

# The Fifth Sunday of Lent

## April 02, 2017



### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: APRIL 01 TO APRIL 09

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 01</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	
4:30 pm	Terry Hayes		Betty & Andy Quinn
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 02</b>		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Jean Mack		Angie Argentin
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 03</b>		
8:30 am	Albanese family		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 04</b>		
8:30 am	Catherine Anne Kenney		Marie Foggo
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 05</b>		
8:30 am	Michael Oliveira		Mabel Oliveira
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 06</b>		
8:30 am	Jack Scimone		Mary Scimone
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 07</b>		
8:30 am	Mary & Walter Brandt (L)		Marjorie
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 08</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
4:30 pm	Italo Falcone		Adamo, Sabrina, Daniele
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 09</b>		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Maria Del Carmen Esposito-Ojeda		Joe Ojeda & family

#### SANCTUARY LAMP:

Week of:

April 02: *Georges Abud*, requested by his sister

April 09: *Frank McDonnell*, requested by Joanne Carroll

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

*Maria Florida Lavidés Alcalá*, cousin of Gina Robertson.

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MARCH 26/27

**Offerings:** \$ 5, 437.50      **Building Fund:** \$1, 460.00

Next special collection: **April 09** (Religious Education)

*Erratum: The contribution amount for the Building Fund posted in the bulletin of March 12 should have read: Ash Wednesday: \$1, 890.00.*

**EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS:** We invite you to make a donation toward our Easter Flower Fund for your personal intentions. Donations may be sent to the parish office or dropped in the Easter flower box. Please include on the envelope: name of your intention or loved one (memorial) along with your name (donor). Please include your parish envelope number if you have one. Names of loved ones and intentions will be included in upcoming Easter bulletins.

### **PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO POPE CLEMENT XI (1700-1721)**

Lord, I believe in You: increase my faith. I trust in You: strengthen my trust. I love You: let me love You more and more.

I am sorry for my sins: deepen my sorrow. I worship You as my first beginning, I long for You as my last end, I praise You as my constant helper, and I call on You as my loving protector. Guide me by Your wisdom, correct me with Your justice, comfort me with Your mercy, protect me with Your power.

I offer You, Lord, my thoughts: to be fixed on You; my words: to have You for their theme; my actions: to reflect my love for You; my sufferings: to be endured for Your greater glory. I want to do what You ask of me: in the way You ask, for as long as You ask, because You ask it. Lord, enlighten my understanding, strengthen my will, purify my heart, and make me holy.

Help me to repent of my past sins and to resist temptation in the future. Help me to rise above my human weaknesses and to grow stronger as a Christian. Let me love You, my Lord and my God, and see myself as I really am: a pilgrim in this world, a Christian called to respect and love all whose lives I touch, those in authority over me or those under my authority, my friends and my enemies.

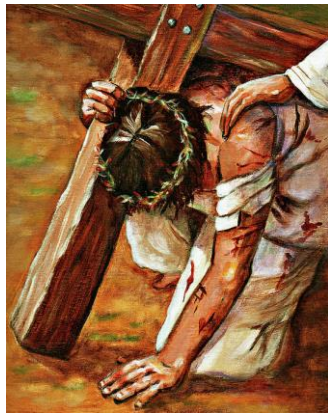
Help me to conquer anger with gentleness, greed by generosity, apathy by fervour. Help me to forget myself and reach out toward others. Make me prudent in planning, courageous in taking risks. Make me patient in suffering, unassum-ing in prosperity. Keep me, Lord, attentive at prayer, temperate in food and drink, diligent in my work, firm in my good intentions.

Let my conscience be clear, my conduct without fault, my speech blameless, my life well-ordered. Put me on guard against my human weaknesses. Let me cherish Your love for me, keep Your law, and come at last to Your salvation. Teach me to realize that this world is passing, that my true future is the happiness of heaven, that life on earth is short, and that the life to come is eternal.

Help me to prepare for death with a proper fear of judgment, but a greater trust in Your goodness. Lead me safely through death to the endless joy of heaven. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of God, Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Mother of Love, help me to see God's love for me today like I've never seen His love for me before! Amen

### **FINDING STRENGTH IN THE CROSS**



It is not surprising that Jesus fell down three times under the weight of the cross and the pain of His wounds as He walked to Calvary. But what is incredible is the fact that He got up - **THREE TIMES!** His love for us is what enabled Him to wipe away the blood that was dripping into His eyes, embrace the cross, and get back on His feet. Jesus probably used that huge wooden cross as leverage as He was getting up... a significant point to reflect upon.

Suffering can be a springboard to a new and higher level of living. Contrary to what society tells us about suffering and how we need to avoid it at all costs, it is a cleansing and renewing process that changes your life for the better, if you allow it to. Your cross is heavy and painful, difficult to handle, but it can prop you up, too. Contemplate Christ on the road to Calvary... the beatings from the soldiers, the trail of blood, the falls... His motivation was love for us!

Try to offer your suffering up for someone you love and ask Jesus to give you the grace to persevere.

*~ Lisa Duffy*

**PALM SPLITTING** Come help us prepare palms in preparation for Palm Sunday. We will meet in the parish hall **April 08, at 9:30 a.m.** Bring your gardening gloves. Info: 514-626-4485.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:** Today is Solidarity Sunday, and we thank you for your donation to the Development and Peace collection that was held today. Each donation provides emergency humanitarian aid as well as support for ongoing programming in 33 countries throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. These programs and projects support the poor as they improve their living conditions in a sustainable way, and increase their participation in their country's development. This year's Share Lent Campaign, "Women are at the Heart of Change", echoes the Pope's prayer that women world-wide may be "honoured, respected and valued for their essential contribution to society." We conclude this Share Lent with the words of Pope Francis, offered on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy: "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Thank you for helping us create a future filled with hope! Thank you for helping us create a future filled with hope!

**BECKET PANTRY NEEDS:** canned ham, salmon, fruit, KD, jello, tea, coffee, sugar, stew, gravy, shampoo, laundry detergent, toothpaste, soap.

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PHOTO ALBUMS** are available at the parish office (during office hours please) for all those who participated in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary photo directory project.

**BECKET'S 2017 MARRIAGE JUBILEE:** Is your wedding anniversary this year divisible by five? Join us at our 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Marriage Jubilee on April 28 & 29. Sign up after all Masses or call Rina at 514-915-7586.

**FAITH FIRST UPCOMING GATHERINGS:**

Level 3 (SP3, SP4) #3: **Tuesday, April 4**

Level 5 (SP5, SP6) #3: **Thursday, April 6**

**WORLD YOUTH DAY MONTREAL 2017:** Join hundreds of young people on **April 8** at the World Youth Day Montreal 2017 celebration! In this jubilee year of Montreal's 375th anniversary, young people of Ville-Marie are invited to explore God's action in their own lives, through Mary's timeless words: "The Mighty One has done great things for me; and holy is His name" (Lk 1:49). The day's line-up includes our annual Youth Festival, Mini-Pilgrimage and WYD Mass. Celebrations begins at 12:30pm at Santa Cruz Mission (60 Rachel St. West, metro Mont-Royal) followed by a mini-pilgrimage downtown to St. Patrick's Basilica for the Blessings of Palms (460 René-Lévesque Blvd. West). Passion Sunday Mass presided by Archbishop Christian Lépine concludes the day at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral (1085 de la Cathedrale). Want to get involved or find out more? Visit [missionjeunessemtl.org](http://missionjeunessemtl.org). Contact 514-925-4300 or [jeunesse@diocesemontreal.org](mailto:jeunesse@diocesemontreal.org).

**MONTREAL DIRECTED RETREATS** Begin Holy Week in a prayerful mode, and be refreshed in mind, body and spirit. Silent directed weekend retreat at La Maison de Prière Notre-Dame (180 De Normandie Blvd., Longueuil). **Begins Friday evening, April 7 and ends Sunday afternoon, April 9.** Cost is \$140. Contact 514-626-9462 or 514-633-1172. Visit [www.montrealretreats.org](http://www.montrealretreats.org).

**FUNDRAISER FOR UGANDAN CHILDREN:** You are invited to a fundraising Luncheon of the Foundation for the Education of Children in Uganda, on **Sunday April 30, at 12:30 p.m.**, in St. John Fisher parish hall. Lunch, raffles, door prizes plus entertainment by Aeternal Music Ministries, and with a Karate demo. The tickets are \$30.00 for adults, and \$15.00 for children 12 yrs and under. All proceeds will go to the education of children in Uganda. Fr. David: 514-683-0441, or cell. 514-213-5778.