

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 22, 2019



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: SEPT. 21 TO SEPT. 29

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Saturday	Sept 21	
4:30 pm	Tom & Dean Stock	Cathy, Phil & family
Sunday	Sept 22	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Antonio Caputo	Maria Caputo & family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	Sept 23	
8:30 am	The Arsenault family	
Tuesday	Sept 24	
8:30 am	Fr. James McDonald	The Principe Family
Wednesday	Sept 25	
8:30 am	Ozzie Pecus	Ron & Joyce Pinto
Thursday	Sept 26	
8:30 am	Ettore & Ilde Saudelli	The family
Friday	Sept 27	
8:30 am	Fr. James McDonald	The D'Lima Family
Saturday	Sept 28	
4:30 pm	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny
Sunday	Sept 29	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Claire Borrelli	The Family

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

Sept. 22: Edward Gajor, requested by Maria Lamonica & family

Sept. 29: In thanksgiving from the Marolly family

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: Yolande Roy, sister-in-law of Guy Taillon; Patricia Martin Ambrose, wife of the late James Ambrose.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SEPT 15/16

Offerings: \$ 5,225.75

Next special collection: September 29 - Needs of the Canadian Church

SAVE THE DATE! THANKSGIVING DAY PILGRIMAGE



Parish pilgrimage to the magnificent Benedictine Abbey of St. Benoît-du-Lac, near Magog. Gregorian chant Mass sung by the monks, picnic lunch and fall colours, apple picking. Thanksgiving Day, Monday, October 14. Chartered bus leaving Becket at 8:00 am returning late afternoon, Followed by an optional potluck Thanksgiving dinner in the

parish hall. \$30 per person. Sign up at the back of the church. For more information, call the Parish Office, (514) 626-4111.

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: October 4



Francesco Bernardone was born in 1181 at Assisi, Umbria, Italy. The son of a wealthy cloth merchant, he lived a lavish and irresponsible life. At twenty, he went to war against Perugia, but was captured and imprisoned. During his imprisonment he experienced a vision from Christ and changed his life completely. The Lord told him to “rebuild my Church”, and this one friar had a huge transformative effect on the whole mediaeval Church. He left all his possessions and embraced complete poverty, taking the Gospel as his rule of life. He wore ragged old clothes, begged for food, preached peace and was part of the first “mendicant” order of friars, in contrast to the more usual monks who stayed in their monasteries. He

began to attract followers, and in 1209 with papal blessing he founded the Friars Minor (Franciscans). Then, in 1212, with St. Clare of Assisi, he founded the Order of "Poor Ladies," now known as the "Poor Clares." He also founded the "Third Order of Penance" which included lay people. Two years before Francis died, and when he was forty-two years old — one year after he had built the first crib in honor of Our Lord — he went off to a lonely mountain called Mount Alvernia, to prepare himself by forty days of fasting and prayer for the feast of Saint Michael, the greatest of God’s angels, whose feast day is September 29. On the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14, Saint Francis received in his hands, feet and side the Sacred Wounds from Our Lord’s own body. The wounds Jesus gave him stayed in his hands, feet and side, and continually bled for two more years, until he died in 1226. He was canonized by Gregory IX less than two years later, and is perhaps the most-beloved saint in the Church, revered also by many non-Catholics. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and of ecology. Today the Franciscans are the 3rd-largest religious order (after the Jesuits and the Salesians), and his followers include also the Capuchins and the Friars of the Renewal and others. The Franciscans are also the official custodians of the holy places in the Holy Land.

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is despair, hope;
and where there is sadness, joy.
Divine Master, grant that I may
not so much seek to be consoled
as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and in dying that we are born
to eternal life.



ANNUAL BLESSING OF PETS at St. Thomas à Becket Parish Saturday, September 29, 2:00 pm. Bring your dogs, cats, hamsters, gerbils, birds, fish, ferrets, turtles, lizards, for a special St. Francis blessing...

“Blessed are you, Lord God, Maker of all living creatures; on the fifth and sixth days of creation you called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all animals his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this animal. By the power of your love enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures!”
Amen.

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 begin Wednesday evening at 7:15 pm, October 16, ending November 27. Think of it as a “date night”! \$ 80 per couple. Nathalie or John Bondyra: 514-695-7896, kahndyra@sympatico.ca

RELICS OF ST. PADRE PIO AND POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II



Our parish is privileged to receive the relics of these two great saints on Monday, September 23, at 6:30 pm. Rosary, Mass, veneration of the relics and a conference. "Pray, be hopeful and let nothing disturb you," is the spiritual theme of Saint Padre Pio, as well as encouragement to families by Pope Saint John Paul II.

RETREAT: September 26 from 7-9:30 pm, Fr. Sylvester Tan, S.J. will be offering a bilingual mini-retreat called “Miracles Through Words: True Conversation” at Villa Saint-Martin. Participants will reflect on how Jesus enters into true conversation with others and will have the opportunity to enter into such a conversation with Jesus through prayer. We will also see how Jesus invites us to have such conversations with one another. The event is free, but donations are welcome. stan@jesuits.org

HEARING GOD IN OTHERS: A LISTENING SKILLS COURSE: A 6-session, highly interactive course for those involved in the pastoral care of the elderly, the sick and young adults. Begins Sept 17, at 7 pm. Cost: \$120. Please contact the Ignatian Centre at 514-481-1064 or centre@ignatiancentremtl.ca

MATT FRADD IN MONTREAL The Croat Catholic Association in collaboration with Youth Ministry Montreal and the Diocesan Centre for Marriage, Life and Family present the exclusive premiere “Parenting the Internet Generation & “Porn: 7 Myths Exposed”. September 26, 7:30pm, at St. Nicholas Tavelic church, 4990 place de la Savane. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door or at www.mattfraddmontreal.eventbrite.ca

THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP resumes September 26, in Cahill Hall, at 10:00 a.m. This year’s study is based on the book, “Interior Freedom,” by Fr. Jacques Philippe. Written in a simple and inviting style, this book seeks to liberate the heart and mind to enable us to live the true freedom to which God calls us. Everyone is welcome. Information: Louise 514-825-5198.

THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL OF MONTREAL Montreal's only all girls English Catholic high school, will be hosting an Open House on Saturday, September 28, from 12:30 pm to 4 pm and Tuesday, October 1 from 4 pm to 7 pm. 3635 Atwater Avenue. Due to construction on our campus, we will be offering valet parking. For information: 514-937-2845 or www.sacredheart.qc.ca

MADONNA HOUSE OFFERS A WOMAN’S RETREAT IN MONTREAL: The Joy Of The Lord Is My Strength - Saturday, October 5, 8:30 am to 7:00 pm at St. John Fisher Parish Hall. The day will include Mass, quiet time, prayer teams, and talks by Madonna House on Mary. \$60 (lunch and dinner included) RSVP by September 20 Catherine at 514-568-0744, catherinecaporicci@gmail.com or Amy at 514-695-0205, sjfpsecretary@videotron.ca