

Emsley, Sean Richardson, Maddocks & Floreani families, John & Helen Gareau, Art & Terry Tobin, Jean & Al Mack, Ilaqua & Andreoli families, Jane & George D'Lima, Cyril & Pauline Rebeiro, Tadeusz Rzeszutek, Stella & Stanley Szuszkowski, Anneliese Kunz Del Fabbro, Mary & Mike Saukas, Mary Hyjek

WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS Fr. Peter Sabbath and Fr. Jaison Joseph join in



thanking you for the many beautiful and heartfelt good wishes, cards and thoughtful gifts over the holidays. Even if they cannot contact each parishioner personally, be assured of their gratitude and prayers.

Once again our choirs and musicians outdid themselves. Behind the scenes are the sacristans and ladies of the Altar Guild; the servers, ushers, lectors, those who donated flowers, and so many who worked with love and devotion to make our church and ceremonies beautiful and prayerful over the holidays. Thanks to your generosity, 32 needy families received food baskets at Christmas, the men and women of Benedict Labre House received many wonderful gifts through our Ray of Hope Giving Tree program, and many homeless received useful gifts from the Angels of Mercy. Our beautiful crèche was graced with a new "baby Jesus", donated by a generous parishioner.

COME AND SEE EVENING The next 'Come and See' Evening will be taking place on Friday, January 25, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. These gatherings are intended for men who are discerning a vocation to follow Jesus as a priest, to share in fellowship, and to explore their call together. Gatherings take place at Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish, 71 Roosevelt Avenue Ville Mont-Royal. For information: Fr. Robert Clark at 514 903-6200 or mtlvocations@hotmail.com.

FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Joe



Ojeda presented this year's award to Norman and Sandra Dunn Cousineau on the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph on December 30. Norm, a Knight of Columbus, grew up in St. David's parish, and since his marriage to Sandy, they have worshipped at St. Thomas a Becket, where Sandy's family have attended for decades. Norm is also a parish warden and guitar accompanist to the 9:00 children's choir, in

which their five daughters sing. Sandy is part of the parish RCIA team and chair of the seminarian support group. Together they serve on the parish baptism preparation team. They are a family who live their faith seven days a week. We congratulate them and thank them for their dedicated service to the parish.