

Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MARCH 23 – MARCH 31

Saturday	March 23	Third Sunday of Lent
4:30 pm	Ambrose Caissie	Edward & Connie Villeneuve
Sunday	March 24	
9:00 am	Maria Dal Bello Parison	The family
11:00am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	March 25	
8:30 am	Rina Reda	Julia Principe
Tuesday	March 26	
8:30	Antonio Cabral	Maria G. Cabral
Wednesday	March 27	
8:30 am	Alice Perron	Dina & Remi Perron
Thursday	March 28	
8:30 am	Rina Reda	The family
Friday	March 29	
8:30 am	Amanda Cugurs	Mary Babin
Saturday	March 30	Fourth Sunday of Lent
4:30 pm	Anna Gallo	Anna Donald & Family
Sunday	March 31	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Claire Borrelli	The family

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

March 24 & 31: Jack Scimone, requested by Connie.

FAITH FIRST: Confirmation Gathering #5 Tuesday, March 26
Level 4 (SP4, SP5) Gathering #3 Thursday, March 28

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MARCH 16/17

Offerings: \$ 5, 459.20

Next special collection: March 31- Building Fund

WANTED: If you have a small (3-5 cu.ft.) chest freezer or an upright standard size freezer that you no longer want, the Parish is looking to replace the broken one in the Hall kitchen. Contact Heidi. (514-626-4111 x 221)

A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND is being organized with Voyages Intermissions, November 16 to 27, 2019. The guide is Ms. Thea Van de Kraats. Fr. Francis McKee will be the chaplain-spiritual director. \$4200 (all included, except lunch). Information session offered at Mary Queen of Peace church, 11075 Gouin W., Saturday April 13, 2 p.m. The trip is in English. info@voyagesintermissions.com 514- 288- 6077 or 1-800- 465-3255

CATHOLIC ACTION's really "COOL" project! Catholic Action is collecting fans for asylum seekers living at Le Pont temporary residence in Montreal, where they struggled to stay cool during last summer's heat. They need about 20 fans before this summer. If you would like to donate a fan please email Yvonne Bourque ytbourque@gmail.com They will pick up fans at your home.

“HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE”



For most of the Church's history, no feasts were celebrated during Lent. The exception is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on March 25 (the date calculated nine months backwards from the Nativity (Christmas.)) In this feast, the Church commemorates two events important to all humanity. On this day, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary to announce that

she was to be the Mother of the Redeemer and Messiah promised for centuries. On the same day, the Incarnation took place: God the Son, the second person of the Trinity, assumed a human body and soul and became the Son of Mary and Joseph. Sometimes one action of one person changes life for everyone. Adam and Eve deciding to disobey God is one example, bringing Original Sin into the world. The Annunciation is another very important example. 'Annunciation' sounds like announcement, and that's what happened. An angel appeared to Mary and 'announced' that she had found favour with God and would bear a son, Jesus, Son of the Most High. Mary answered, “Fiat” ('Let it be done to me according to thy word'). One simple action of saying 'Yes' to God changed everything. Mary became the Mother of God, and Our Blessed Mother. Jesus grew up in Nazareth, taught his disciples and died on the Cross for all our sins. The Feast of the Annunciation is an opportunity to bow our heads and thank Our Blessed Mother for her faith and trust, and to offer our own trusting 'Fiat' to God's plan for us. domestic-church.com

Preface of the Mass for the Solemnity of the Annunciation

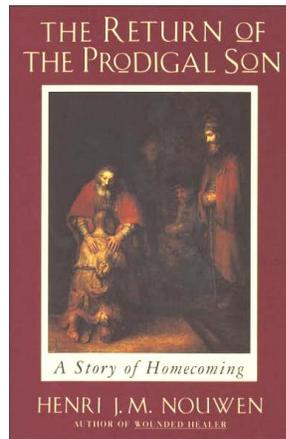
*It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.*

*For the Virgin Mary heard with faith
that the Christ was to be born among men and for men's sake
by the overshadowing power of the Holy Spirit.
Lovingly she bore him in her immaculate womb,
that the promises to the children of Israel might come about
and the hope of nations be accomplished beyond all telling.
Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty
and rejoices in your presence for ever.
May our voices, we pray, join with theirs
in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim.*

A PRAYER REQUEST The congregation at Saint Peter and Saint Paul Coptic Orthodox Church in Pointe Claire is seeking to expand their current church building. Pointe-Claire City Council has welcomed their plans and voted in support of the required change in zoning three times. Unfortunately the project has been opposed by neighbours of the church, and so, on April 7, the city of Pointe-Claire will hold a referendum to determine the fate of the project. The congregation of St. Peter and St. Paul request your prayers for them, and more importantly, for the people who will vote in the referendum. Pray that our Lord softens their hearts towards His house and His service and for the salvation of all souls.

RUMMAGE AND BOOK SALE – Saturday, April 13 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm, at St. Veronica Parish Hall, 1300 Carson, Dorval. Items will include CDs, DVDs, Puzzles, Board Games and Raffles

WORTHWHILE READING



The Return of the Prodigal Son, by Henri Nouwen.

A chance encounter with a reproduction of Rembrandt's *The Return of the Prodigal Son* catapulted Fr. Henri Nouwen on a long spiritual adventure. Here he shares the deeply personal and resonant meditation that led him to discover the place within where God has chosen to dwell. In seizing the inspiration that came to him through Rembrandt's depiction of the powerful Gospel story, Nouwen probes the several movements of the parable: the younger son's return, the father's restoration of sonship, the elder son's vengefulness, and the father's compassion. In his reflection on Rembrandt in light of his own life journey, the author evokes a powerful

drama of the parable in a rich, captivating way that is sure to reverberate in the hearts of readers. The themes of homecoming, affirmation, and reconciliation will be newly discovered by all who have known loneliness, dejection, jealousy, or anger. The challenge to love as the father and be loved as the son will be seen as the ultimate revelation of the parable known to Christians throughout time, and here represented with a vigor and power fresh for our times. A million copy seller that is also a spiritual classic, very suitable for Lent.

BECKET'S 2019 MARRIAGE JUBILEE: Is your wedding anniversary this year divisible by five? Join us at our Annual Marriage Jubilee on April 26 & 27. On Friday evening we have an ice-breaker meet and greet; on Saturday we celebrate Mass followed by an intimate dinner. Come celebrate your special milestone anniversary with us as you witness to God's love in the world. Sign up in the Narthex starting at all Masses next weekend or with Rina at 514-915-7586.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION for those not receiving Holy Communion at Mass

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

WIDOW'S GROUP DINNER: In order to accommodate and welcome members who are not available during the day, the Widow(er) Support Group is having a dinner on Thursday, March 28 at 5:30 at Rockaberry on Sources Blvd. All are welcome, even if you have not attended before. For more information and to reserve your spot, please contact Anne Parsons at 514-457-2183.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT? In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.