

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 9, 2020



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: AUGUST 8 TO AUGUST 16

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Saturday	Aug 8	
4:30 pm	Giovanni Vaiana	The Drudi family
Sunday	Aug 9	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Victims of the Covid-19 Pandemic	
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	Aug 10	
8:30 am	Ted & Helen Patricio	Bob & Tessie Demers
Tuesday	Aug 11	
8:30 am	James Ong Ting Phand	Denise Pereira & family
Wednesday	Aug 12	
8:30 am	Luigi Di Caprio	The family
Thursday	Aug 13	
8:30 am	Wendy Redmond (L)	The Redmond family
Friday	Aug 14	
8:30 am	Shirley Legath	Audrey Cassidy
Saturday	Aug 15	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
Sunday	Aug 16	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Maria & Victor Kozlowski	The family
11:00 am	Antonio Di Grappa	Maria Caputo & family

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

Aug 9: Wendy Redmond (L), requested by the Redmond family

Aug 16: Kathleen Rush Heald (L), requested by Anna Donald

FAITH FIRST REGISTRATION 2020-2021

Faith First is a catechetical formation program for children, which includes preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. Online registration is available for new and returning families (Returning families should have received an email with their username, password and instructions on how to register online.) Please keep in mind that we are committed to continuing our FAMILY-BASED approach in a creative way that ensures the safety of all of you. We will distribute children's books/ duo tangs in the autumn. ***Early Bird Special Extended!!! SAVE \$25.00 on total amount if you register by September 1st *** For more information please visit the Faith First page at www.becket.ca or leave a message at faithfirst@becket.ca

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY: AUGUST 15



Though it was almost universally believed for more than a thousand years, the Bible contains no mention of the assumption of Mary into heaven, it was not formally defined as a dogma (a teaching essential to the Catholic faith) until 1950.

On May 1, 1946, Pope Pius XII asked all bishops in the world whether they thought this belief in the assumption of

Mary into heaven should be defined as a proposition of faith, and whether they with their clergy and people desired the definition. Almost all the bishops replied in the affirmative, and so on November 1, 1950, the Feast of All Saints, Pope Pius XII declared as a dogma revealed by God that "Mary, the immaculate perpetually Virgin Mother of God, after the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into the glory of Heaven".

We have no real knowledge of the day, year, and manner of Our Lady's death. The dates which have been assigned to her death vary between three and fifteen years after Christ's Ascension. Both Jerusalem and Ephesus claim to be the place where she died. (By tradition, Mary lived at Ephesus after the death of Jesus.) Mary's tomb was presumably found in Jerusalem. It is believed that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that after her burial, her tomb, when opened, was found empty. Therefore, they concluded that her body had been taken up (assumed) into heaven.

Saint Gregory of Tours provided a rationale for the tradition, which is related to her having been preserved from original sin. He said that it is inconceivable to think Mary's sinless body, likened to the Ark of the Covenant which was made of incorruptible wood, should decay in the grave.

There is an important difference, of course, between the ascension of Jesus into Heaven after His Resurrection, and the assumption of Mary. To ascend is to rise up under one's own power; while to be assumed means something that is done to one. Jesus, being the Second Person of the Trinity, had no need of assistance; whereas Mary did not have this power.

"The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians:

Catechism of the Catholic Church: "In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death.... She is our Mother in the order of grace."

Women for Faith & Family www.wf-f.org

PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE

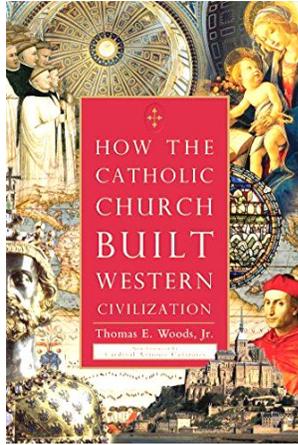


Are you planning a wedding in 2021? Now's the time to make an appointment with a priest and to register for the diocesan marriage preparation program (offered online for the time being):

<http://microsites.diocesemontreal.org/microsites/from-this-day-forward/>

You can reach Fr. Peter or Fr. Jaison at (514)-626-4111

WORTHWHILE READING



How the Catholic Church Built Western Civilization Kindle Edition by Thomas E. Woods Jr.

Ask someone today where Western Civilization originated, and he or she might say Greece or Rome. But what is the ultimate source of Western Civilization? Bestselling author and professor Thomas E. Woods, Jr. provides the long neglected answer: the Catholic Church. Woods goes far beyond the familiar tale of monks copying manuscripts and preserving the wisdom of classical antiquity. In *How the Catholic Church Built Western Civilization*, you'll learn:

- Why modern science was born in the Catholic Church
- How Catholic priests developed the idea of free-market economics five hundred years before Adam Smith
- How the Catholic Church invented the university
- Why what you know about the Galileo affair is wrong
- How Western law grew out of Church canon law
- How the Church humanized the West by insisting on the sacredness of all human life

FEAST OF ST. CLARE, AUGUST 11



Inspired by the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare ran away her family's wealth and nobility to live a life dedicated to Jesus Christ as a poor nun. St. Francis guided her as she began her own order of nuns whose mission it was to live simply, growing in holiness and praying for a world in need of God. The order she founded still exists today and

continues to grow; there are over 20,000 Poor Clares in more than 75 countries worldwide. St. Clare was born in 1194. When she was 18, she heard St. Francis of Assisi preaching and his message touched her heart. She decided to devote her life to Christ. She lived for a short time with a group of Benedictine nuns who kept her away from her father who attempted to kidnap her to bring her back home and marry. Soon, St. Clare's sister, Agnes, joined her. They lived a very simple and poor life, which attracted other women to join them. The lack of possessions and luxuries allowed them to keep their eyes focused solely on prayer and sacrifice. St. Clare remained good friends with St. Francis, and cared for him during his last years. St. Clare showed her love for her sisters in everything she did. Though she held the title of abbess, she served her sisters at table, tended them when they were sick, and washed and kissed their sore feet when they returned from begging. In 1244, Emperor Frederick II, who was at war with the pope, entered the Assisi area to attack it. Upon hearing of the invasion, St. Clare took the Blessed Sacrament and confronted the attackers, who left in haste. Then St. Clare prayed for the city, and again was reassured that it would be under God's care. One Christmas Eve, St. Clare was too ill to attend Mass, but she received a vision in which she was able to see the Mass as it was taking place, yet from her own room. It is for this reason that in 1958, Pope Pius XII named her as the patron saint of television, for she had received a "live broadcast" from God. She died in 1253, and was canonized only two years after her death.

PARISH INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

All telephone numbers are in the 514 area code unless otherwise indicated.

Parish Wardens

The Fabrique of the Parish of St. Thomas à Becket administers all Parish properties and assets, and consists of the Pastor and six wardens elected by parishioners at an Annual General Meeting.

Janet Arts (2021) 620-6643

Peter Cook (2022) 620-2019

Norman Cousineau (2020) 624-8753

Siro Di Marco (2020) 620-6788

Michelle Figueredo (2021) 694-8879

Michael Sciotto (2022) 626-9550

Parish Hall Rental: Peter Cook 514-620-2019

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Guild: Anna Donald	620-2258
Altar Servers: Fr. Peter Sabbath	626-4111 ext 225
Baptism Preparation Team	626-4111
Children's Liturgy Parish Office	626-4111
Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator - Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Greeters: Norma Cook	620-2019
Ushers: Joe Ojeda	941-7914
Lectors: Tobias Koikaran	693-5514
Liturgy Team: Rosemarie Della Rocca	620-1930
Weekday Sacristan: Anna Donald	620-2258
Music Ministry Coordinator - Lino Viegas	620-0750
Choirs: Brendan Kelly	944-7220

Parish Organizations

Sycamore - Elsa Rivera	626-4111 Ext. 222
Angels of Mercy - Sarah Sajedi	827-6408
Becket Pantry	626-4111
Catholic Women's League - Catherine Lee Jude	463-5991
Couples for Christ - Francis & Aurora Apgao	630-6586
Fraternity of St. Francis & St. Clare - Victoria Milewski	695-2616
Healing Ministry - Elsa Rivera	626-4111 Ext. 222
Helping Others - Parish Office	626-4111
Knights of Columbus - Joe Ojeda	941-7914
Marriage Course - John and Nathalie Bondyra	695-7896
Pastoral Home Care - Ailsa Lee Loy 626-7265 or Susan Carroll	887-4365
Prayer Group - (Thursday 9:15 am) Louise Eberwein	825-5198
Prayer Line - Christine Charron 694-3958 or Mary Taillon	450-424-3769
Seniors - Audrey Cassidy	626-3586
Social Club - Rina Callard	695-6995

Resources and Services

A.A.	376-9230
Al-Anon (Families of Alcoholics)	866-9803
Archdiocese, Marriage Tribunal, English Pastoral Services	931-7311
Episcopal Vicar - Fr. Raymond Lafontaine	931-7311
Quebec Life Coalition: Pregnant? Worried?	344-2686
Tel Aide (listening line)	935-1101
Violence S.O.S. Hotline	1-800-363-9010

West Island Women's Shelter

620-4845

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession) before all Masses or by request.

Anointing of the Sick: upon request

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration: First Friday of the month

Benediction: Fridays after morning Mass

Baptism: Please contact the office.

Marriage: Please contact the office well in advance.

Vocations: Please contact Fr. Peter Sabbath or Fr. Jaison Joseph

R.C.I.A.: Fr. Peter Sabbath

Diocesan Website: www.diocesemontreal.org