

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets.

I did not come to destroy But to fulfill.

Mathew 5:17-19



## February 16, 2020

### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY 15 TO FEBRUARY 23

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb 15</b>	
4:30 pm	Florinda Carmeline Po	Blaise & family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb 16</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Pina & Joe Di Stefano	The family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb 17</b>	
8:30 am	Simonne Vaudry	Diane Châteauneuf
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb 18</b>	
8:30	Tim Kelly	Catherine Kelly
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>	
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny Coelho
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb 20</b>	
8:30 am	Rosa and Domenico Pandolfo	The Family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb 21</b>	
8:30 am	Giuseppe and Angela Lodico	The Lodico Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb 22</b>	
4:30 pm	Anthony & Lira D'Souza	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb 23</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00am	Lucio Picarazzi	The Family

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

February 16: Dominic Mancini, requested by Nicole Mancini and family

February 23: Tom and Dean Stock, requested by the family.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 1/2**

Offerings: \$ 4, 698.00      Religious Education: \$1, 482.00

Next special collection: February 23 – Building Maintenance Fund

**LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Donald Farrell*, father of Christopher Farrell; *Wayne James Scanzano*, husband of Marion.

*Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

**FAITH FIRST:** Seventy children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this past Saturday. It was a celebration of God's love and mercy and cause to rejoice! Let us all continue to pray for these children now preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in the spring. Let us also pray for their families and the team of formation leaders, for an increase of Faith, Hope and Love.

Confirmation Gathering #4 – February 25. Join us for pancake supper afterwards! See invitation on next page.

## THIS WEEK! PARISH MISSION



Fr. Larry Richards, a popular conference speaker and pastor from Erie, PA, will conduct a four-day mission, **Monday, February 17 to Thursday, February 20, 7-9 pm each day.** The purpose of the mission is to help people grow in their love for God and give them hope and direction in their daily lives. Join us for a dynamic week of spiritual renewal as we approach Lent. If you are unable to attend because of ill health or transportation issues, send your email to [psabbath@gmail.com](mailto:psabbath@gmail.com) and we will send you a link to watch the mission **live streamed** to your computer.

### PARISH MISSION PRAYER

Holy Father, great God of love and mercy, You have surrendered everything for love of us. May we learn to surrender everything for love of You. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit that we may do Your will and not our own. Help us to love You above all things and to love Your people the way You have commanded us. Quiet our minds and hearts that we may be open to the gift of Your truth, and grant that our parish mission may be:

a time of grace for all,  
a time of growth for the young,  
a time of refreshment for the old,  
a time of renewal for families  
a time of healing for the broken,  
a time of joy for the sorrowing,  
a time of challenge for the complacent,  
a time of forgiveness for the sinner,  
a time of strength for the holy,  
a time of homecoming for all who have been away.  
We beg You these things, Holy Father, in  
Jesus' name. Amen.

### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



Join us on Tuesday, February 25, for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. 5:30 - 7 pm. \$5.00 per person. Children 5 and under free. Families \$20.00 max. Like to cook? We need help preparing sausages and pancakes. Info Rina 514-915-7586.

### COME AND SEE EVENING - FOR THE CALL TO THE PRIESTHOOD

The next *'Come and See Evening'* will take place on Friday, February 21, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish (71 Roosevelt Avenue Ville Mont-Royal). These evenings are an opportunity for men who are discerning a call to the priesthood to share in fellowship and to explore their call together. For information or to reserve a spot, please contact Fr. Robert Clark at 514-903-6200 or [mtlvocations@hotmail.com](mailto:mtlvocations@hotmail.com)

**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 February 25, at 7:15 pm, ending April 7, 2020. Think of it as a "date night" with your spouse! \$ 80 per couple. To register or for info: Nathalie or John Bondyra: 514-695-7896, [kahndyra@sympatico.ca](mailto:kahndyra@sympatico.ca)

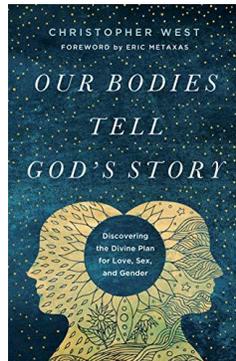
## HOW TO HAVE A PURE AND UNDEFILED HEART



The struggle for purity of heart requires keeping one's heart free from anything that can harm it by causing it to lose its capacity for love. This is true especially of negative thoughts: judgments, bitterness, sadness, worry, etc. Scripture points to a strong connection between the heart and thought, and speaks often of *the thoughts of the heart*. Thought gives direction to the heart and determines action, which is why it is important. Jesus says, *There is nothing outside a man which by going into him can defile him; but the things which come out of a man are what defile him*. It is not the things that come to us from outside us that do us harm, but our interior reaction, starting with our thoughts. It is unavoidable that we should react negatively to sufferings and deceptions and shocking events of all sorts. But it is imperative that we not give free rein to these thoughts, not dwell on them, but should displace them with positive thoughts of faith, hope, and love. This is an essential aspect of the spiritual struggle.... Suffering easily becomes accusation, bitterness, judgment, pessimism, discouragement, worry, etc. This, not suffering itself, is what darkens the soul and causes harm. Thus, in difficult times we need to keep our hearts pure by tending to our thoughts. It is certainly not easy, but it is necessary. In particular we should be vigilant in regard to judgmental thoughts about others and anxious thoughts.... Here is a consideration that may make this struggle easier. The Beatitude *Happy are the pure of heart because they will see God* could be turned the other way around: *Happy are those who see God, for they will keep their hearts pure*. The most powerful safeguard of a pure heart is the spirit of faith by which we see God's hand in everything that comes to us.... This is what the saints did, and made them free. In a letter to her sister Agnes, Thérèse of Lisieux compares herself to a weak reed, but one that "cannot break since, no matter what happens to it, it wants only to see the gentle hand of its Jesus."  
~ **Father Jacques Philippe**

## WORTHWHILE READING

***Our Bodies Tell God's Story: Discovering the Divine Plan for Love, Sex, and Gender*** by Christopher West.



In response to a world awash in sexual chaos and gender confusion, this book offers a bold and thoroughly biblical look at the meaning of the body, sex, gender, and marriage. Bestselling author, cultural commentator, and popular theologian Christopher West is one of the world's most recognized teachers of John Paul II's Theology of the Body. He specializes in making this teaching accessible to all Christians, with particular attention to evangelicals. As West explains, from beginning to end the Bible tells a story of marriage. It begins with the marriage of man and woman in an earthly paradise and ends with the marriage of Christ and the church in an eternal paradise. In our post-sexual-revolution world, we need to remember that our bodies tell a divine story and proclaim the gospel itself. As male and female and in the call to become "one flesh," our bodies reveal a "great mystery" that mirrors Christ's love for the church (Eph. 5:31-32). This book provides a redemptive rather than repressive approach to sexual purity, explores the true meaning of sex and marriage, and offers a compelling vision of what it means to be created male and female.

**BABY ITEMS NEEDED:** Two families in our community are in desperate need of baby items. If you would like to donate a playpen, stroller, infant clothing, layette, diapers, car seat etc., please contact the parish office 514-626-4111.