

# *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

## *March 31, 2019*



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### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MARCH 30 – APRIL 7

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 30</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
4:30 pm	Anna Gallo	Anna Donald & Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 31</b>	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Claire Borrelli	The family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 1</b>	
8:30 am	Gabriel Veyra	Children of the Light Prayer Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 2</b>	
8:30	Terry Hayes	Claire & Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 3</b>	
8:30 am	Antonio Rubino	The family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 4</b>	
8:30 am	Brian Assaly, Freddie, Samy, Laurice & Cemla	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 5</b>	
8:30 am	Walter Gargul	Terri & Joe Baco
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 6</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>
4:30 pm	Nieves Cabatic	Robilla Cabatic
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 7</b>	
9:00 am	Thérèse Crawford	O'Hara & Boileau Families
11:00am	Our Parishioners	

#### **SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)**

March 31: Jack Scimone, requested by Connie.

April 7: Barbara Kray, requested by Helen and Manfred Kray

**LORD GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who died recently and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: Cecile Mador, cousin of Guy Taillon; Julia Chanci, niece of Giuseppe Monticciolo.

#### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MARCH 23/24**

Offerings: \$ 6,169.80

Next special collection: April 7 – Development and Peace

**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 the 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 with Rina at 514-915-7586.

**ANNUAL FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON** to support the Foundation for the Education of Children in Uganda, will take place on Sunday, May 5, in St. John Fisher Parish hall. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30.00 for adults, and \$15.00 for youth under 16. All the proceeds will go to support the education of underprivileged children in Uganda. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. For info, call Noreen Olivieri, 514-889-4501, or Fr. David 514-213-5778.

## **“PRAYER HAS THE POWER TO CHANGE LIVES, HEARTS”**

God is a father who never ignores his children when they call to him in times of suffering, loneliness and despair, Pope Francis said. Although at times it seems that "so many of our prayers seem to have no result," Christians are called by Christ to "insist and not give up," the pope said during a recent weekly general audience. "Prayer, prayer always changes reality, let us not forget that: It either changes things or changes our hearts, but it always changes," he said. In teaching the disciples to pray the "Our Father," he said, Jesus "explains to his followers in what words and with what feelings they must turn to God. Father -- that is such a beautiful word to say," the pope said. "We can pray just with that word, 'father,' and feel that we have a father; not a master but a father." At important moments in his own life, Pope Francis explained, Jesus is "in an atmosphere of prayer" and guided by the Holy Spirit in his actions. He also prays for others, including "for Peter who will soon deny him. This consoles us, knowing that Jesus prays for us, he prays for me, he prays for each one of us so that our faith does not fail." the pope said. "We can also say to Jesus: 'You are praying for me; continue to pray because I need it.' (Pray) like that, with courage." Even in his final moments, the pope added, Jesus is immersed in prayer, for example when consoling the women along the way of the cross, when promising the joys of paradise to the good thief and before taking his last breath. "Jesus' prayer seems to dampen the most violent emotions, the desires for revenge and retaliation, he reconciles man with his most bitter enemy: death," he said. When life seems incomprehensible, Pope Francis said, prayer "is ultimately the victory over loneliness and despair" because God is always present. "What is at the end of our path, at the end of prayer, at the end of a time of prayer, at the end of life. What is there?" the pope asked. "There is a father, waiting for everything and everyone with open arms. Let us look at that father."

## **CANADA'S LARGEST CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE – JULY 12-14, 2019**



“See what love the Father has bestowed on us, that we may be called children of God” – 1 JOHN 3:1”. These conferences are held across North America each summer and can really impact the faith of the young participants, as our group from St. Thomas à Becket

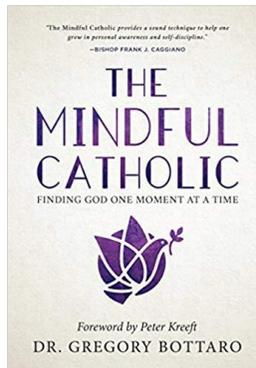
experienced last summer. There will be a bus going from Montreal with youth from other parishes and there will be adult chaperones accompanying the youth, along with Fr. Peter. Financial assistance available. Teens who will be in Secondary 3 in September 2019 up to those who will be graduating high school by the end of 2019, but be younger than 18, can attend Steubenville Toronto. Those over 18 may volunteer for SteubieTO or be a Group Leader or Chaperone (if over 21). See trailer @ <http://tinyurl.com/yy2bf7zr>. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Peter Sabbath at 514-626-4111 ext. 225 or [psabbath@gmail.com](mailto:psabbath@gmail.com)

## **VISITING PRIEST NEXT WEEK**

Many parishioners were not able to attend the recent parish mission at St. Luke's Parish, so we have invited Fr. Andrew Szablewski, a Sulpician priest presently serving as Human Formation Director at the Grand Seminary of Montreal, to preach at all Masses next weekend (April 6/7). Fr. Andrew is a graduate of the Institute of Psychology of the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

**FAITH FIRST:** Level 3 (SP3, SP4) Gathering #3 Tuesday, April 2  
Level 5 (SP5, SP6) Gathering #3 Thursday, April 4

## WORTHWHILE READING



***The Mindful Catholic: Finding God One Moment at a Time***, by Dr. Gregory Bottaro. Foreword by Peter Kreeft. Sometimes our minds can seem to be completely out of our control. We end up merely going through the motions day after day, feeling anxious and preoccupied. But it doesn't have to be that way. The author of this book explains how mindfulness can help us become aware of the present moment and accept it. Catholic mindfulness is a way to practically trust God more in our lives. Instead of separating faith from day-to-day life, mindfulness helps bridge the gap so we can feel the sense of safety and peace God intends us to have. Following

the simple exercises in this book, you'll discover how mindfulness can help you be more present to everything in your life from a trip to the grocery store or relaxing with friends to listening more attentively to a homily or meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary.

**TEACH ENGLISH IN EUROPE THIS SUMMER:** Opportunity for young men, ideally 20 years of age or older, who would like to teach English in Europe: **Notre Dame d'Orveau, Nyoiseau**, western France, July 13 to 29. Financial support: The camp organizers pay for accommodation and meals, as well as the reimbursement of half of the cost of the plane ticket.

**Kaunas, Lithuania**, June 27 to July 9. Financial support: The camp organizers pay for accommodation and meals.

**Granada, Spain**, July 3 to 17. Financial support: The camp organizers pay for accommodation and meals, with an extra € 200 as compensation.

Volunteers need to pay their own plane ticket.

Mario Jardon at [mario.jardon@riverviewcentre.ca](mailto:mario.jardon@riverviewcentre.ca)

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA** Annual Diocesan Card Party - April 2, at St. Edmund of Canterbury Parish Hall. \$10 per person. Lunch will be served at noon followed by B.Y.O.G. (Bring your own game) Door Prizes, Raffle Prizes and lots of fun. For tickets please call Helen Pellerin at 514-620-9533.

**HALL RENTALS:** Our large reception hall is available to rent for members and non-members of the parish; includes a full kitchen and abundant free parking. For more information please contact Peter Cook at 514-626-2019.

## WORDS TO PONDER

There are three things by which faith stands firm, devotion remains constant and virtue endures. They are prayer, fasting and mercy. Prayer knocks, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, mercy and fasting; these three are one, and they give life to each other. Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting ... So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy, if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others ... When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. Let us offer our souls in sacrifice by means of fasting ... To make the offering of prayer and fasting acceptable, mercy must be added. Fasting bears no fruit unless it is watered by mercy. Fasting dries up when mercy dries up ... However much you may cultivate your heart, clear the soil of your nature, root out vices, sow virtues, if you do not release the springs of mercy, your fasting will bear no fruit. When you fast, what you pour out in mercy overflows into your barn. Therefore, do not lose by saving, but gather in by scattering. Give to the poor and you give to yourself. You will not be allowed to keep what you have refused to give to others.

~ from a sermon by St. Peter Chrysologus