

February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: FEB. 6 TO FEB. 14

Saturday	Feb 6	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
5:15 pm	Kathleen Rush Heald	Andy & Betty Quinn
Sunday	Feb 7	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Teresa Lopez	Marco Lopez & Family
11:00 am	Marie Taillon	Rosemarie Della Rocca
Monday	Feb 8	
8:30 am	Kathleen Rush Heald	Denyse Fournier
9:30 am	For families in difficulty	
Tuesday	Feb 9	
8:30 am	Johanna Buccongello	Denyse Fournier
9:30 am	Souls in Purgatory	
Wednesday	Feb. 10	
8:30 am	Christopher Fonseca	Family
9:30 am	Kathleen Rush Heald	Juliette Coelho
Thursday	Feb 11	
8:30 am	Jim Diorio	Becket Social Club
9:30 am	Sick of the Parish	
Friday	Feb 12	
8:30 am	Vicky & Nando Drudi	The Drudi Family
9:30 am	Healthcare & Pastoral care workers	
Saturday	Feb 13	
4:00 pm	Frederick and Barbara Kray	Helen & Manfred Adam
5:15 pm	Marian Niznik	Helen Niznik & family
Sunday	Feb 14	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Mary Taillon	The Redmond Family

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

February 7: In thanksgiving from Kathleen Rush Heald

February 14: Dominic Mancini, requested by the family.

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: **Teresa Ala-garatman**, wife of Samuel, mother of Cynthia.

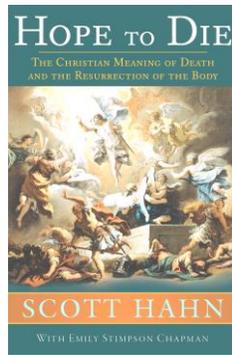
Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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Next special collection – February 14 – Religious education

WORTHWHILE READING

Hope to Die: The Christian Meaning of Death and the Resurrection of the Body by Scott Hahn



As Catholics, we believe in the resurrection of the body. We profess it in our creed. We're taught that to bury and pray for the dead are corporal and spiritual works of mercy. We honor the dead in our Liturgy through the Rite of Christian burial. We do all of this, and more, because when Jesus Christ took on flesh for the salvation of our souls he also bestowed great dignity on our bodies.

In *Hope to Die: The Christian Meaning of Death and the Resurrection of the Body*, Scott Hahn explores the significance of death and burial from a Catholic perspective. The promise of the bodily resurrection brings into focus the need for the dignified care of our bodies at the hour of death. Unpacking both Scripture and Catholic teaching, *Hope to Die* reminds us that we are destined for glorification on the last day. Our bodies have been made by a God who loves us. Even in death, those bodies point to the mystery of our salvation.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2021

From Pope Francis' message: "The celebration of the XXIX World Day of the

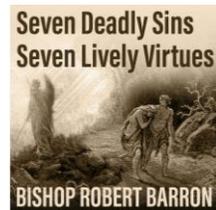


Sick on 11 February 2021, the liturgical memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities. We think in particular of those who have suffered, and continue to suffer, the effects of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. To all, and especially to the poor and the marginalized, I express my spiritual closeness and assure them of the Church's loving concern. . .

. Dear brothers and sisters, the commandment of love that Jesus left to his disciples is also kept in our relationship with the sick. A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned. To Mary, Mother of Mercy and Health of the Infirm, I entrust the sick, healthcare workers and all those who generously assist our suffering brothers and sisters. From the Grotto of Lourdes and her many other shrines throughout the world, may she sustain our faith and hope, and help us care for one another with fraternal love. To each and all, I cordially impart my blessing."

The next BecketMail e-newsletter will provide access to the many resources and (virtual) events the diocese is providing to Montrealers this year. Restrictions prevent the usual Anointing of the Sick during Mass on February 11, but be assured that Fr. Jaison and I are available by appointment for those who are eligible to receive that sacrament ("those in danger of death from sickness or old age").

SAVE THE DATES!



Parish Lenten (virtual) Mission with Bishop Robert Barron on "The Seven Deadly Sins, the Seven Lively Virtues". Friday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00, February 26, March 5, 12 & 19, from the comfort of your home. More information to follow.

HAPPY 500TH BIRTHDAY TO OUR FILIPPINO PARISHIONERS



The Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) has released the official theme and logo for the 500th anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in the country which will be marked in 2021. The theme and logo of the celebration, dubbed "500YOC", was approved by the

members of the permanent council of the CBCP on Sept. 18. "Gifted to Give", taken from Matthew's Gospel (10:8), is the theme for the celebration. In a statement, Father Marvin Mejia, secretary-general of the conference, identified the various elements of the logo, including a cross, a ship, the sun, a rosary, among others. The cross planted by Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan on the island of Cebu signifies Christianity and serves as the mast of a ship. The ship represents the navigators of the expedition that brought the faith to the island. It also signifies the Church and its sacraments. A dove symbolizes the Holy Spirit, which shares the "Divine Life" in the sacrament of baptism. It also looks like a cloud that manifests the presence of God. "It is also slightly attached to the cross or the mast as a sail of the ship, significantly telling us that through the Holy Spirit the missionaries were led to our country, bringing us to Christianity," read Father Mejia's statement. "The circular pattern of the Holy Spirit shows that it navigates all around the world as God is a missionary God who commissioned the Church for world mission," it added. The central figure on the logo is taken from national artist Fernando Amorsolo's "First Baptism in the Philippines" painting. The sun, a trademark of Amorsolo's various artworks, was derived from the Philippine flag, suggesting the idea that the country is "the pearl of the orient sea." "It also signifies new life, a new beginning, the risen Christ, the hope of our salvation," added the statement. The "ichthus" or the fish, which symbolizes Jesus, is a reminder that the faith we professed is the same faith as that of the early Christians. Its red color signifies the blood of the martyrs, the "seed of Christian faith in imitation of Christ." Manila Auxiliary Bishop Broderick Pabillo, chairman of the Episcopal Commission on the Laity, earlier said the 2021 observance "is a reminder of how Filipinos embraced the Catholic faith." "It is not a reminder of how we were colonized but of how Filipinos embraced Catholicism," said the bishop, adding that "colonization and the arrival of Christianity in the country are two different things." Christianity was brought to the Philippines in 1521 when the Portuguese explorer, Ferdinand Magellan, landed there. He was leading a Spanish expedition in his bid to reach at the East Indies, sailing west. The Philippine archipelago, which was named after King Philip II, became a colony of Spain until 1898. Since 2012, the Catholic Church in the Philippines has been on a 9-year preparation for the 500 years of the arrival of the Gospel in the country, with each year assigned a specific theme and aspect of the Church and Christian life. With about 81 percent of its estimated population of some 100 million identifying themselves as Catholics, the Philippines is home to Asia's largest Catholic population and the third largest in the world. St. Thomas à Becket parish is greatly enriched by the presence of a large and devout Filipino community. In fact, the Filipino community is now one of the most prominent and dynamic cultural communities in the Archdiocese of Montreal and in many other dioceses in North America.

MASS RESERVATIONS CLARIFICATION

We have requested that you attend a maximum of two weekday Masses per week. However, if there are still available spaces the day before a Mass you would like to attend, by all means, sign up, even though that means you will attend more than twice per week.

PARISH INFORMATION

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

PARISH WARDENS

The Fabrique of the parish 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	Siro Di Marco (2020)	620-6788
Peter Cook (2022)	620-2019	Michelle Figueredo (2021)	694-8879
Norman Cousineau (2020)	624-8753	Michael Sciotto (2022)	626-9550

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Guild:	Anna Donald	620-2258
Altar Servers:	Fr. Peter Sabbath	626-4111
Baptism Preparation Team:	Parish Office	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
Choir Director	Brendan Kelly	944-7220

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Sycamore	Elsa Rivera	626-4111 Ext. 222.
Angels of Mercy	Sarah Sajedi	827-6408
Becket Pantry:	Parish Office	626-4111
Catholic Women's League:	Catherine Lee Jude	463-5991
Couples for Christ:	Francis & Aurora Apgao	630-6586
Healing Ministry	Elsa Rivera	626-4111 Ext. 222
Helping Others:	Parish Office	626-4111
Knights of Columbus:	Joe Ojeda	941-7914
Marriage Course:	John & Nathalie Bondyra	695-7896
Pastoral Home Care:	Ailsa Lee Loy	626-7265
Prayer Group: (Thursday 9:15 a.m.)	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