

Twenty-fourth
 Sunday in
 Ordinary Time
 September 13, 2020



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: SEPT 12 TO SEPT 20

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Saturday	Sept 12	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
Sunday	Sept 13	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Alex Della Rocca	Christina Della Rocca
11:00 am	Yolande Taillon (Roy)	Mary & Guy Taillon
Monday	Sept 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
8:30 am	Rosalie Beasley	The family
Tuesday	Sept 15	
8:30 am	Zenon and Edna Soares	Peter & Marilyn Silas
Wednesday	Sept 16	
8:30 am	Mark Julius Coelho	Pat & Donny
Thursday	Sept 17	
8:30 am	Zofia Kamela	Friends
Friday	Sept 18	
8:30 am	Atwell De Souza	Ron & Joy Pinto
Saturday	Sept 19	
4:30 pm	Luigi Di Caprio	The Family
Sunday	Sept 20	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Dean & Tom Stock	Cathy & Phil Stock

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

Sept. 13: Jack Scimone, requested by his daughter Connie.

Sept. 20: Frederick and Barbara Kray, requested by Helen & Manfred Adam

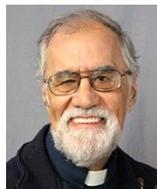
LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Salvatore Sasso, brother of Ciro Sasso.*

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.

WIDOW(ER) SUPPORT GROUP

Losing a spouse impacts every part of life. You are invited to join us to share, listen and support one another in the context of faith. Online Monday, September 14th from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Contact Anne Parsons at 514-457-2183 or parsoa2003@yahoo.com to register.

CONGRATULATIONS . . .



. . . to Father Mike Shaw, long associated with our parish, on the 45th anniversary of his priestly ordination. May his priesthood continue to be a blessing to many.

HOW DID JESUS CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR?

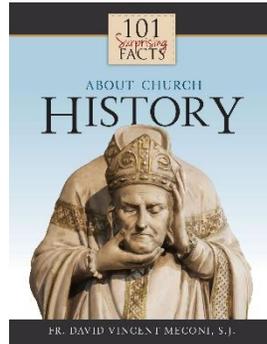


The Jewish new year, Rosh HaShanah ("head of the year"), begins at sundown on Friday of this week, and lasts for 48 hours. It occurs ten days before Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement). Together, the two High Holy Days are known as the Days of Awe. New Year's Day falls in the month that Jews believe God created the world.

Hence, Rosh HaShanah is also the birthday of the world. Jewish tradition teaches that during the High Holy Days God decides who will live and who will die during the coming year. As a result, during these days (and in the days leading up to them) Jews embark upon the serious task of examining their lives and repenting for any wrongs they have committed during the previous year. Jews are encouraged to make amends with anyone they have wronged and to make plans for improving during the coming year.

The Rosh HaShanah prayer service is one of the longest of the year, running from early morning until the afternoon and is so unique that it has its own prayer book called the Makhzor. The shofar is an important symbol of Rosh HaShanah. It is an instrument often made of a ram's horn and is blown one hundred times during each of the two days of Rosh HaShanah. The sound of the shofar blast reminds people of the importance of reflection during this important holiday. There is also the tashlich ceremony that involves symbolically casting off the sins of the previous year by tossing pieces of bread or another food into a body of flowing water. Other significant symbols of Rosh HaShanah include dipping apple slices in honey, representing our hope for a sweet new year. Challah bread is usually baked into braids. The circular shape symbolizes the continuation of life.

WORTHWHILE READING



101 Surprising Facts about Church History by David Meconi

Think you really know Church History? Think Again. The Catholic Church is the longest-standing and the most universal of all institutions. The contributions made by Catholic men and women over the past 2000 years are most impressive, from a properly functioning calendar to the inventions of many things that we all take for granted today. In *101 Surprising Facts About Church History*, noted author Fr. Meconi, SJ walks readers through the most amazing achievements of Christ's Body on earth. From economic and mercantile developments to scientific and astronomical advances, from the cataloging of zoological and botanical species to the cherishing of beautiful music and fine arts, Fr. Meconi shows you why the Catholic Church stands as the greatest promoter of human culture and knowledge. Beautifully illustrated and chronologically arranged, this work is a reliable guide through centuries of Church figures, facts, and fun.

LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL will be hosting a **Virtual Open House** for all prospective students on Saturday, September 26, at 1p.m. Join us to learn more about Loyola and our dedication to forming each student's intellectual, personal, and spiritual growth. Loyola High School, founded in 1896, is a Catholic, Jesuit, all-boys university preparatory school in Montreal. Financial Aid is available to students who qualify. To learn more, please visit www.loyola.ca/admissions.

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS: SEPTEMBER 14



The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14 celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion. The basilica, named the Martyrium, and the shrine, named the Calvarium, were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre which now stands on the site was built by the crusaders in 1149.

However the feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened.

The entrance antiphon for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is:

"We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection: through him we are saved and made free."

LETTER OF HOPE



"My dear Co-Workers, Active, Sick & Suffering, Lay Missionaries of Charity, I Thirst Movement Members, Volunteers,

Let us praise and thank God for the many opportunities He gives us during this time of

the Covid-19 pandemic to deepen our faith and trust in God's providential love for us, our dear ones and our poor.

God did not come to do away with suffering. He did not even come to explain it. He came to fill it with His Presence, He came to share in it." " - Paul Claudel

In all our pain, sorrow and confusion Jesus is with us and He lives His Passion in us. *"The Lord requires of you to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God." - Mic 6:8*

The "lockdown" situation has made our activism to slow down and it provides us with the necessary time to examine and to discern by what motives, intentions and values do we personally conduct our daily lives.

God gives us this time to mend broken relationships not by clarifying, but by forgiving, by concern for the sorrows our offender carries in his/her heart. How much God will bless the pains we take to reconcile with one another. Sincere prayer will soften our hearts and open them, allowing us to show our forgiveness by extending small acts of delicate thoughtfulness freely to the one who hurts us.

I believe that God sends us these chances to suffer injustice in order to teach us gentleness and humility. Our Mother (Teresa) wanted to become a saint according to the Heart of Jesus: meek and humble. With God's grace we are able to take the misery of the other person into our own hearts and to confidently cry out to God for His mercy, for now his/her misery has become our own misery. We will experience the blessedness, which is deep interior joy promised to the peacemakers who are called God's children. At the same time in the combat against the evil of pride and anger within us, we have gained a great victory.

God has called us to bring hope into our troubled world at the brink of despair. ...

I thank you for your prayers and concern for the sisters and our poor. I entrust you and your dear ones to the powerful protection of Our Lady, Mother of mercy and Mother of hope, and to the intercession of our Mother. Please, pray for me,

God bless you

Sr. M. Prema m.c., Superior General, Missionaries of Charity

International Movement of Co-Workers of Mother Teresa, Motherhouse, Kolkata, India. 13 July 2020

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

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

Prayer Group - (Thursday 9:15 am) Louise Eberwein 825-5198

Prayer Line - Christine Charron 694-3958

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