

*The Seventh Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
February 19, 2017*



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: FEB. 18 TO FEB. 26

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Saturday 4:30 pm	Feb. 18 Celia Palma	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Leonora & Agustin Caroline
Sunday 9:00 am 11:00 am	Feb. 19 Our Parishioners Domenico Mancini	Monique Lemieux Mancini
Monday 8:30 am	Feb. 20 Sharon St. Louis	Richard & Fran Merlo
Tuesday 8:30 am	Feb. 21 Alfie Netto	Juliette Coelho & family
Wednesday 8:30 am	Feb. 22 Mark Julius Coelho	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle Pat & Donny Coelho
Thursday 8:30 am	Feb. 23 Jack Scimone	Mary Scimone
Friday 8:30 am	Feb. 24 Angelo Aquino	Constance Scimone
Saturday 4:30 pm	Feb. 25 Our Parishioners	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 9:00 am 11:00 am	Feb. 26 Desmond Marolly Jose Da Silva	The Fraternity of St. Francis & St. Clare Walter & Mary Gargul

SANCTUARY LAMP

Week of:

Feb. 19: Domenico Mancini, requested by family.

Feb. 26: In thanksgiving from the Ramchandran & Desormeaux families

FAITH FIRST NEWS

Level 3 (SP3, SP4) Gathering #2: Tuesday Feb. 21

Level 4 (SP4, SP5) Gathering #2: Thursday Feb. 23

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEB. 11/12

Offerings: \$ 3, 840.50 Religious Education: \$ 1, 349.00

Next Second Collection: **February 26**, for the Building Fund.



ALL ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

How we handle objects says a lot about how we regard them. When looking at fine jewelry, for example, we are mindful to handle the gems carefully.

When observing fine works of art, we don't even touch them at all. When we hold a baby or hug a loved one, we do so gently and with care. The things we handle carefully are usually the things we hold in high esteem.

When it comes to the **Holy Eucharist**, the living sacramental presence of Jesus Christ, this should be true all the more. Because we believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist—body, blood soul and divinity—we reserve the Eucharist in a secure **tabernacle**, constructed of the finest materials available. We situate the tabernacle in a place of honour in the Church, usually in the centre of the sanctuary, and we genuflect before it.

To reverence our Lord's sacramental presence, we use chalices and patens for the celebration of the Eucharist, not ordinary dishes. We call these "**sacred vessels**." Made of precious metal, they are set aside for sacred use only. Priests and deacons wear beautiful **vestments** during the celebration of the Eucharist and most of us, out of respect for our Lord, put on our "Sunday best" when we head to Mass. When we receive our Lord in Holy Communion, we should receive him in the way we encounter a **loved one**: with reverence, care, gentleness and humility. For in the Holy Eucharist, the Catechism notes, "Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present" (1374).

Some may choose to receive the Lord on the tongue while others choose to receive in the hand. All of us should receive with great **reverence** and **respect**. And to demonstrate reverence and respect, the Church asks us to offer a slight bow immediately before receiving Holy Communion. For to receive our Lord in Holy Communion is, indeed, the most profound union we can have with God this side of eternity.

~ *Bishop James Conley, Lincoln, NB et al*

HERE'S A QUESTION

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen

In the prayer Glory Be, the words are "as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end." We all know that someday the world will end.

The words "world without end" that close the Glory Be — and many other prayers — are a translation of the Latin *per omnia saecula saeculorum*, which means, literally, "for all ages of ages" or, more colloquially, "forever and ever." The words refer to the eternity of heaven, the world in which the Trinity dwells. The

earth we inhabit will certainly come to an end. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, reflecting the theology of the Second Vatican Council reminds us, "The form of this world, distorted by sin, is passing away, and we are taught that God is preparing a new dwelling and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (No. 1048).

At the same time, the Catechism states, the "world without end" is a promise for the future — our future — for which we lay a foundation now, and "the expectancy of a new earth should spur us on, for it is here that the body of a new human family grows, foreshadowing in some way the age which is to come" (No. 1049). When our world ends, "the Kingdom of God will come in its fullness. Then the just will reign with Christ for ever, glorified in body and soul" (No. 1060) — that is, world without end.

~ *Father Reginald Martin*

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Youth Helpers and Greeters bake sale last weekend. We raised \$271.00! The Youth Helpers are a group of teenagers who help organize and run activities for the Confirmation Youth Group. Their enthusiasm and participation is essential for the success of our program. Our Confirmation Youth Group has learned to make twine rosaries, which we use to recite the rosary when we meet. This past Christmas season, we had a very successful response for our toys and food collection for a local women's shelter. We also organize games nights and church jeopardy. We look forward to hosting a guest speaker and a BBQ to end our year. The youth will be donating a portion of the bake sale proceeds to Mary's Meals – an international organization that provides meals to hungry children in Malawi.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PARISHIONERS to serve on our new Parish Hall Preparedness Committee. Great way to help out at the parish! For more info Rina 514-915-7586.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER! Join us on **Tues. Feb. 28** for food and fun at our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras celebration. 5:30 - 7 pm. \$5.00 per person. Children 3 and under free. **We need more volunteers to make pancakes or sausages & serve.** Rina 514-915-7586.

ST. THOMAS À BECKET WOODWORKERS GROUP is seeking additional members. Should you be interested in learning more about working with wood and on a work-together-basis to perhaps make something that you would like for yourself, we would be pleased to hear from you. Please do not hesitate to contact one of the group members for additional details: Bob Cussen: 514-626-3822, Walter O'Grady: 514-694-2610, Mike Callard: 514 695-6995.

JAMES LYNG HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING for all students, 1967 – 2017. Saturday May 20, 6 pm - 1 am, 5440 Notre Dame St. W., Montreal
Appetizers • cash bar • music and dancing Admission: \$40.
Ticket & info jlshomecoming@gmail.com

SUMMER JOBS AT CAMP KINKORA Do you enjoy the great outdoors? Camp Kinkora, in the Laurentians, is looking for young people to join their team this summer. We offer a unique opportunity to learn and develop leadership skills through service to children, youth, families, and special needs communities. Join us for fun, faith, and friendship, with memories to last lifetime!
Visit www.campkinkora.com for job postings (specifically kitchen aides, maintenance, and lifeguards) or contact Cori-Ann at campkinkora1@gmail.com



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