

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 2020



MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: AUGUST 15 TO AUGUST 23

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Saturday	Aug 15	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
Sunday	Aug 16	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Maria & Victor Kozlowski	The family
11:00 am	Antonio Di Grappa	Maria Caputo & family
Monday	Aug 17	
8:30 am	Juliette Coelho (L)	Anna Donald
Tuesday	Aug 18	
8:30 am	Christine Charron (L)	Anna & Wayne Donald
Wednesday	Aug 19	
8:30 am	Teresa Dellar	Barbara Dellar & family
Thursday	Aug 20	
8:30 am	Robert Holt	Jose Emma Villacourta & family
Friday	Aug 21	
8:30 am	Winnie Murray	Marie & Thomas Holloran
Saturday	Aug 22	
4:30 pm	Our Parishioners	
Sunday	Aug 23	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am	Giovanni Russo	Maria
11:00 am	Vittorio Nudo	Rosalba Nudo

SANCTUARY LAMP (Week)

Aug 16: Kathleen Rush Heald (L), requested by Anna Donald

Aug 23: Vittorio Nudo, requested by Rosalba Nudo

BECKET PANTRY NEEDS: Tinned fruit, ham, Prem/Kam, stew, gravy, crackers, pudding, broth.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY



Until the lockdown in March, a group of parishioners prayed the Rosary before Mass every weekday morning. Because of current conditions, they have not been able to resume. This week, on Monday, August 17, we will pray the Rosary at the conclusion of the 8:30 am Mass, after the official exit from church. All are welcome to join. If all goes well we will schedule other days to pray.

FEAST OF THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY: August 22



Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, Mary is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century St. Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven,"

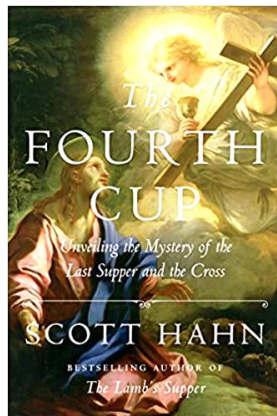
"Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pope Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection, and because of her intercessory power.

As St. Paul suggests in Romans 8:28–30, God has predestined human beings from all eternity to share the image of his Son. All the more was Mary predestined to be the mother of Jesus. As Jesus was to be king of all creation, Mary, in dependence on Jesus, was to be queen. All other titles to queenship derive from this eternal intention of God. As Jesus exercised his kingship on earth by serving his Father and his fellow human beings, so did Mary exercise her queenship. As the glorified Jesus remains with us as our king till the end of time (Matthew 28:20), so does Mary, who was assumed into heaven and crowned queen of heaven and earth.

"Let the entire body of the faithful pour forth persevering prayer to the Mother of God and Mother of men. Let them implore that she who aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers may now, exalted as she is in heaven above all the saints and angels, intercede with her Son in the fellowship of all the saints. May she do so until all the peoples of the human family, whether they are honored with the name of Christian or whether they still do not know their Saviour, are happily gathered together in peace and harmony into the one People of God, for the glory of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity" (Vatican II: Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, 69).

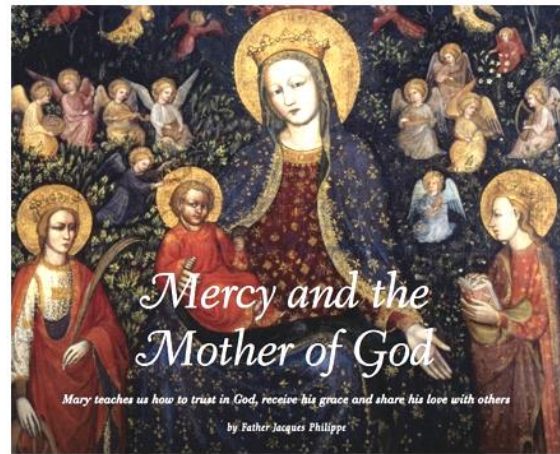
WORTHWHILE READING



The Fourth Cup: Unveiling the Mystery of the Last Supper and the Cross by Scott Hahn.

"The Paschal Mystery is at the heart of our faith and how we share in Jesus' death, resurrection, and entrance into glory. In *The Fourth Cup*, Dr. Scott Hahn shows the reader how our redemption follows a plan and pattern established from the very beginning of time. With his exceptional skill as both a scholar and a master teacher, he guides us on a pilgrimage along the path of the gradual accomplishment of God's saving action in history. As always, Dr. Hahn not only enlightens the reader's mind, but also touches the heart. A book made for personal spiritual renewal!"

FORGIVING OURSELVES



"As a priest, I often meet people who say, "A few years ago, I committed this great fault, and I went to confession. I think God forgave me, but I don't seem to be able to forgive myself." Consider asking yourself the question, "What will allow me to access the mercy of God?" My answer is that there are four conditions: trust, humility, gratitude and forgiveness. And Mary, who is the person with the deepest

love and knowledge of God, can help us with these. The mercy of God will always be greater than our sins. Everything is given and everything comes from the mercy of God, not from our merit but from the free love of God. Mary is the richest of all creatures, the holiest and the most beautiful, but also the humblest and poorest because she knows that she has received everything from God. We have a difficult time accepting God's mercy because we really have very little trust in God's forgiveness. God forgives us, but we can't forgive ourselves. St. Thérèse said that what wounds the heart of God most are not our faults but our lack of trust in his love. This is what prevents us from receiving the abundant mercy and love of God. The second condition is humility. Sometimes, when we don't forgive ourselves even when God forgives us, the reason is pride—I don't accept being a person who has fallen, who has made mistakes, who depends on the mercy of God. I would have liked to have been the perfect person, infallible. We would like to save ourselves, based on our good actions and qualities. To receive everything from the mercy of God—to accept that God is our source of richness and not ourselves—requires a great poverty of heart. Sometimes it's good that we rejoice when we have accomplished great things. But in the moments where we feel our poverty, we should also rejoice, because the good news is for the poor. Mercy is for those who need it, who feel profoundly that they cannot save themselves. Our only hope is not through our own works; it is hope in the infinite mercy of God. It's our only security in life to know that the mercy of God will never run out. There is a third important condition: gratitude. There is a little secret in the spiritual life: The more the heart gives thanks, the more God gives, even when life isn't perfect, even when we don't have everything we need or want. The more we thank God, the more our heart is open to receive even more of his mercy and his gifts. Mary teaches us the grace of thanksgiving and praise through her Magnificat. The fourth condition to receive God's mercy abundantly is very clear in the Gospel: If you do not forgive, God cannot forgive you. Sometimes what stops us from receiving the mercy of God is our lack of mercy toward others, our hardness of heart toward others, our lack of goodness toward others. "Blessed are the merciful, for mercy will be shown them" (Mt 5:7). The more I'm merciful with my brothers and sisters, the more God will be merciful with me. Mary can help us open our hearts and eyes to the needs of our brothers and sisters. She motivates us to acts of love and mercy through her maternal grace. Let us ask for the grace to welcome Mary into our hearts, to give ourselves to her so she can give us what she has received from God. She will give us limitless trust, faith, humility, hope and thanksgiving, along with her loving and attentive gaze and the goodness that is so deep within her. By practicing all of this with Mary, she will ask for what we need."

~ by *Father Jacques Philippe*

PARISH INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

All telephone numbers are in the 514 area code unless otherwise indicated.

Parish Wardens

The Fabrique of the Parish of St. Thomas à Becket 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

Peter Cook (2022) 620-2019

Norman Cousineau (2020) 624-8753

Siro Di Marco (2020) 620-6788

Michelle Figueredo (2021) 694-8879

Michael Sciotto (2022) 626-9550

Parish Hall Rental: Peter Cook 514-620-2019

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Guild: Anna Donald	620-2258
Altar Servers: Fr. Peter Sabbath	626-4111 ext 225
Baptism Preparation Team	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	620-0750
Choirs: Brendan Kelly	944-7220

Parish Organizations

Sycamore - Elsa Rivera	626-4111 Ext. 222
Angels of Mercy - Sarah Sajedi	827-6408
Becket Pantry	626-4111
Catholic Women's League - Catherine Lee Jude	463-5991
Couples for Christ - Francis & Aurora Apgao	630-6586
Fraternity of St. Francis & St. Clare - Victoria Milewski	695-2616
Healing Ministry - Elsa Rivera	626-4111 Ext. 222
Helping Others - Parish Office	626-4111
Knights of Columbus - Joe Ojeda	941-7914
Marriage Course - John and Nathalie Bondyra	695-7896
Pastoral Home Care - Ailsa Lee Loy 626-7265 or Susan Carroll	887-4365
Prayer Group - (Thursday 9:15 am) Louise Eberwein	825-5198
Prayer Line - Christine Charron 694-3958 or Mary Taillon	450-424-3769
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. Jaison Joseph

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

Diocesan Website: www.diocesemontreal.org