

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: May 18 TO MAY 26

Saturday	May 18	Fifth Sunday of Easter
4:30 pm	Michael O'Neill	Kathleen & Tom Heald
Sunday	May 19	
9:00 am	Joan Di Chiaro	Family
11:00 am	Our Parishioners	
Monday	May 20	
8:30 am	Teresa Correa	Ron & Joy Pinto
Tuesday	May 21	
8:30 am	Thérèse Varansi	Anna Donald
Wednesday	May 22	
8:30 am	Felix D'Sa	Mervyn & Cynthia Pereira
Thursday	May 23	
8:30 am	Katarina Zizek	Ann Cox
Friday	May 24	
8:30 am	Giovanni Sicilia	The Castiglione family
Saturday	May 25	Sixth Sunday of Easter
4:30 pm	Anello & Francesca Pedicelli	Scartozzi family
Sunday	May 26	
9:00 am	Our Parishioners	
11:00 am	Mrs. Joan Bailin	Atwell D'Souza & family

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

May 19: Maria Trozza Ruffalo requested by Filomena Parise

May 26: Letitia Zapanta, requested by Jacky Zapanta

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MAY 11/12

Offerings: \$4, 919.50 Helping Others: \$2, 300.00

Next special collection: May 26 - Papal Charities

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR FAITH FIRST CHILDREN who were confirmed at our parish this weekend.

Jazlyn A., Sofia A., Marco B., Matthew B., Holly B., Luca B., Fraser B., Sarah C., Jack C., Madeleine C., Brent D., Maria Victoria D., Adrian D., Sophia E., Gabriel F., Marcus-Riley F., Gabriele F., Alessandro F., Matteo G., Ava G., Ariana G., Natania J., Justin L., Massimo L., Ashley L., Megan L., Analisa L., Justin L., Eva M., Chiara M., Luca M., James M., Lauren M., Julianna M., Sofia M., Olivia P., Gianluca P., Amanda S., Alexandra S., Mario Adriano S., Jack S., Christopher T., Riley T., Eva V., Olivia V., Lucas W., Lorenzo Z.

HEALING SERVICE: We invite you to join us on Monday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. Our evening includes Eucharistic Adoration, prayerful music, scripture, and reflection. The sacrament of Reconciliation is available as are our Prayer Teams.

CELL PHONES FOR AFRICA: Fr. David Kiyingi is collecting used smartphones for people in Uganda. Please remember to remove your password. Thank you! Fr David: 514-213-5778.

HALL RENTAL Please visit our new hall rental page on our parish website, at www.becket.ca for information on rental conditions, availability and fees.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR BODIES FULFILLS THE MEANING 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.



This was Plato's idea, but it is *not* the Christian view of things. 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. What is this "divine nature?" "God has revealed his innermost secret. God himself is an **eternal exchange of love**, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange" (CCC). And this "great mystery" is prefigured right from the beginning *in our bodies* as male and female and the call of the two to participate here on earth in an "exchange of love": the two become "one flesh" (Gen 2:24). So will there be **sex in heaven**? It depends what we mean by the term. Sex is not first what people *do*. It's who people *are* as male or female. St. John Paul II insisted that we will be raised *as male and female*. So, in this sense, yes, there will be sex in heaven. But Christ points us to an entirely **new dimension** of human sexuality and our call to union when he says that "in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage".

Marriage and the "one flesh" union exist from the beginning to point us to the "Marriage of the Lamb", to the union of Christ and the Church. In the resurrection, the sacrament will give way to the **divine reality**. In other words, if God created the union of the sexes as a foreshadowing of heaven, Christ is saying, "You no longer need a foreshadowing to point you *to* heaven when you're *in* heaven. You're there. The ultimate union has come." And this is the cry of the Spirit and the Bride: "Come, Lord Jesus, come!" And the Lord responds, "Surely, I am coming soon" (Rev 22:17-20). Let us pray that we are ready.

From an article by Christopher West, international speaker on Theology of the Body (www.tobinstitute.org)

PATRONAL FEAST OF THE DIOCESE OF MONTREAL

"Dear brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Friday, May 31, I invite you all to join me for the Feast of the Diocese of Montreal, at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral, at 7:30 p.m. On this occasion we will honour the missionary work of the Association des Supérieur(e)s Majeur(e)s of Montreal, the Social Action Ministry and the assistance to the homeless."

† Christian Lepine, Archbishop of Montreal

ON MAY 25, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – CARITAS CANADA



is inviting us to share the journey.

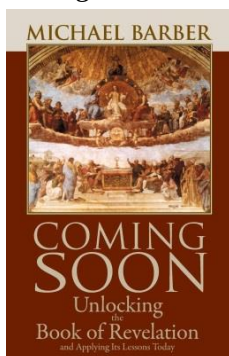
Every minute, 31 people are forced to flee their homes because they fear for their lives and safety.

In solidarity with forced migrants, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is asking Canadians to collectively walk 40,075 kilometres, *i.e.* the equivalent of the circumference of the Earth to

help them reach that goal. A 3.1 km Solidarity Walk is planned for Saturday May 25, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, in NDG and Hampstead. We begin at St. Monica's Parish, 6405 de Terrebonne, and end at St. Malachy's Parish. To join the walk or volunteer, please contact Kim Gottfried Piché at 514 931-7311, ext. 205.

WORTHWHILE READING

Coming Soon: Unlocking the Book of Revelation and Applying Its Lessons Today,



by Michael Barber

Is there a book of the Bible more often discussed and yet less understood than the Book of Revelation? Michael Barber's *Coming Soon* examines Revelation and its rich tapestry of prophecy, history, and biblical allusion. Barber, Associate Professor of Scripture and Theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology (Denver, CO), explores the profound link between the Mass celebrated here on earth and the eternal reality of heaven, demonstrating that the Apocalypse reveals truth that has practical implications for today and points to a firm hope in tomorrow.

YOUR “HELPING OTHERS” CONTRIBUTIONS AT WORK: So far this year, in addition to supporting our Becket Pantry clients, we have made contributions to the following organizations: WICA, NOVA, Le Pont, L’Arche (Jean Vanier), and Société des Missions Africaines. Thank you for your generosity.

Below are some excerpts of thank you letters that we have received from our beneficiaries. Full messages are available at the parish office.

“On behalf of NOVA West Island I would like to thank you for your generous donation. Your continuing support since 2008 amounts to \$10,900. Through contributions such as yours, we took care of more than 700 vulnerable individuals last year alone. Our primary mandate is to provide specialized home care and support to cancer and ALS patients and their families, particularly in the palliative stage....our bereavement services and support groups for youth and adults are also free. Our four adult day-centers meet the needs of the frail, elderly, and disabled while their caregivers take some well-deserved respite time. Your financial support is especially appreciated as we receive no government funding. We applaud your community spirit, and are deeply touched that you recognize NOVA’s contribution to the West Island population. Thank you on behalf of our clients, families, staff, volunteers and Board of Directors.”

Marie-France Juneau, Executive Director

“On behalf of the L’Arche-Montreal community, we would like to thank you for the financial support of \$1000.00 Your contribution makes a difference in accomplishing our mission and supporting the quality of life of the people living in our community. We are proud to be able to count on your generosity.”

Alain Ouedraogo, Directeur, L’Arche-Montreal

“... please accept our sincere thanks for your most generous donation of \$1000.00. Your donation will make it possible for West Island Citizens Advocacy to continue its mission of improving the quality of life for those living with a handicapping condition, as well as seniors and the disadvantaged of the West Island.”

Marla Newhook, Executive Director