

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: November 27 to December 5

(L) indicates living intention

Saturday	Nov 27		
4:30 pm	Mike Callard		Rina Callard
Sunday	Nov 28	First Sunday of Advent	
9:00 am	Maria Elena Veyra		Mila Veyra
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
Monday	Nov 29		
8:30 am	Mike Callard		Rose Martins
Tuesday	Nov 30		
8:30 am	Bernie & Lois Lavigne		Maria & Rico Purisima
Wednesday	Dec 1		
8:30 am	Florence D'Silva		Christine Charron
Thursday	Dec 2		
8:30 am	Anthony Perron		Denyse Fournier
Friday	Dec 3		
8:30 am	Deceased members of the Dias family		Pat Dias
Saturday	Dec 4		
4:30 pm	Florence D'Silva		Anna Donald
Sunday	Dec 5	Second Sunday of Advent	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Guido Vacchiano		The Family

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

November 28: Dina Perron and family (L), requested by Rose Martins

December 5: Farrell & De Grazia families.

LORD, GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Rene & Eileen Fava*, parents of Martin & James; *Jill Lynch*, aunt of Janet Arts.

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 their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 21

Offerings: \$7,097.00

Next special collection: December 12 – Religious Education

ST. THOMAS À BECKET 2021 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Dec 24: Masses at 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 9:00 pm

Christmas Day, Dec 25 Mass at 10:00 am

Registration for all celebrations must be made on-line at www.becket.ca beginning December 1 at 12:00 noon.

BECKET CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM 2021: This Christmas we will again distribute gift cards to needy families in our community. This program will be funded by donations received through the Helping Others Collection. Depending on the size of the family and specific needs, each family will receive at least \$150.00 in gift cards which will be mailed to them from the parish. Donations can be made to our Helping Others Collection throughout the year by dropping a donation in the collection basket or through our parish website at www.becket.ca. Many thanks for your generosity.

BENEDICT LABRE HOUSE CHRISTMAS DONATIONS: We will be collecting Tim Horton's and McDonald's gift cards for Benedict Labre House, rather than items of clothing. A donation box is available in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL: Help us make our sanctuary beautiful for Christmas. We invite you to donate towards our Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one or special intention. Include your donation in an envelope that is clearly marked "Christmas flower donations". Write on the envelope: name of your loved one (s), or your intention, along with your name, telephone number, and parish envelope number if applicable. Drop your envelope in the Christmas flower donation box at the church doors. Names of loved ones will be included in upcoming holiday bulletins.

BLESSING OF THE HOME ADVENT WREATH

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: O God, by whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from You abundant graces. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The wreath would then be sprinkled with water. Then follows the prayer which is said before the evening meal each night of the first week of Advent.

FIRST WEEK *The following prayer should be repeated each day during the first week. After the prayer, the family's youngest child lights the first purple candle. (Family members can also take turns lighting and blowing out the candles on each night.)*

Leader: O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The candle is allowed to burn during evening meals for the first week. Prayers for subsequent weeks will be published in upcoming bulletins.



LIVING JOY: A free Advent retreat

A new, totally free online video retreat beginning Sunday, November 28, based on the life-changing rules in Chris Stefanick's bestselling book, *Living Joy*. Learn more and get access here: <https://tinyurl.com/y3mrrb3t>

JOIN THE "PRAY MORE ADVENT RETREAT"



Six speakers, 19 audio and video presentations, 19 reflective study guides. The retreat is self-paced, meaning you can participate wherever you are and whenever you have the time. It's like a do-it-yourself retreat, but you're not doing it alone. Beginning Monday, November 29. Learn more and register here: www.praymoreretreat.org

HERE'S A QUESTION

Christ said "Call no man on earth your father; for one is your Father, who is in heaven." But we call Catholic priests "Father"?

If you look at the context of this quote you will see that Jesus is criticizing the hypocritical behaviour of the Scribes and Pharisees (Mt 23:2-12). Does this mean then that we cannot call anyone "Father"? Not at all: see Acts 7:2, 22:1, Lk 16:24; and an explicit text in 1Cor 4:14-16: "I am writing you this not to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children. Even if you should have countless guides to Christ, yet you do not have many fathers, for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel." If we were to take a superficial literal interpretation of the verse you refer to, then you should not even call your biological father a "father." What Jesus is saying here, using the typical hyperbole of the time that was common among the Rabbinical teachers, is that instead of putting themselves above others and seeking titles and glory, the religious leaders should place themselves at the service of others. "I have come not to be served but to serve," Jesus said, which is how we should interpret what he says about titles.

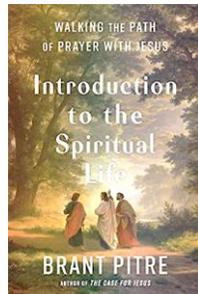
ELECTION OF WARDENS ON NOVEMBER 21

Many thanks to Norman Cousineau and to Michelle Figueredo, current wardens, who have accepted to serve a two-year term, to Janet Arts, who has accepted to serve another three-year term, and to Cindy Finn who will begin her first three-year term beginning on January 1, 2022. Our gratitude goes to outgoing warden Siro Di Marco, for his dedicated service over the past seven years. All the nominated persons were acclaimed in their positions, so no voting was necessary. Those elected will join other currently serving wardens Peter Cook and Michael Sciotto along with chairman Fr. Peter Sabbath.

CINDY FINN is a native West-Islander and has been a resident of Pierrefonds for over 20 years. Cindy holds undergraduate degrees from Bishop's and McGill Universities. She is a licensed psychologist and has dedicated most of her career working with children with special needs. For the last 18 years she has worked in educational administration and has experience leading teams, managing budgets, and developing strategic plans, and is currently Director General of the Lester B. Pearson School Board. She sits on the board of directors for a variety of non-profit organizations in the Montreal area.



WORTHWHILE READING: *Introduction to the Spiritual Life: Walking the Path of Prayer with Jesus* by Brad Pitre



The path of following Jesus is an ancient and storied spiritual tradition. Yet many believers are not familiar with the three major forms of prayer and the three stages of spiritual growth that exist to bring them closer to God.

In his most personal book yet, Dr. Brant Pitre draws on the riches of the Bible, the words of Jesus, and the writings of mystics across the centuries to shed light on the mystery—and wonder—of the spiritual life.

Starting with the age-old belief that the path of prayer is not only informative but transformative, Dr. Pitre explores

- the scriptural roots of vocal, meditative, and contemplative prayer
- the purgative, illuminative, and unitive stages of spiritual growth
- the spiritual exercises of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving
- the Jewish roots of the Lord's Prayer
- Lectio Divina: how to pray with the Bible
- seven vices and their seven opposing virtues
- the battle of prayer: how to deal with difficulty and distractions
- the "dark night of the soul" in the Scriptures

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	626-0750
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. Tibu Fernandez

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