

# May 9, 2021

## Sixth Sunday of Easter



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### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: MAY 8 TO MAY 16

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 8</b>	
4:00 pm	Stanley Szuskowski	Linda & Family
5:15 pm	Sick of the Parish	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 9</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
9:00 am	Our parishioners	
11:00 am	Mary & Guy Taillon	The Bondyra family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 10</b>	
8:30 am	Denise Christie	Patricia Christie
9:30 am	Margaret Burnett-Timko	Henry, Irene & family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 11</b>	
8:30 am	Kathleen Rush-Heald	Dina & Remi Perron
9:30 am	Dawn Richardson	Robert & Lorraine Plamondon
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 12</b>	
8:30 am	Souls in Purgatory	
9:30 am	Tilly de Laurentis	Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 13</b>	
8:30 am	Joey Skotarczyk	Barbara Bagshaw
9:30 am	Families in difficulty	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 14</b>	
8:30 am	Albanese family	
9:30 am	Lucrezia D'Ignazio	St. Thomas à Becket Parish
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 15</b>	
4:00 pm	The people of India	
5:15 pm	Deceased members of the Kanjirathummootil & Nakathil families	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 16</b>	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Mary & Guy Taillon	Bondyra family

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

May 9: Herb Meier, requested by Marie

May 16: Kathleen Rush Heald, requested by Julia and Rose

**LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them:

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.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MAY 1 & 2**

Offerings: \$3,705.00

Next special collection: May 16 – Helping Others

## THE RESURRECTION OF OUR BODIES

During this Easter season it is fitting to reflect on the resurrection not just of Jesus' body, but also of our own bodies at the end of time. Many see the body as a shell they're anxious to get rid of, as if death were the moment in which our souls were finally "liberated" from the "prison" of our bodies.



The Apostle's Creed concludes: "I believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen." The Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC]

observes, 'On no point does the Christian faith meet with more opposition than on the resurrection of the body.' It is very commonly accepted that the life of the human person continues in a spiritual fashion after death. But how can we believe that this body, so clearly mortal, could rise to everlasting life" (CCC 996)? What a mystery!

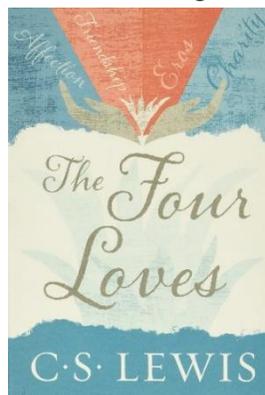
We often speak of the "souls" in heaven. But the souls currently in heaven remain in an "inhuman" state until the resurrection of their bodies. Since God created us as a union of body and soul, the separation of the two at death is entirely "unnatural." Our bodies will certainly be different in their resurrected state. Recall that the disciples didn't readily recognize Jesus after the resurrection. . . . The difference is that in the resurrection our bodies will be perfectly "spiritualized", i.e., permeated entirely by the power of the spirit. And because the "spirit" that will permeate our bodies is not only our own human spirits, but the divine Holy Spirit, our bodies will also be "divinized." . . . We will participate, body and soul, in the divine nature.

*From an article by Christopher West, international speaker on Theology of the Body*

## WORTHWHILE READING

*The Four Loves* by C.S. Lewis

C.S. Lewis, the great British writer, scholar, lay theologian, broadcaster, Christian apologist, and bestselling author of *Mere Christianity*, *The Screwtape Letters*, *The Great Divorce*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and many other beloved classics—contemplates the essence of love and how it works in our daily lives in one of his most famous works of nonfiction. Lewis examines four varieties of human love: affection, the most basic form; friendship, the rarest and perhaps most insightful; Eros, passionate love; charity, the greatest and least selfish. Throughout this compassionate and reasoned study, he encourages readers to open themselves to all forms of love—the key to understanding that brings us closer to God.



## HAVE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAD AN ABORTION?

Healing is possible: (1) See one of our priests who are not there to condemn you but to offer the mercy of Christ. Abortion is serious, but there is no sin that cannot be forgiven those truly sorry for their sins. God still loves you and the Church still welcomes you; (2) Contact the Centre for Reproductive Loss [www.crl-rho.org](http://www.crl-rho.org) (3) Work to promote a culture of life (resources are available at [www.priestsforlifecanada.com](http://www.priestsforlifecanada.com))

## PLANNING A WEDDING?

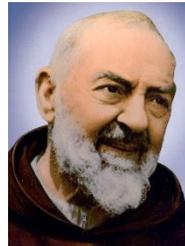


The decision to marry is one of the most important decisions that anyone can make. Usually, couples marry because they have fallen in love, but learning to love, as opposed to being in love, takes a lifetime. Couples need instruction and practice in living skills – skills that are learned rather than intuitive. FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, the diocesan marriage preparation program, provides couples with the opportunity to practice some of the skills necessary for a successful marriage. In a welcoming and non-threatening group setting, couples will have the opportunity to discuss and explore such issues as Communication Skills/Conflict, Goals & Expectations, Family Backgrounds,

Time/Money Management, Sexuality/Spousal Love, Children, Natural Family Planning, the meaning of the Sacrament of Matrimony. This faith-based, prevention-focused program is facilitated by a trained team of clergy (including Fr. Peter Sabbath), married couples and individuals. All sessions are currently virtual. To learn more, see

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

## DON'T ASK "WHY?" .... ASK "WHAT?"



St. Padre Pio used to say the worst question in the world was "Why?" The Christian's question is "What?"

- What does God ask of me in this situation?
- What can I do to overcome this difficulty?
- What can I learn from this sorrow?
- What can I do to help others with similar sorrows?

## MAY IS MARY'S MONTH



May, like October, is a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, culminating with the Feast of the Visitation on May 31. October is more associated with the Rosary, May with her motherhood: The new Feast of Mary, Mother of the Church, is on May 24 this year. In ancient Greece and Rome, the month of May was

dedicated to pagan goddesses connected to fertility and springtime (Artemis and Flora, respectively). This, combined with other European rituals commemorating the new season of spring, led many Western cultures to view May as a month of life and motherhood. This was long before "Mother's Day" was ever conceived, though the modern celebration is closely related to this innate desire to honor maternity during the spring months. Here at St. Thomas a Becket we maintain the tradition of crowning an image of Our Lady during May. This year it is on Sunday, May 9, at the 11:00 Mass.

## 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

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### 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	626-0750
Choir Director	Brendan Kelly	944-7220

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### 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

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### 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

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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